

Vote #1 Nicolene Holder for International Students Officer.

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Hello. Hola. Al salaam a'alaykum. Ni hao. Nazdar.
Bonjour. Guten Tag. Kalimera. Aloha. Szia. Buon giorno.
Konnichiwa. Annyong ha shimnikka. Bom Dia.
Zdravstvuite. Jambo. God Dag. Merhaba. Bore da. Sat sri
ahat. Namaste.

My name is Nicolene Holder and I am running for the position of International Students Officer in the upcoming elections.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself and why I want to be your International Students Officer.

I was born in South Africa and lived there for 13 years. I then moved to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates and my family still live there. Dubai is a very international city and I attended an international school in Dubai for 5 years. I believe that because I attended an international school I am more tuned into the needs of international students. At the school I attended in Dubai, there were 83+ nationalities, which resulted in me being surrounded by international kids for most of my life. Being in this school taught me to appreciate different cultures and beliefs, which I believe has made me a better person. I have become very interested in different cultures and participated in many cultural events like: Ramadan, Chinese New Year, Devali, Festival of Color, 4th of July, and many others.

You may be asking yourself why any of this is relevant. I have an international background, which I think makes me a perfect candidate for the position of International Students Officer. Being an international student myself, I know what it is like to be living away from home and having to adapt to living in a different country. Therefore, my number one priority is to make your adjustment to University life easier!

If you elect me, my job will be to ensure that your education and welfare needs are met and you get the best education your money can buy! I will ensure that the SUSA Council and University Staff hear your voice loud and clear. I will devote all my time to making your time at the University of Stirling the best that it can be.

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I promise you will not be disappointed!

Here are some of the reasons why I think I will be perfect for the position of International Students Officer:

Experience: I am already the Psychology Course Rep. I have a further 4 years experience on my High School Student Council where I was involved in the taking care of students needs. I spent 5 years in an international school and I am an international student myself – so I am on your side!

Welfare and Education: these will be some of my main priorities as they play a large role in making your time at the University better. Anything you

need – I will be available as your first port of call. I am here for you – whether you are an international student or not.

80+ Nationalities: That's how many of us international students there are! I promise to represent each of your interests to the SUSA Council and concerned University parties

Campus life: I promise that I will listen to you when you express your views on current campus life. I will do everything

I can to take your thoughts and suggestions and make them a reality. SUSA is there to make your campus life enjoyable and I want to help to make it happen!

Best time of your life: University is where you make everlasting friendships and gain unforgettable memories. I will do everything in my power to ensure that you get the most out of your time here at the University of Stirling.

My Pledges

- Be your voice to the University and SUSA.
- Using your suggestions, make your University experience fantastic.
- Be available all the time for you – no matter what it is you need from me.
- Keep the Union cheap and fill it with the events you want.
- Protect you and your interests in the University.
- Ensure current University promises are kept and upheld for example: make sure that the Library project does not disrupt your access to it.
- Listen to your views and thoughts and act upon them.
- I will be there not only for 1st years – but all years.

I believe that your time at the University of Stirling should be filled with fun and incredible experiences. As International Students we are getting a great opportunity to study abroad. I believe that I can make sure your experience only gets better. I know that I have what it takes to live up to your expectations of me – I hope you give me that chance.

If you have any questions about my manifesto or you have some suggestions, or anything in general, please feel free to send me an email at njh00003@students.stir.ac.uk or nicoleneholder@gmail.com

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