



2014 Saskatchewan Legislative Intern



Kaytlyn Criddle was born and raised in rural Saskatchewan. She graduated from Greenall High School in Balgonie where she earned several awards for her involvement in athletics and student government. She was the coordinator of the volunteer committee and in her senior year, she was elected vice-president of the Student Leadership Council.

In 2006 she traveled to Kenya with Free the Children to build a school and learn about youth leadership and international development. Upon her return she founded a youth group to raise money for a school to be built in Sierra Leone.

Last spring, Kaytlyn graduated with distinction from the University of Regina, completing a Bachelor of Arts degree in anthropology, with a minor in sociology and a certificate in international development studies. Throughout her university years, Kaytlyn competed with the Cougar track and field and cross-country teams and was named an Academic All Canadian for her academic and athletic accomplishments.

She worked at an after-school program for inner city youth and completed an 8-month co-op work term with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. In her final year, she was a teaching assistant for the department of Anthropology and served as the vice-president of the Cultural Anthropology Students' Association.

In 2009, she took a year off from her studies to hike the Canadian Rockies and backpack across Europe. Last summer, she participated in an exchange program where she studied indigenous development initiatives in the Brazilian Amazon.

Kaytlyn is currently working with women farmers in northern Ghana through a CIDA-funded internship at the Center for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development. Her role includes researching and documenting traditional agricultural practices and their effects on food security. She is particularly interested in the relationship between policy makers and grassroots development initiatives. Her future goals include pursuing a Masters degree in Public Policy.

In her spare time, Kaytlyn enjoys staying active. Running, snowboarding and ringette are among her favourite activities. When she is not playing sports, Kaytlyn can be found in a coffee shop with friends or a good book.



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Dustan Hlady was born in Lacombe, Alberta and raised on a small farm north of Vermilion, Alberta. He graduated from J.R. Robson High School in 1999. During this time, he enjoyed being involved in countless plays and concerts. He also organized a music festival for two years on his family farm for around 500 people. He also enjoyed volunteer work with his local church.

After completing high school, Dustan spent a year at Briercrest College and Seminary, where he furthered his knowledge in the arts and Biblical studies. He founded *Brierstock*, an on-campus music festival which celebrated its 14th anniversary last April.

Dustan spent a year in a drama group based out of Calgary called *Life Force*. The group went into dozens of high schools in western Canada, acting in assemblies, leading drama workshops and helping local community organizers to create youth centers. Dustan then returned to Briercrest and completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities, with a minor in History.

Dustan has been a student at the University of Regina since 2011. He is currently working towards a Bachelor of Education degree.

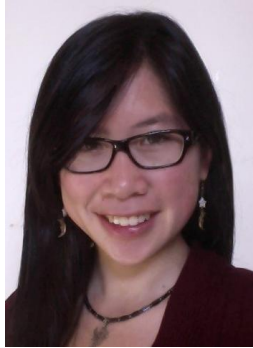
Dustan volunteered for years at Joe's Place Youth Centre. He also worked with displaced children and youth in a group home called Gamin Abet and worked with challenged students as an educational assistant for Prairie South School Division.

Dustan's plans after the internship include publishing a children's adventure novel and spending time with family. Upon completing his B.Ed. degree in 2015, he hopes to work as a teacher in Moose Jaw, while continuing his education with a Master of Arts in Creative Writing from University of Regina.

Dustan is married to Carrie and has two children. For leisure, Dustan likes spending time with his family, swimming, going to the park, and taking in community events. He is an avid reader and spends some time almost every day writing creatively. He also enjoys singing, songwriting, and playing guitar in his wife's band, Friend Friend.



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Taylor-Anne Yee was born in Victoria, British Columbia, but has spent most of her life in Saskatoon. She graduated from Walter Murray Collegiate in 2008 (and misses her band classes the most). After high school, Taylor attended Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford, British Columbia.

In 2009, she returned home to attend the University of Saskatchewan. She majored in political science and studied topics regarding transit and homelessness/housing policy, the representation of minorities in government, and the environment. In the fall of 2013, she convocated with a Bachelor of Arts degree with high honours in political studies.

Taylor jokingly remarks that her academic life is her extra-curricular activity; outside of class, getting involved in the community was just as important as writing an essay. Her life completely changed after participating in St. Thomas More's (STM) Service and Justice Project, which introduced her to a community of servitude in Saskatoon. Through this program, Taylor tutored students for the Open Door Society and, for four years, served as a homework helper at Bethlehem High School.

Taylor also learned plenty, made experiences, and enjoyed her time with Hands on Street Ministries, the Women in the Legislature Program at the University of Saskatchewan, and the STM's liberal arts journal, *In Medias Res*.

In 2011, Taylor participated in a program called "Next Up". Through this program, she explored her leadership style, learned about local and global issues, and was introduced to inspirational leaders and peers whom she is proud to call her friends.

Taylor spent the last semester of her undergraduate studies at the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. She interned for a government relations firm in Washington, D.C., and learned about influencing government from the outside. Through this experience, she developed friendships with students from the United States, South Korea, Japan, Mexico and China.

When Taylor has time to relax, she plays video games, draws, plays the piano or guitar, and reads books, especially those about time travel.



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Dipo Ziwa was born in Zambia. His family immigrated to Canada when he was just a few months old, first settling in Alberta. They have lived in Regina since 1995.

Dipo has completed the majority of his formal education in Regina, graduating from Dr. Martin Leboldus High School in 2010 and enrolling at the University of Regina that same year. While at Leboldus he participated in several sports, including basketball, volleyball, soccer, and track and field. The teams he participated in enjoyed tremendous success, winning provincial medals in every sport in 2010.

Currently, Dipo is a Dean's Honors List student in his fourth year of studies at the University of Regina, majoring in human justice within the Arts Faculty. Dipo also studied Chinese political systems and languages at China Jiliang University in Hangzhou, China in 2013, as well as French at the Université de Québec in Montreal in 2012. While studying at these different institutions, Dipo's interest in political structures and their relations to the societies they encompass grew tremendously.

In 2013, he worked as a youth intercultural worker at the Montreal City Mission, striving to bring cultural awareness to recently immigrated and refugee children from around the world. Currently, at the University of Regina, Dipo is on the Board of Directors for the Students Union, serving as the liaison and Local 9 representative for Saskatchewan to the Canadian Federation of Students. Dipo also serves as a student representative on the University Executive of Council.

Apart from vocational and educational responsibilities, Dipo enjoys volunteering in different capacities within the community. One of his favourite passions is coaching sports, as he has coached on a multitude of levels, from high school volleyball at Leboldus to bantam football. Furthermore, as part of more community outreach volunteer programs, he is currently involved with the Regina Open Door Society, the Ranch Ehrlo Society, and the Regina Multicultural Council.