2020 Youth Community Council

Fraser Valley & Okanagan





Rajneet Mattu

Council Member

Term on Council: 2019 - Present

Hometown: Surrey, BC

Current Community: Surrey, BC

Inspiration

Having worked at Coast Capital Savings for the past three years, this organization's commitment to youth and community development is one that I admire. I look forward to working with my fellow Council members to allocate funds to youth-serving organizations. I know that the work we do will make a positive impact on my local community and I'm thrilled to be a member of this Council.

Fun Fact

Despite being born in Canada, I moved to India at the age of two and lived there for four years. I came back to Canada in grade one and learned English as my second language.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

During my time on the Council, I look forward to gaining insight on how the granting process works. Using these acquired skills, I hope to work alongside like-minded individuals to support organizations that are dedicated towards empowering youth in our communities.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

I am most proud of having served as the Team Leader for the Youth Intern Program at Coast Capital Savings. This role allowed me to use my own experience as an Intern in the program to then mentor incoming Interns. I enjoyed supporting the team at community events and watching the Interns grow throughout their term. It's definitely one of the most rewarding experiences I've had so far.

Bio

With an interest in learning about human physiology, Rajneet is currently a third-year undergraduate student at the University of British Columbia pursing a Bachelor of Science with a major in Biology.

Rajneet has been an employee at Coast Capital Savings for the past three years. She began her career as an Intern in the Youth Intern Program and later remained a part of the program as the Team Leader. She is currently a Member Service Representative at the Newton Branch where she continues to help the credit union's members with their financial well-being.

Her passion for volunteerism and community giving began in high school, where she sat on a community leadership team at Princess Margaret Secondary. Rajneet helped to create and execute events that raised awareness around poverty in British Columbia by collaborating with the BC Poverty Reduction Coalition. Presently, Rajneet serves as a Fraser Health volunteer at Surrey Memorial Hospital's emergency department and is a community outreach coordinator at UBC World Vision.

Rajneet looks forward to a future filled with learning and growth as she continues embracing opportunities, like the council, that come her way.



Rajneet enjoying the great outdoors.