



## 2012 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern

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**ELLIOTT BOURGEAULT** was born and raised in Regina. He received his secondary education at Miller Comprehensive High School where he received a number of academic awards, including placement on the Major Honour Roll in each year and two Top Academic awards. He was very involved in his high school's music program and performed with several different groups. In his final year, he successfully spearheaded an effort to establish a school newspaper and acted as chief editor and layout designer.

Outside of high school, Elliott studied piano at the Conservatory of Performing Arts in Regina where he received a number of awards and scholarships, including the Regina Conservatory Silver Medal for Piano in 2007. In 2008, he received his Grade Ten Piano Certificate with First Class Honours from the Royal Conservatory of Music and has since been working towards his ARCT in Piano Performance, despite a brief hiatus to focus on his university studies. Nevertheless, he has still continued to remain active on the piano while working as an accompanist for both the Conservatory of Performing Arts, as well as for other private and public performances.

In 2007, Elliott began attending classes at the University of Regina, pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Political Science and German. He has received a number of scholarships and awards throughout his university career, including four Academic Silver Scholarships and the Ambassador of Germany Book Prize in 2009 and 2010. He has also been on the Dean's Honours List for several semesters. In 2008, he acted as a student representative for the University of Regina's Faculty of Arts Council and has also volunteered his time to act as a University Ambassador. He expects to complete the coursework for his degree by December of 2011.

In the fall of 2009, Elliott embarked on a three-month backpacking trip through Europe, during which he met a wide variety of people and had many life-changing experiences. Aside from allowing him to strengthen his command of the German language, this trip also helped him to gain some perspective on the world and his place within it, while also fostering a keen interest in international communication and cooperation. Elliott hopes to eventually work abroad and represent Canada and Saskatchewan on the world stage.

In his spare time, Elliott enjoys playing the guitar both on his own and in several musical groups. He has volunteered to play in a band at a number of birthday and retirement parties, and enjoys writing and recording his own music. He participates in outdoor activities such as backcountry hiking, fishing, and hunting, but also enjoys staying indoors with a good book, newspaper, or movie. In the past few years, Elliott has been teaching himself the basics of motorcycle repair and maintenance and plans on spending much of his spare time this winter preparing and equipping his motorcycle for a trip to Mexico in August of 2012.



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**CODY GIENI** was born in Regina, but raised on his family's farm near Ormiston and in Moose Jaw and Prince Albert. He graduated from Central Collegiate Institute in 2004. During his high-school years, he was active in the Student Representative Council. Although his tenure was generally a success, he failed to deliver on his campaign promise of bringing an ice cream machine into the student lounge. Playing football became a passion, as the Central Cyclones rose to provincial champions three times during his residence. In grade twelve, Cody served as a captain and was awarded both offensive linemen and special teams' player of the year.

Cody completed a Bachelor of Arts in Honours from the University of Saskatchewan in 2008, focusing on political studies and economics. He was active in the Political Studies Students Association and served as both the Political Students' Representative and Social Director. His fondest memory was attending the annual Canadian Political Studies Students' Association Conference in St. John's. Cody spent his summers working in the reforestation industry and was often involved in planting trees or conducting regeneration surveys in the northern areas of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia.

Travel has always played a large role in Cody's life, beginning with his intimate knowledge of Highway 11 between Moose Jaw and Prince Albert. Upon completion of his undergraduate degree, he spent the winter of 2009 working throughout Scotland and Northern England for the Scottish Forestry Commission. During what was one of the harshest winters in United Kingdoms' history, Cody took a hiatus from his forestry work and toured the Republic of Ireland and the Middle East. Travelling throughout Turkey, Syria and Lebanon, Cody often found himself meeting new friends whose cultures were so incredibly different than his own.

In the winter of 2010, Cody travelled to south-east Asia. Beginning with an extended stay with his family in Hong Kong, he travelled extensively throughout Malaysia, Thailand, and Laos and eventually Taiwan.

Upon returning to Canada, Cody was hired by the Saskatchewan Boreal Forest Learning Centre, a non-profit organization which both advocates and provides venues for more outdoor education in Saskatchewan's high schools. Employed as a program developer, he helped the organization gain financial sponsorships, as well as expand its function and scope. He managed its interpretive trail project which saw the utilization of Saskatchewan artists and corporate sponsors. He also managed the Big River Workforce Assessment Survey, which was carried out within the Prince Albert Model Forest. During this project, Cody was responsible for interviewing, recording and presenting the opinions of over 100 forestry workers and a number of forestry businesses on the state of the area's forestry industry.

In the fall of 2011, Cody began his Masters of Public Administration through the Johnson-Shoyama School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan. He hopes to gain a better understanding of policy development and implementation in efforts to make positive changes in a province he believes is set for great things.

In his spare time he enjoys strumming on his guitar or ukulele, taking in cultural events and live music, hiking, camping, world history, cooking, eating and meeting new people.



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**JASON KIEFER** is from Drake. He attended Lanigan Central High School where he participated in many sports and clubs, never missed the honour role, was active in the Student Representative Council as co-president, and was the valedictorian of his class. Through the travel club, he had the good fortune to tour some of Europe, including the United Kingdom, France, Germany and the Netherlands.

Through his church, he was privileged to experience World Youth Day in Toronto. This included touring through Ottawa, Montreal, and Niagara Falls before arriving at Toronto. The truly amazing part of the event was seeing people from everywhere around the world coming together and embracing attitudes that did not negatively focus on cultural differences or differences of any type.

After high school, he took some time off to save for post-secondary education and to figure out what program interested him the most. He worked as a farm labourer in his home area and then moved to Alberta to be closer to a couple of his older brothers and their growing families, while getting a job as a shop technician in the oil field.

Upon deciding a career path, he began this pursuit with a focus on the study of politics. He attended the University of Regina, originally working towards a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in political science. After the first year, he gained a new-found respect and admiration for the field of philosophy, eventually adding it as a second major. In 2011, he convocated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, double majoring in political science and philosophy.

During his first summer break from University, he acquired his 1A driver's license and went back to Alberta to work for one of his brothers hauling oil and water. This unique experience gave him a new perspective on an old task (driving). Again, this also allowed him to spend more time and become closer to some members of his family. Two summers were spent hauling oil, while other summers he has worked for Viterra out of his home town.

Twice he has grown his hair out long enough to donate and he also gives blood regularly while encouraging others to do the same. (You get free cookies and juice while helping others. Talk about a "win-win" situation). His interests also include reading and learning new things, spending time with family and friends, playing or watching sports and movies, and listening to music. Years back, he and a group of friends would bus to Rider games in an old camper van. They rarely missed a football game. Today, they have season tickets and can usually be found cheering loudly for the Green and White in section 23.



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**REAGAN REESE SEIDLER** is a native son of Regina. He studied in the International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Campbell Collegiate and earned IB certificates in French, English, History, and Biology. In his senior year, he gained a reputation as a successful debater, winning numerous tournaments and speaking awards across the province. After winning the provincial championship, he went on to represent Saskatchewan at the CanWest National Public Speaking Tournament in Winnipeg in 2008. The same year, he was awarded the Top Crown

Prosecutor Award at the Court of Queen's Bench Mock Trials, was Leader of the Opposition at Model Legislature, and was recognized by the Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association as the Youth Volunteer of the Year. Upon graduation, he was honoured with the Campbell Debate Award. Reagan continued his success in debate at the university level, winning both tournaments and speaking awards, as well as serving as a judge to national championships.

Reagan also has a broad background in music. At Campbell, he was the Vice-president of the award-winning Chamber Choir, a tenor section leader in the beginner Concert Choir, and a member of the school's top jazz choir, The Classics. During his tenure, Reagan wrote and arranged a number of the songs performed by the senior choral groups. He began teaching piano and voice professionally in high school at the Long & McQuade Academy of Music. He continued to teach in university as a volunteer with the Heart of the City Piano Program.

Reagan is now a student of St. Thomas More (STM) College at the University of Saskatchewan. He is completing a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in economics and minor in political studies. Among his academic honours are the Roy E. Lloyd Scholarship in Economics, the Knights of Columbus Leadership Award, and inclusion on the Dean's List. He has twice published in the student liberal arts journal, *In Medias Res*.

Lately, Reagan has devoted his time to student politics at the University of Saskatchewan. He most recently finished a term as president of the STM Students' Union where he enacted widespread change, including a constitutional division of powers and the development of the students' union first strategic plan. He has served on a number of committees at STM, including Corporation, Faculty Council, the Board of Governors, the Finance and Investment Committee, and the Search Committee for the College's new president. Reagan is a member of the Canadian Catholic Students' Association and attended its national leadership conference in 2010.

Reagan has spent the past three summers as an Agroforestry Assistant for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada at Indian Head. During the year, he keeps a part-time job at the STM Library. His leisure interests include golf, curling, CBC Radio 2, and classic cinema. He is in the midst of writing a lyric opera he expects never to complete.