

Expression of Interest for the Student Representative Role for CAPA

My name is Jess Neufeld, a current first year MPAS student at the University of Manitoba. I feel very grateful to have been nominated to the role of CAPA rep for my school and I look forward to my work with my fellow colleagues from across Canada and with CAPA to shed positive change on a growing profession. I feel fortunate to be in this role and am excited to learn all about how I can be involved in advocacy for current and future students, as well as the career as a whole.

I am eager to serve as the student representative on the board with CAPA and be a supportive voice for my peers and contribute to the rapidly growing profession of Physician Assistants across Canada. We are at an exciting time within the career as new schools have begun their programs, and there is increased recognition of it's important role across Canada. I understand the challenges and opportunities that come with the PA education, and I want to ensure that the student body is well represented at the national level. This is something I am committed to doing.

I believe I bring a unique perspective to the role and am committed to using my vote on the board to drive positive change, enhance the engagement of my peers, and support new initiatives that strengthen the profession. Prior to the start of my path towards becoming a Physician Assistant, I was a full time athlete in the sport of speedskating, and represented Canada over many years. I currently hold a role on Speedskate Canada's High Performance Advisory Council, representing the voice of the current athlete's in high performance strategizing and planning towards success each season and working towards the Olympic Games. Through this role I have gained experience that would be valuable to this role.

I look forward to the opportunity to work alongside all of you across the various schools and those with CAPA. Thank you for your consideration and I am excited to hear back.

Cheers,

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