

**SMSS Presidential Candidates****Melissa Andersen**

Hello! My name is Melissa Andersen and I am running for SMSS president. I am a positive, fun, outgoing and hardworking individual, who loves art and crafts, yoga, being outdoors and all kinds of cooking and baking.

My school organization involvement began in high school. Prior to medical school, I held two positions on the Physical Therapy Students Society, and was a SWITCH council member. My activities during first year medicine include being a junior executive for the PWI, involvement with the Political Advocacy Committee and participating in many CoM events. These, with many extracurricular commitments, have helped me develop a positive approach to education and other commitments, professional behaviors, strong work ethic and great organizational and leadership skills.

My primary goal is to help make medical school as enjoyable as possible for each student. My personal attitude towards schooling is that I am here to learn to be a good physician, but also must remain 'human' and be able to enjoy myself! I hope for the same for all CoM students.

As medical students we are very fortunate to have the Dean, the College, the SMA, and the Provincial Government who want to hear from us! We must take advantage of this and advocate to improve medical school for ourselves and students who follow. That being said, I am also realistic and feel that setting attainable goals, promoting positivity and communication, and ensuring individuals are not overburdened can encourage constructive group process and help us make a difference.

The SMSS president represents the students, and I want to hear from you! If you have any questions, comments, or would just like to chat, please contact me through email ([mna893@mail.usask.ca](mailto:mna893@mail.usask.ca)), by phone (612-0231) or pull me aside in the hall!

I would love the opportunity to represent you. Thank you!

**Matt Johnson**

Hi everyone,

My name is Matt Johnson and I am running for President of the SMSS for the 2011-2012 academic year. Over the past year I have tried to get involved with as many organizations and projects as possible. I was the first year class rep giving me valuable experience about the inner workings of the SMSS and was involved with other student groups such as PIG, EMIG, the Physician Wellness Initiative, PAC and Health Everywhere. I've also taken on projects throughout the year such as organizing events such as the Med I Date Auction, the CoM Christmas Party and the planning of Ice Bowl 2011 which is to be held here in Saskatoon this coming September. During my first year of medicine I've met a lot of wonderful people many of whom I now consider to be family. My primary goal as president would be to try and make this college the best it can be for everyone and I would achieve this through the same hard work and dedication that I put into everything that I work on.

I've always tried to live a balanced life and despite being extremely hard working I still try to make time for the things that I love. I've always had a pretty laid back personality and I try not to let the little things that happen every day stress me out. I'm an outgoing person with a positive attitude which I think is necessary to get any group to stay motivated and keep moving forward in a positive direction.

With the support of the student body and the SMSS I would like to keep building on the foundations that past presidents have laid down as well as implementing some new ideas. I thought it would be good idea to have a meeting with Dean Albritton to discuss some ideas and plans that can be accomplished on a student level. I think together we addressed some of the big issues that can and should be addressed in the coming year with the help of the rest of the SMSS.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me either by email ([mrj335@mail.usask.ca](mailto:mrj335@mail.usask.ca)) or through my facebook group. Thank you.

Matt Johnson