



PRESENTER BIOS

Maxwell Lu is in Grade 11 at Lakefield College School. He has co-lead many events on campus. He is a member of LEAF; an environmental leadership club at LCS. He hosted the Chinese Food and Culture Festival to bring culture and diversity to LCS. Maxwell is also a leader in the Outdoor Recreation program, leading activities that suit everyone's needs.

Yuxuan Wang is in grade 10 at TMS. She is the MYP prefect and is responsible for supporting the academics of Grade 7-10. She is head and founder of the multilingual singing club (performing arts), Storytime Club (citizenship), and runs the Assembly Prelude music program.

Jordan Vaarsi is currently in grade 11 at The York School. She runs the junior school aftercare program at her school as the senior school representative. She is participating in the Duke of Edinburgh program to work on getting her gold medal and she is a mentor for one of the grade 7 classes.

Alisa Faingersh is currently in grade 12 at TMS. She is the Head of Houses, in charge of leading the House Captains to inspire each of their Houses to fight for the House Cup! A previous House Captain herself, she is also a recipient of the Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh awards, and looks forward to leading the seminar on Spirit!!!!

Alex Ventin is an 11th grade student at St. Andrew's College. He is the co-president of the athletic and inter house competition at school. He loves public speaking and participating in Model UN at school. He is also a House Captain which looks after a middle school class and is a mentor to Middle School students. He is a three term varsity athlete in football, swimming and triathlon. He is a captain of the varsity swimming team and a co-captain on the varsity triathlon team.

Derek Nguyen is currently in grade 12 at TMS. He is the Head Boy on the Student Council. He is in charge of organizing events and the other council members. He also is the student leader of the Marketeers Club that is responsible for enhancing spirit and student life at TMS.

Ariz Babul is a grade 11 student at TMS. He is the Citizenship Chair on the Student Council. He is in charge of coordinating citizenship activities and endeavours for the student body at TMS. He is also the head of the Red Cross Club, so with both of his positions, he works to improve citizenship participation and contributions.

Nicole Liu is a grade 11 student at LCS. She participates in the THRIVE council at LCS and at her old school she was a peer promoter for many years and launched the mental health week initiative. She is currently a student tour guide. She also founded an online volunteer English teaching program.

Jana Rubel is currently in Grade 10 at LCS. She is a member of LEAF, the environmental leadership club at LCS and participates in the Duke of Edinburgh's program. She is also a member of the "Heidelberger Life-Science Lab" excellence program at the German Cancer Research Center and was a leader at a youth research expedition to the Azores last summer.

Abby Marks is a grade 12 student at TMS. She is the Head Girl on the student council. She is in charge of leading the other council members and initiating activities and events to enhance student life. She was previously a grade representative and director of the school play. She is invested in enhancing student engagement at TMS.

Gavin Plunkett is currently a grade 11 student at LCS. He is a grade representative and works to organize different events within his grade and throughout his school. Gavin is also heavily involved with Hospice North Hastings and volunteers in many different places throughout the organization. Gavin works hard to promote wellness and engagement throughout his school community.

Rebecca Russo is a grade 12 student at TMS. She is the founder and head of the Business and Entrepreneurship club, as well as the DECA President. Last year she was the Treasurer on the Student Council, where she acted as a financial secretary and advisor for both the Student and House Council. Rebecca is also invested in the Duke of Edinburgh awards, and is currently working towards her gold award.

Neeka Safari is a grade 11 student at TMS School. She is a grade representative on the student council. She is also the founder and leader of WE Club at her school, which aims to encourage students to engage in citizenship activities. She is an active participant in the Duke of Edinburgh awards and is currently working to achieve her gold.

Caroline Chen is currently a grade 11 student at LCS. She is an active member of the THRIVE and Jack.Org club at LCS. She has helped organize past events such as Bell Let's Talk Day and the Mental Health week at her school. She participated in many sessions of wellness and mindfulness training. She is the captain of the field hockey team. Her artistic interests include designing and building the community garden mural.

Ajay Kumeta is a grade 11 student attending TMS and is part of the IB program. He serves as the Treasurer on the student council but also helps with graphic design work and video editing. He is an avid player in Reach for the Top and participates in DECA in FTDM. He volunteers at the Mackenzie Health York Regional Hospital and is a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze candidate.

Rohan Misra is currently a grade 11 student in the IB DP program at TMS and holds the Arts Chair seat on the student council. He runs the Graphic Design club and is a part of the Upper School Band.

Jeff Cheung is a grade 11 student at TMS. He is the Communications Chair for student council and is in charge of bridging the gap between the student body and the council. He has previous experience being a Grade Representative and MYP Prefect. Jeff is a recipient of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and is working towards his gold.

Dylan Clement is currently a grade 11 student at LCS. She is part of the Thrive and Jake.org clubs at LCS. She has helped organize events such as compliments bake sales, Bell let's talk day and mental health awareness week. She is the captain of the Senior girls rugby team and an active participant in the Duke of Edinburgh program, currently working towards her silver award.

Louise Prindiville-Porto is a grade 10 student at Lakefield College School. She is an active member of Lakefield's LEAF environmental club and a participant in the Duke Of Edinburgh Program. She is associated with her local animal shelter and wrote for a local magazine on animals throughout her community.

Ty White is a grade 11 student at St. Andrew's College. He is head of the schools ambassador program and chapel council. He is also co-head of the sports analytics society. He loves debating, and is a member of Model UN and Debating teams. He is a middle school house captain and acts as a mentor to younger Andreans.

Sharika Ekram is currently in grade 11 at The York School. She is a member of the Environmental Club and has been a member of the Community Service Club, as well. She is also participating in the Duke of Edinburgh programme.

Jack Rankel is currently a grade 11 student at St. Andrews College. He is involved in the school band program and is a member of the chapel council. He is the head of sports analytics society and a member of the debating team. He has played on the school's cross-country, hockey and tennis teams. He is a middle school house captain and a mentor to his younger Andrean brothers.

Caden McHenry is a grade 11 student at St. Andrew's College. He is a co-president of the athletic and inter house competition at school. He is also a member of the Ambassador program and various other clubs. He is co-captain of the Varsity Squash Team, playing Cross-Country, and playing on the Golf team. He is a Middle School House Captain and acts as a role model to his younger peers.

Luisa Paolicelli is a grade 12 student at the Country Day School. She serves as the co-head of wellness on her school's student council, and is also involved in the school community by helping out with peer tutoring for students in the middle school, and serving as an ambassador giving tours to families wanting to join the school.

Isabella Bousada is a grade 12 student at the Country Day School. She serves as the Student Council Co-President, and is involved in other school leadership such as athletic council. She plays on the soccer and rugby team, and intramurals at lunch.

Karsen Roy is a grade 12 student at The Country Day School. She is a member of her school's student council fulfilling the role of citizenship. She is the captain of the girls hockey team and also plays soccer and runs track. She is involved in other initiatives such as being an athletic leader.

Zara Salman is a grade 12 student at Havergal college. Along with Abi Zewdu, she founded and leads the Diversity Committee, a first-of-its kind space in which to discuss the complexities of our identities at Havergal. She is also the editor-in-chief of the school newspaper.

Abi Zewdu is a grade 12 student at Havergal College. She has co-founded and runs the Diversity Committee and Black Student Alliance at Havergal, which serves as a safe space for difficult and necessary conversations around identity. She also co-leads a community partnership which allows high school students to tutor and mentor elementary school students from a local public school.

Justin Hayes-Lemke is a grade 11 student at The York School. He runs the Eco Team along with his co-leader Sharika Ekram, planning initiatives at the school that focus on sustainability and the environment. Our mission is to make the school greener and promote information on the climate and areas affecting it.

Terrence Pai is a grade 11 student at The York School. He runs Right to Play along with his co-leaders Gabe Ortega, Orian Broza, and Charles Moon, planning games that as an objective to learn a key concept.