

About me



Name: Melissa Miller, Anishinaabe/Mohawk, mother of two and full-time student.

Program: 4th year Bachelor of Social Work

Location:

I am a full-time student at the Burnaby Campus. I gratefully acknowledge living, working, playing and learning on the traditional unceded territories of the Katzie, Semiahmoo, Kwantlen and other Coast Salish peoples as well as the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Walututh nations. I am Anishinaabe from Sandy Bay, MB on treaty one territory, where my mom's from. My dad is from Six Nations in Ontario, so I am also Mohawk.

Why I would like to be elected to the Board of Governor's:

Growing up as an urban Indigenous student in a school with mostly non-Indigenous people I never had a voice. Throughout my education as a child and youth Indigenous perspectives, worldviews and education about Indigenous history was not taught. At NVIT Indigenous worldviews, perspectives and culture is a priority. I am blessed to be at a school where their values including respect, accountability, integrity, balance & harmony, growth and development, inclusion and communication align with my personal values. Being elected to the Board of Governor's as a student representative would give the opportunity to learn more about NVIT. It would give me a chance to be the voice for students and share what's happening at NVIT with my fellow students. Ensuring NVIT continues to uphold and follow through with their mission, vision, values, and strategic direction and voice any concerns students may have to the Board of Governors.