



VOTE MATTE ANDREWS #1 FOR STUDENT PRESIDENT

Hello, I am Matte Andrews, a 4th year Social Sciences Student here at GCU. I hope that you'll consider voting for me on the 23rd and 24th of February in my attempt to become Student President for next year. Volunteering for the past three years as a class rep and on the sports field encouraged me to be recently elected as Campaigns Officer for the current Executive Committee. This role has given me great insight into the workings of the Students' Association and the role of Student President and has made me believe that I am the right person to lead the Association next year. I already sit on the Association's Trustee Board and have recently contributed to the formation of a three-year strategic plan that will be used to get through what promises to be the most challenging time in years for students, and for the sector. It is this experience that I believe puts me ahead of my opponents, as I will no doubt be able to adapt to role very quickly and provide the best representation for students at GCU.

Manifesto Policies

Support and Representation

- I will represent and support ALL GCU students, to ensure everyone has an outstanding and memorable student experience. This can be done by raising awareness of campaigns and improving the relationship between the Association and everyone from part-time to post-graduate students.
- Without students, the university would cease to exist. I will work hard to ensure that students are involved in the consultation process of any important decisions that could potentially affect the student experience. This will be done through improving communication links with school officers and a re-assessment of class-rep training programmes.
- Our university is about to amalgamate from six small schools, to three large ones. We therefore need to consider how students will be represented within this new structure to ensure that no student will be disadvantaged by any changes.

Learning and Student Development

- GCU students regularly complain that the quality of academic feedback here is unsatisfactory. I will prioritise this issue so that students are given the best chances of improving their work in order to obtain a valued degree.
- I will work closely with the University to promote Effective Learning Services, who offer tailored support on all aspects of academic study.
- I will work to clear up timetabling irregularities to allow students to manage both their academic and personal time more effectively.

Internationalisation and Integration

- Using the new Students' Association Internationalisation strategy, I will promote the diversity of our student body and improve integration between home and international students through independent events and close partnership with the university's International Student Support Services.
- I will work with the university to provide options for a more internationally focussed academic experience for students by making language tuition more accessible and better promotion of exchange and study opportunities abroad.

Activities and Participation

- As a keen sports volunteer, I would work with the VPSS to ensure continued support for our many sports clubs and societies as they contribute massively to the culture on campus.
- Radio Caley has gone from strength to strength in the past year. I would love to help them flourish further, along with our new student magazine 'The Edit'.
- I will work passionately with the newly formed Ethical & Environmental officer and the Environmental Society to continue making GCU a more eco-friendly and sustainable campus.

Thanks for reading my manifesto. Don't forget, vote Matte #1 for Student President at www.caledonianstudent.com/elections on 23rd/24th February!