



Bal Khatra

Term on Council:
2015 - Present

Hometown:
Surrey, BC

Current Community:
Surrey, BC

Inspiration

Volunteerism and community involvement have always been important parts of my life. It is gratifying to work for an organization that shares these values. When I discovered the “for youth, by youth” vision of the Young Leaders Community Council, I knew I wanted to get involved.

Fun Fact

I love to travel – my first solo international journey was at the age of 15 through China and India.

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

It is an exciting time of growth and community development in the Fraser Valley. I am passionate about building a richer future for youth, and I am excited to meet fellow Young Leaders, volunteers, and community partners who are working toward achieving this objective.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

I am most proud of receiving several scholarships throughout my time in university, as these academic accomplishments have truly helped me and my family in financing my undergraduate education.

Bio

Bal Khatra is a graduate of the Bachelor of Business Administration Honours program at Simon Fraser University's (SFU) Beedie School of Business with concentrations in Finance and Human Resources Management.

Bal is passionate about community engagement focusing on the areas of youth mentorship and literacy. During his time at SFU, Bal was actively involved with different humanitarian causes and student groups. He served as a student executive with SFU's Human Resources Students Association and UNICEF SFU. These experiences have given him an appreciation for the impact community investment grants have on ensuring the success of community organizations. Bal also volunteers with Junior Achievement of B.C., as a facilitator for their Dollars with Sense, a financial literacy program in local high schools.

Bal plans to bring the leadership, strategic planning, team work and decision-making skills he has developed through his volunteerism to the Fraser Valley Young Leaders Community Council. He also hopes to bring his public speaking skills to grow the profile of the Council with different media exposure opportunities.



Bal bungee jumping in Whistler this past summer.