

KEVIN CHERNOFF

Kevin Chernoff is a fourth-year B. A. honours student at the University of Saskatchewan. He is majoring in political studies, with a minor in philosophy. He is currently president of the Political Studies/Public Administration Students Society. He is also a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society, which recognizes students with academic records in the top 15% for their college.

Kevin was raised on a farm near Kamsack, where his family also had a sawmill operation and electronics business. He graduated from Kamsack Comprehensive Institute in 1998. Before pursuing a university education, Kevin worked as a commercial realtor for Century 21 in Yorkton.

He is an active volunteer within his community. Kevin has served in several positions, including museum curator, with the Kamsack and District Historical Society. He has volunteered as media liaison for the 2000 Saskatchewan Summer Games and is currently assisting the “Celebrate 2005 Committee” in Kamsack.

ALYSSA PEEL

Alyssa Peel obtained most of her early education in Meadow Lake. Her final two years of high school were in Saskatoon, where she graduated from Evan Hardy Collegiate.

In 2003, Alyssa was a visiting student at the Ukrainian Catholic University in L’viv, Ukraine, where she studied transitional governments in the region. In the spring of 2004, Alyssa obtained an honours degree in political studies from the University of Saskatchewan. Following completion of the internship program, she plans to enter a graduate studies program.

Alyssa has worked for the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and BPA & Associates, a consulting firm dealing mostly with First Nations and forestry issues in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. She has served on the executive of the Political Studies/Public Administration Students Society at the University of Saskatchewan. She has also held volunteer positions with the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations.

Alyssa’s academic interests include development politics and policy issues and Aboriginal politics and governance. She also has an interest in languages. She has studied French, Spanish, and Ukrainian. She has also tutored foreign students who are learning English.

RHIANNON STROMBERG

Rhiannon Stromberg was raised in Yorkton. She graduated from Sacred Heart High School where she participated in numerous groups, drama productions, and team sports. She participated in the Model United Nations Program in 1999. She has volunteered for the 2000 Saskatchewan Summer Games and was a member of the planning committee for the Trans Canada Trail Opening Celebration in Yorkton.

Upon completion of the internship program, Rhiannon will graduate with an honours degree in political studies from the University of Saskatchewan. She has received several academic awards, including the Allan Blakney Entrance Scholarship (2000), the M. J. Coldwell Prize in Canadian Affairs (2003 and 2004), and the Dean's Honours List for the College of Arts and Sciences. She has been a member of the Golden Key International Honours Society, which recognizes students with academic records in the top 15% for their college.

Rhiannon has been employed as the first-year student services coordinator in the Dean's Office of the College of Arts and Sciences and as a coach for the "University Life 101" program which assists high school students to adjust to the university environment. In 2001, she served on the planning committee for the first national peer-support conference at the post-secondary level.

She has also been an active volunteer with the University of Saskatchewan Students Union, including as a member of its Student Issues Board. She has served on the University's General Academic Assembly.

KYLE TOFFAN

Kyle Toffan was born in Canora and raised in Yorkton, where he graduated from Yorkton Regional High School. He played various sports, including football, baseball and hockey, with both school and community organizations.

Following completion of the internship program, he will receive an honours degree in history, with a minor in political studies, from the University of Saskatchewan. He plans to pursue a future degree either in graduate studies or law.

He has received several academic awards, including the M. J. Coldwell Prize in Canadian Affairs and the Dean's Honours List for the College of Arts and Science. Kyle has also received a Leadership Advantage Program Certificate from the University of Saskatchewan.

He has been employed by several organizations, including Federated Cooperatives Ltd., Yorkton Co-op Food Centre and Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation. At the University of Saskatchewan, he has volunteered as a group leader for the annual university orientation program.