



Angela Katsamakidis

COUNCIL CHAIR

Term on Council

2014 - Present

Hometown:

Richmond, BC

Current Community:

Vancouver, BC

Inspiration

I was employed with Coast Capital Savings prior to pursuing my master's degree full time, and I wanted nothing more than to be part of the inspirational process of investing in the community. Joining the Young Leaders Council was an ideal way for me to do just that.

Fun Fact

Being Greek, I grew up fully immersed in my culture. I have been dancing since the age of three and just recently took on a role as a cultural dance instructor for two groups in Vancouver.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I am passionate about community and mental health. Through the Young Leaders Community Council, I will advocate for programs that support initiatives contributing to healthy minds.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

Completing my graduate education. I completed a Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology in July 2014. Completing this three-year degree was a long, challenging, but incredibly rewarding accomplishment.

Bio

Angela Katsamakidis has earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Psychology, and recently completed her Master of Arts in Counselling Psychology at the University of British Columbia. Her thesis research looked at the experience of under-employment among educated youth.

With her masters in hand, Angela has begun her clinical counselling career at Douglas College, where she provides one-on-one career and personal counselling to students. In addition, Angela is a contract instructor at BCIT, focusing on career testing, exploration and decision making.

In conjunction with her counselling work, Angela volunteers actively with sexual offenders as a form of social justice and to promote accountability. Outside of her education and volunteerism, Angela is also an instructor of traditional Greek dancing, enjoys film and live theatre, and pursues her passion for travel whenever she can. She looks forward to bringing her expertise, experiences, and enthusiasm to the Metro Vancouver Young Leaders Community Council.



Angela hiking through Plitvice Lakes, Croatia.