

# SAM SMITH

*Student Union Society Vice President of Students*



## Creating a Culture of Inclusivity & Equality

Hey there!

My Name is Samantha Smith and I'm currently in my 4th year of studies here at the University of the Fraser Valley. Originally, I began my education at UFV in the Sciences with Chemistry and Biology but like many others I've along the way, I changed my educational path and will now

be leaving the school with a Bachelor of Arts; majoring in Peace and Conflict studies. During my transition of switching from Sciences to the Arts has provided me with a wider scope of the many experiences' students face across campus. This has also allowed me to have a better appreciation and understanding of the many different educational expectations from multiple programs.

ORGANIZE MORE ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

ADVOCATE FOR ALL STUDENTS

ESTABLISH MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION CHANNELS FOR STUDENTS TO GET INFORMATION

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This past year, I began my role as Gender Equality Commissioner here at SUS and all I can say is that this incredible opportunity has shaped an entirely new world for me as a student here at UFV. In the process of planning, coordinating and attending events on campus and running informative and interactive tables about key issues, I have had the privilege of listening and learning about so many other student's journeys at UFV. In these conversations, I have gained a more in-depth understanding of the various needs and expectations of a significant portion of the student body. I think we can all agree, as students, we are looking for more connections, effective communication, and supportive environments to learn and study. I hear people express a common need for ways to let off steam and relax, but also for more opportunities to demonstrate and explore how our personal qualities and educational backgrounds impact the world around us.

If elected as Vice President of Students, my goals include:

- Establishing more efficient channels and platforms to allow students to better utilize and access the various programs and support services available to them (that also make University life a lot easier)
- Creating an interactive campus environment where students can network and inspire personal growth
- Consistently communicating while also providing support for all clubs and associations on campus.
- Advocating for all students by ensuring specific goals are met to continue to build an inclusive and equitable learning environment for all



**MORE THAN ANYTHING, I WANT TO HEAR FROM ALL OF YOU!!!**

**WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE FROM YOUR ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENTS?**

**WHAT DO YOU WISH YOU SAW MORE OF AROUND CAMPUS? SEND ME YOUR IDEAS, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO SAMANTHA.SMITH3@STUDENT.UFV.CA & LET'S START BUILDING A CONVERSATION, TOGETHER!**