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MSVU Dept of Business & Tourism

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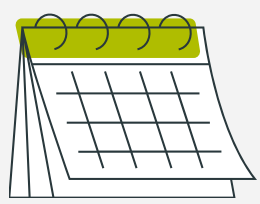
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## MSVU Key Dates

**Sept 16 (Wed)** - Last Date to Drop Courses

**Sept 30 (Wed)** - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation  
(University Closed)

**Oct 12-16** - Reading Week (University Closed on 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Nov 11 (Wed)** - Remembrance Day (University Closed)

**Dec 10 (Thu)** - Last Day of Classes (Wed Class Day)

**Dec 12 - 21** - Fall Term Exam Period

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**Jan 6 (Wed)** - Classes Begin

**Jan 13 (Wed)** - Last Date to Drop Courses

**Jan 27 (Wed)** - Caritas Day (No Classes)

**Feb 15-19** - Reading Week (University Closed on 15<sup>th</sup>)

**March 26 (Fri) & 29 (Mon)** - Easter (University Closed)

**April 9 (Fri)** - Last Day of Classes

**April 12 - 20** - Winter Term Exam Period

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### Department Support

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# Welcome to a New Academic Year

## From the Chair

As Chair of the Department of Business Administration and Tourism and Hospitality Management, I am delighted to welcome you to another exciting academic year. Whether you are beginning your journey or returning, I am confident this year will be rewarding and memorable.

For over forty years, our Department has offered high-quality programs supported by faculty and staff committed to an excellent learning environment.

This year, you will have opportunities to connect with faculty, alumni, industry leaders, and each other through tours, Fireside Chats, Case Competitions, Career Week panels, conferences, and networking events. These experiences extend beyond the classroom, sharpen your skills, and expand your connections.

Through our Learning Passport Program, participation can earn bonus points in most business and tourism courses. I also encourage you to get involved with our Business & Tourism Society (BTS).



Continue pursuing your interests, work hard toward your goals, and get involved within the Mount community. Staying focused, building connections, and forming strong relationships with your professors are powerful keys to university success.

On behalf of the Department, I wish you every success in the year ahead!

Warm Regards,

DR. MARIA MATTHEWS

Chair, Associate Professor, Department of Business & Tourism



## Words of Wisdom from Spring Convocation



Your career will evolve. Your plans will shift. Some doors will open exactly when you expect, and others will slam shut just to keep things interesting. That's not failure. That's life.

The world doesn't need perfect people. It needs thoughtful people. Curious people. People willing to listen, to lead, and to care about something beyond themselves.



Honorary Degree Recipient  
Lisa LaFlamme, O.C., O.Ont, DHumL  
Spring Convocation 2026



# PASSPORT

PARTICIPATE.DISCOVER.LEARN.

Learning Passport offers events and experiences that help you stand out. This QR code opens the door.



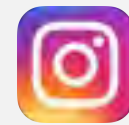


## Business & Tourism Society (BTS)

Your student-led society for networking, professional development, volunteering, and fun!



MSVU Business & Tourism Society



@msvubtsociety



btsociety@msvu.ca

## Save These Dates!

Department events students talk about all year.

### September



### October

Oct 5 - 8

Fall Career Week Panels



Oct 30 | 8:30am - 4:00pm

Sustainable Business Tour



On Sale  
Soon  
at the  
Bookstore

### November

Nov 12 | 10:00am - 4:00pm

Learners & Leaders Conference

### January

Jan 27 | 8:30am - 1:00pm

Caritas Day (Volunteer with Us)

**Date & Time TBA**

Local Entrepreneur & Cultural Tourism Tour

### February

Feb 22 - 25

Winter Career Week Panels

### March

March 10 | TBA

Fireside Chat

March 18 | 1:30pm - 2:45pm

Accreditation in Business Session

## BTS Pizza Social

Sept 24 | 11:30am to 1:30pm

**The Rook Café & Pub**

Free pizza, new friends, and a chance to meet your student society and professors.



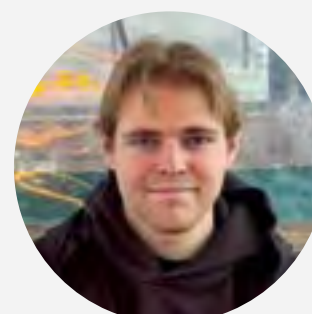
## BTS Executive Team



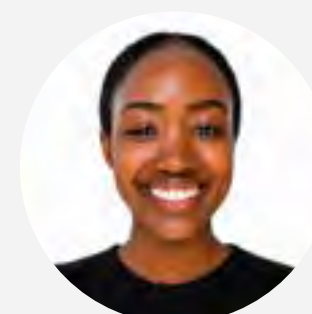
**Keith Gallie**  
President



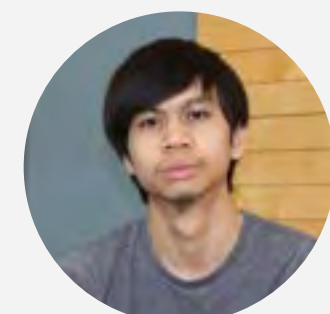
**Alison Jordan**  
Vice President



**Harry Goldsmith**  
VP Administration



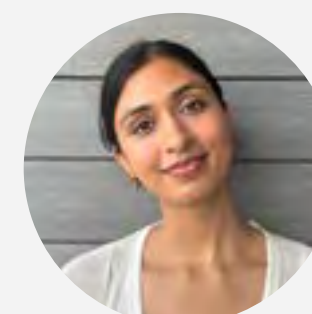
**Thelma Laryea**  
VP Management



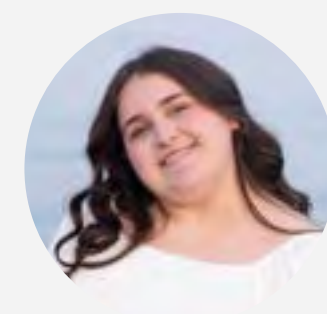
**Sakmonee Eang**  
VP Finance



**Charlotte Sumner**  
Co-VP Events



**Aakriti Lamichhane**  
Co-VP Events



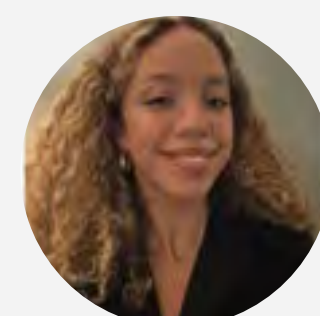
**Molly King**  
Co-VP Events



**Position Open**  
Co-VP Marketing



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Co-VP Marketing



**Kya Blanch**  
Co-VP Marketing



# STUDENT VOICES

## Justin Jackson

“The Tourism and Hospitality program gave me strong real-world skills and a clear direction for my future in a fast-paced, people-focused industry.”



## Keira McInnis

“I’ve been given so many opportunities to grow as a student... developing real-world skills, building connections, and really understanding what it’s like to be in the industry.”



## Brenda MacDonald-Lona

“The professors are always willing to help and push me to be a better student. I’ve also had the opportunity to represent the Mount at two conferences, opening doors for me.”



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