Youth Get It Community Council

Fraser Valley





Laura Ristock

New Member: January 2017

Hometown: Surrey, BC

Current Community: Langley, BC

Inspiration

As soon as I heard about the Community Council, I knew I wanted to be a part of it. I love working for an organization that shares my values on community involvement.

Fun Fact

I was a traffic reporter on Vancouver radio. When I first started out, my boss didn't think my full name was catchy enough. From then on, I was known as "Laura Fraser."

What do you hope to achieve on the Council?

I look forward to learning more about other youth-serving organizations and how the granting process works. I'm also excited to meet the other young individuals who share a passion for giving back to the community.

What accomplishment are you most proud of to date?

In 2011, I completed the Ride to Conquer Cancer in honour of my father who lost a short battle four years before. It was so incredibly rewarding to take action and create hope for countless other individuals affected by cancer. The best part was watching my family cheer me on as I crossed the finish line on Father's Day.

Bio

Laura graduated from Columbia Academy with a diploma in Broadcast Arts. Shortly after graduating, she began working at Astral Media where she gained sales experience with three different radio stations and the local television station. This work experience led to her role as radio announcer in the Tri-Cities community.

Educational success is a passion for Laura, rooted by her current experience at Big Brothers and Sisters, where she serves as an in-school mentor for a Grade two student at Clayton Elementary School. She believes early success with education is a key component in building a bright future, which is why she finds joy in helping kids in their early grades. With respect to financial empowerment, she has registered as a volunteer-in-classroom educator with Junior Achievement BC's Dollars With Sense program. Laura hopes to expand awareness and knowledge of financial literacy in a young, growing community.

As a Member Service Representative with Coast Capital, Laura has enjoyed being part of the community as her branch's Community Helper.



Her past work experience, paired with her personality, are sure to make an exceptional addition to the Youth Get it Community Council.

Laura bungee jumping in Queenstown, New Zealand