

## 2011 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern

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**NICOLE HAMM** is from Rosthern. She attended Rosthern Junior College and was very active in her high school's music program, as well as in student governance.

Upon graduation from high school, Nicole pursued a Bachelor of Music degree, with a major in vocal performance, at the University of Regina. She performed two solo recitals, as well as a number of opera roles, and was a featured soprano soloist in Fauré's Requiem, which was later broadcast on CBC Radio Saskatchewan. In her last year, she was president of the University of Regina Music Students' Association.

Outside of solo work, Nicole sang in community choirs and used her piano skills as an accompanist. She achieved her ARCT in piano performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music. Nicole lived at Luther College and was a resident assistant in her fourth year.

Nicole graduated from the University of Regina with Great Distinction in 2004. She was on the dean's list for eight semesters and received several academic awards, including a University of Regina Scholar Award, five University of Regina Academic Scholarships, two Oswell Robinson Masonic Music Scholarships, and the Golden Key International Honour Society Scholarship. She received the W.A. Riddell Award as the most distinguished graduating student in fine arts. She was also nominated for the President's Medal.

Nicole then moved to Vancouver where she spent two years at the Vancouver Academy of Music, studying opera. During her time there, she performed two solo recitals and appeared in numerous performances and opera scenes. She also performed in one full-length opera, *Cendrillon*, where she played one of the stepsisters. She graduated with an Artist Diploma.

Nicole completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2008, with a major in political studies and with Great Distinction, at the University of Saskatchewan. She then enrolled in the Master of Arts program and received a University Graduate Scholarship upon admittance. During the program, she participated in an academic exchange with Bodø University College in Norway. She completed her thesis, *Cold Contact: A Study of Canada-U. S. Relations in the Arctic*, in June 2010.

Nicole is now enrolled in the Juris Doctor program at the College of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. She received the Justice John H. Maher Memorial Entrance Scholarship. In her first year, she was a member of Campus Legal Services, as well as Pro Bono Students Canada.

Nicole has held many jobs, most of which coincided with her passion for working with adults with intellectual disabilities. Nicole has worked at a sheltered workshop (Valley Action Abilities Inc.) in Rosthern, and as a life-skills worker at the Mainstream Association for Proactive Community Living in Burnaby. She recently concluded work as an emergency home child care worker with the Saskatchewan Foster Families Association. Nicole has also held retail jobs and taught both piano and voice lessons while in Vancouver.

In her spare time, Nicole enjoys reading, catching up on her favourite television shows, creating and discovering new music, writing and blogging, and watching her beloved Saskatchewan Roughriders.



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**LANCE HAMMELL** is from Oxbow. He received his secondary education at Oxbow Prairie Heights School, where he was an honour-roll student. Lance was heavily involved in student government at his high school, serving terms as secretary and treasurer on the student representative council, as well as two terms as president. He travelled abroad twice with his school, visiting Germany, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Monaco, and France. In 2004, he participated as a delegate to the Forum For Young Canadians in Ottawa. Lance graduated in 2006, being awarded the Armada Real Resources Scholarship in recognition of academic excellence at the secondary level.

He has been actively involved with the national air cadet programme, where he rose to the rank of Warrant Officer, Class 1 (the highest a cadet can achieve) and was appointed Cadet Squadron Commander of 675 Bow Valley Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets in Oxbow. He was awarded the Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence, which recognises outstanding leadership qualities, high standards of personal conduct, a notable propensity to volunteerism, and exemplary citizenship.

In 2006, he was selected out of hundreds of applicants to represent Canada as a youth delegate in the International Air Cadet Exchange Program, sponsored by the Turkish Air Force and the Turkish Aeronautical Association (Türk Hava Kurumu). This exchange involved a two-week tour of government institutions and military installations in Turkey.

Following high school, Lance enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) program in Political Studies at the University of Saskatchewan. He intends to convocate with high honours in June 2011. During his time at the University, Lance has been named to the Dean's Honours List for three consecutive years. He has also received the Arts and Science Undergraduate Scholarship and the Robert Lawton Elliott Book Prize, which is awarded to the political studies student with the highest average in the field of international relations. He has been appointed an Undergraduate Scholar in Global Governance, which recognises outstanding academic achievement and intellectual performance in his undergraduate studies.

Lance is an officer in the Cadet Instructor Cadre, the component of the Canadian Forces Reserve responsible for delivering the training component of the national cadet program to some 50,000 youths, from 12 to 19 years of age, across Canada. He has worked three summers as a flight commander at the Penhold Air Cadet Summer Training Centre in Penhold, Alberta, where he was responsible for the training, discipline, and mentorship of approximately 90 adolescents over a seven-week period each summer.

Lance's recreational interests include playing tennis, reading, following current events, writing, and ballroom dancing.



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**SHAHEEN LOTUN** is from Weyburn. She graduated from Weyburn Comprehensive High School where painting murals and working part-time occupied most of her time outside the classroom. During the summer following graduation from high school, she participated in a five-week intensive French language program at the University of Saskatchewan.

Shaheen began a Bachelor of Arts degree program in 2004, with a major in political science and a minor in indigenous studies. She completed her first year of university, through distance education, at the Southeast Regional College in Weyburn. The remainder of her program was taken at the University of Regina. Her academic accomplishment included receiving a University of Regina Entrance Scholarship and the Margaret Sather Book Award. Her honours thesis focused on women's political engagement in the Middle East. She convocated with an honours Bachelor of Arts degree in 2009.

In 2006, Shaheen was one of five Canadians selected to participate in the 2006 Canada-Washington Parliamentary Internship Program in Washington, D.C. This program was sponsored through the Senate of Canada. She was placed as a public policy intern with a government-relations firm. Her position entailed writing for the firm's weekly newsletter and attending Senate and Congressional hearings on behalf of the firm's clients.

Also in 2006, Shaheen was employed as a research assistant with the Saskatchewan Department of Culture, Youth and Recreation. This position provided an opportunity for her to be selected to represent Canada as a youth delegate to the 16<sup>th</sup> Conference of Commonwealth Education Ministers in Cape Town, South Africa.

Entirely in love with the African continent at this point, Shaheen took a volunteer position during the summer of 2007 with a student operated and managed non-government organization in the Iganga District in eastern Uganda. With a small team of volunteers from Uganda and the United States, she helped to deliver public health and education programming in small towns and rural areas.

Shaheen's volunteer activities include serving as a board member with the Regina Public Interest Research Group, an organization created following a campus-wide referendum at the University of Regina and based on the belief that research, education, and action are inextricably linked. She has also served as a volunteer with Oxfam, Briarpatch Magazine, the North Central Family Centre in Regina, and the Saskatchewan Summer Games in Weyburn. In 2007, she was the youth representative on the selection committee for the Saskatchewan Youth Award.

During the fall of 2009 and spring of 2010, Shaheen served as a Legislative Page for the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly. Following completion of these duties, she enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts degree program in the African Studies at Carleton University. She is interrupting these studies to participate in the 2011 Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program.

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**BENNET MISSKEY** was born and raised in Regina. He attended Luther College High School (international baccalaureate program in German) where he received several academic awards, including the Marion McVeety University Entrance Scholarship, the Independent Order of Foresters Scholarship, and the Cultural Bronze Medallion. He was active in many of the high school's extra-curricular activities, including playing on the junior and senior basketball teams, serving as an announcer for the Luther Invitational Tournament, and minor officiating for sports events. He also played in the school's orchestra for special events such as musicals and Christmas candlelight ceremonies. He served as a student-government representative and competed in a provincial oral German language competition.

Bennet is currently enrolled in Luther College at the University of Regina. He is completing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in philosophy and a minor in political science. He has completed a certificate program in French as a Second Language at the Institut Français and has written for the French and English sections of the Carillon, the University of Regina's student newspaper.

Bennet has received a number of university awards and scholarships, including the Dr. Arthur Krentz Scholarship in Humanities, the Continuing Foresters International Competitive Scholarship, and the University of Regina Luther College Faculty Scholarships. He also received the Academic Silver Prize and the Academic Silver Scholarship and has been on the Dean's Honours List.

Music has played a large role in Bennet's life and he has won several awards at music competitions. He studied piano at the Conservatory of Performing Arts in Regina and received his Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) Grade Eight Piano Certificate with First Class Honours in 2004. He also has achieved his RCM grade 10 proficiency with the French horn and has been a member of the South Saskatchewan Youth Orchestra (SSYO) and the Regina Symphony Orchestra.

As a member of the SSYO, Bennet competed in the International Youth and Music Festival in Vienna and played in nine different communities as part of a 10-day Austrian tour. He also performed at the National Youth Orchestra Festival in Ottawa and competed at the International Heritage Festival in Chicago. Bennet was a member of the brass quintet, "Thank Goodness Its Brass", at the University of Regina. He teaches music lessons privately and has served as a clinician for the Mossing School of Music and the Head Start Music Clinics at Winston Knoll and Thom Collegiate High Schools in Regina. Bennet also enjoys playing the classical guitar.

Bennet has worked as a sales associate at several retail stores. He has served as a judge for the national high school championship debates, has volunteered for community activities and programs with the Wascana Rehabilitation Centre, and was a member of the Servers Guild at All Saints Anglican Church for five years. For leisure, Bennet enjoys outdoor activities, haunting used book stores, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.