Hello Everyone!

My name is Chaten Jessel and I am a second-year medical student at the University of Calgary. My journey in advocacy began during my undergraduate years when I represented the Faculty of Science in student government. During that time, I served on over 20 committees, including my faculties Dean Selection, Teaching and Learning, Research and Scholarship, and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigenization committees. As a representative, I initiated projects to reduce financial burdens on students, break down systemic barriers for Indigenous applicants, and create scholarships for marginalized communities. I also led study-space renovations to make university spaces more accessible and conducive to learning.

As the President of the University of Calgary's Science Undergraduate Society, I advocated for all 6000 science undergraduates and organized workshops to help students find and fund summer research placements. Beyond my academic career, I helped raise over $36,000 as the Executive Director and President of Run For Little Ones to support the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Alberta Children's Hospital.

In my free time, I enjoy staying active by running and working out at the university's basement gym, colloquially referred to as "The Dungeon," and analyzing NHL and NBA sports. I am a passionate and dedicated advocate with a drive for leadership and a commitment to social justice. I believe in listening to student ideas and priorities to shape my advocacy and promote transparency, inclusivity, and collaboration. I am excited to continue making a positive impact in my community and beyond.