

To members of the Southridge Alumni Association,

Hello, and thank you for another great year of your support! My name is Tayla Westgard, and I am pleased to accept the Alumni Association Board Chair position this year. Many thanks to Kristin Hazzard for her time spent bringing the alumni community together over the past few years – we will miss your presence as a board member, but know that you'll continue to influence the association through your involvement in other ways!

This past year has definitely been one for the books... challenging, but not without success. We were able to focus on our mentorship program, the ASK program, where alumni like you were paired with grade 10 and 11 students to create relationships and career connections. We were also pleased to develop a virtual alternative to Career Day by launching the Alumni Panel Series last April. We sincerely appreciate all the volunteer hours that our alumni gave to helping establish these programs last year.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, our usual social activities were cancelled this year, including the Christmas Social, Alumni Basketball, Volleyball & BBQ event, as well as the ten-year Grad Reunion. As we begin to plan for next year, we are excited to bring back as much of this as possible, with any necessary adjustments. We are excited to see all your faces again! Stay tuned to our alumni news, social media and website for more details.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, we would like to thank Kirstin Hazzard '00 and Alexandra Pintea '06 for their 6-year commitment to the board. We also wish to thank Ian Tang '03 for his involvement over the past two years. We are also excited to welcome our newest board members Charlotte Hutchinson '99, Banita Mann '02, Halee Dams '08 and Shaquille Pabani '12.

Once again, thank you, everyone, for your continued support this past year. We look forward to getting back to our "new" normal and can't wait to connect with all of you soon.

Tayla Westgard '09

Alumni Association Board Chair