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Patrick Button attended École W. S. Hawrylak Elementary School and Campbell Collegiate in Regina. He graduated from high school with an International Baccalaureate diploma.

While in high school, Patrick served as editor of the school newspaper and participated in a human rights group affiliated with Amnesty International. He volunteered, as part of a group of students, in providing an after-school program for children attending Kitchener Community School. Upon graduation, he was awarded the Lifetouch Scholarship and a Centennial Merit Entrance Scholarship to attend university.

Patrick is currently completing the course requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Honours degree, with a major in economics and a minor in political science, at the University of Regina. While at university, he was elected to represent students within the Faculty of Arts on the board of directors for the University of Regina Students' Union. He is also a board member of the GBLUR Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity, a campus centre that provides services and education for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Patrick has volunteered as an “ambassador” for student recruitment at the University of Regina. He is the vice/co-president of the Economic Students' Association, where he has co-managed a free economics drop-in tutorial centre and organized social events. He also has served as a teaching assistant for the Department of Economics, where he tutored students in economics and assisted with the marking of assignments and exams.

In recognition of his academic record, Patrick was invited into the Golden Key International Honours Society and was included in the Dean's Honours List. He was awarded the Academic Gold Scholarship and the David L. Beattie Memorial Scholarship in Economics.

Patrick has worked as a geographical data analyst with Ducks Unlimited and as a swimming instructor at the University of Regina Aquatic Centre. He has held part-time positions at several food-service businesses in Regina.

In 2006, he was a Legislative Page for the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan. He has also participated as a member in the Saskatchewan Youth Parliament.

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Avery Kelly was born and raised in Regina, where she graduated from Winston Knoll Collegiate. After working a few years for Scotia McLeod Inc., she began her studies at the University of Regina in 2003.

Avery is currently completing the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in political science and minors in philosophy and in leadership and dialogue. Her course work has included traveling for one month in 2007 to the People's Republic of China where she focused on various environmental issues. The leadership and dialogue component of her program involved working in the community, including assisting the Mayor's Task Force on Shaping Regina and the Communities of Tomorrow initiative. She has undertaken substantial research in the areas of developing a car co-op for university students and a policy for purchasing sweat-free consumer products.

Avery is a member of the University of Regina's Golden Key Honour Society. The Society recognizes academic excellence and invites students at the top of their faculties to join.

Avery has served as a volunteer for the Regina Women's Transition House and the Terry Fox Foundation. She is a member of the Council of Canadians and the Saskatchewan Public Interest Research Group. Avery is also a member of Engineers Without Borders (EWB), where she volunteers by doing public outreach and education for the Regina chapter. EWB is a non-profit student association which works to alleviate global poverty through access to appropriate technology.

While pursuing her university studies, Avery has been employed by Scotia McLeod as an administrative and marketing assistant. She has also worked as a server in local restaurants in Regina.

Avery is an outdoor enthusiast. She particularly enjoys hiking, camping, and biking. She also studies Ashtanga Yoga.

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Dwayne Meisner was born in Regina, but grew up in Eston. He attended Wordshop Academy, a Christian high school in that community. After graduating from high school, he completed a three-year diploma program in pastoral studies at the Full Gospel Bible College, which is also located in Eston.

Dwayne then moved to Regina, where he worked in several service-industry jobs including a position as a cook at the Regina Inn. While living in the city's downtown core area, he pursued his interest in music, literature, and philosophy.

In 2001, Dwayne moved to Vancouver where he worked as a sales representative for Hill's Native Art. In addition to analyzing and selling their art, his job involved interviewing and preparing brief biographies of the Aboriginal artists represented by this dealer.

In 2003, Dwayne began his studies at the University of Regina, choosing to major in history and to minor in religious studies and classics. He has been on the dean's honours list for several years. On two occasions, he received the Academic Gold Scholarship (for being in the top one percent of students in the Faculty of Arts) and once received the Academic Silver Scholarship (for having a grade point average over 85%). In 2005, Dwayne received the Rev. John J. LePine Book Prize for the best essay in Canadian history. He has been a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society at the University of Regina.

Over the past year, Dwayne has worked as a research assistant on a project to create interactive digital maps of the ancient Mediterranean. He has also assisted in developing an on-line course in Greek and Roman history.

Dwayne is an active musician and song-writer. He has played guitar for nineteen years and has been involved in the formation of a rock band. In 2007, he finished recording an album with thirteen songs and he hopes to release it at some point.

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Justin Redekop was born in Herbert, Saskatchewan where he attended elementary and high school. His family operated a farm near this community.

Following high-school graduation, Justin enrolled at the South Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary. He received a diploma in architectural technology, specializing in building development.

While living in Calgary, Justin was employed by Davidson Enman Truss. He designed roof truss and floor systems and performed on-site inspections of the assembled product.

In 2003, Justin returned to the province to attend the University of Saskatchewan, where he has taken several courses in English literature. He is currently completing a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in political studies. He has been a member of the Political Studies and Public Administration Students Society at the University of Saskatchewan.

Throughout his life, Justin has been actively involved in sports. During high school, he participated in provincial volleyball, curling, and track and field events. However, he has been most involved in playing baseball and hockey.

During the summer months, Justin has worked for a variety of businesses, including Marnies Coffee Shop in Herbert and Home Depot in Saskatoon. Most recently, he has held positions with P3 Architecture, Reds Transport, and ICS Courier.