

# School of Public Policy and Administration

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## SPPA Student Profile and SPPA News

We are pleased to present our next SPPA student profile:  
**Avneet Chahal, Maj/Min Political Science & Public Administration**



My name is Avneet Chahal, I am currently completing my third year in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration. I am an events coordinator for the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA). This year is going to be a great year for PPASA events! I am excited to team up with other clubs at York University to host more academically engaging events for students interested in public policy and administration. My journey at York University has been a very unique one as I learned about the Public Administration program through the Ottawa trip. I asked one of my new friends, Kevin Baksh about his program on the bus ride to Ottawa. He shared details on the program and the club.

One of the key points that caught my attention was the fact that there were many networking opportunities, and that the program was very practical. After I returned from the trip I organized a meeting with the academic advisor at SPPA, and she gave me all the details of the minor. This included the requirements and opportunities of the program. I added it as my minor right after that meeting. In my third year, I began to get more actively involved with PPASA. I applied to join as an events coordinator and got appointed into the position after a hiring process. My career plan is to be a diplomat for Canada. I would love to conduct official negotiations and build strong political, economic, and social relations with another country to advance Canada's future endeavours. Ultimately, my career plan is to use my public policy and administration skills to enhance Canada's public sector and governance. - **Avneet Chahal**



**PUBLIC POLICY &  
ADMINISTRATION  
STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

*Membership in the Public Policy and Administration Student Association (PPASA) is open to any student affiliated with the School of Public Policy and Administration. Interested students should contact PPASA at 168 Founders College or [ppasa@yorku.ca](mailto:ppasa@yorku.ca) <https://ppasayorku.wordpress.com/>*

### 2015-2016 McLaughlin Academic's Choice Award



We are pleased to announce that [Melissa Calanza](#), our 4th year BPA Honours major/International Development Studies minor student is the recipient of this year's McLaughlin Academic's Choice Award.

The award is presented to two students who have demonstrated great devotion and countless time to McLaughlin College Student Clubs and the McLaughlin College community through their dedication to the club experience and club promotion. The students are recognized for their continued contribution to the student body and exemplify qualities such as integrity and leadership. Melissa also spearheaded the launch of our [SPPA Student Profiles](#) and served as a peer mentor. Congratulations to Melissa on a job well done!



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## Director of Information Systems

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health is a community-centred agency dedicated to promoting and protecting the health of Wellington County, Dufferin County and Guelph communities. Our team works to achieve this each and every day by offering important, evidence-based health information, programs and services. Our goal is to support our community members in achieving their highest level of health.

Joining our team will involve working with passionate people and performing meaningful work that will support a healthier community for over 272,000 area residents. We believe it's important to promote health in our own workplace, because in order to be our best, we have to feel our best. At Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health our goal is to help maintain not only the physical, but emotional, financial and social health and well-being of our team. Our employees enjoy a competitive compensation package, professional training and development opportunities and a healthy work-life balance.

Reporting to the MOH/CEO, and as a member of the Agency's senior management team, the Director of Information Systems will be charged with helping to provide leadership and strategic direction to lead the delivery from our internal and external information systems to internal and external clients. Responsible for all of the statutory operational and advisory duties in accordance with the established provincial and Board of Health (BOH) policies. Accountable for all activities related to the development and implementation of the services and programs provided including Information Technology (IT), Health Analytics, Privacy, Communications, and Standards and Accountability.

Please click here for more details: <http://www.ipac.ca/Director-0316>

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## Manager Resource Planning and Budget Management Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Are you seeking to combine your interests in business with a career in the Ontario Public Service (OPS) financial community? Do you value a supportive, collegial, and inclusive work environment? Do you want to be part of a dynamic, client focused and high performing team?

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing seeks a results-oriented, client-focused individual to lead the Resources Planning and Budget Management Unit within the Controllership and Financial Planning Branch (CFPB).

The Resources Planning and Budget Management Unit is responsible for leading the Ministry's Program Review, Renewal and Transformation (PRRT) process, including the performance measurement framework to support evidence-based decision making; the Treasury Board/Management Board of Cabinet (TB/MBC) submissions as well as other strategic business and fiscal planning activities.

Please click here to view details: <http://www.ipac.ca/Manager-11007E>



## IPAC Professional Development Opportunities

### Webinar on "Charbonneau Commission Followup: Ethics Lessons for Quebec and Elsewhere"

The Charbonneau Commission spent four years looking into possible collusion and corruption in contracting and management of public contracts in Québec's construction industry.

**Speaker: Diane Girard**, Former Director of EPAC and founder of RÉOQ

**Date:** Thursday April 21st 2016

**Time:** 12pm-1pm EDT

[Click here](#) for more information

Join IPAC CEO Dr. Robert Taylor as he explores the research insights derived from a recent global survey of 100 government executives conducted by the Economist Intelligence Unit at IBM with guest speaker:

David Zaharchuk, Global Industry Research Leader, IBM Institute for Business Value

**Date and Time of Webcast:** 25th May 11am-12pm ET

**Registration Link:** <https://engage.vevent.com/rt/ibm~cognitivefuture>

### Nominations are now being accepted for the 2016 IPAC/IBM Innovative Management Awards

Please submit innovative projects from public organizations, across: Federal, provincial, municipal and indigenous governments and institutions.

**Apply by Friday, April 29th, 2016**

More information: <http://ipac.ca/IM-Home>

Application: <http://www.ipac.ca/IM-Apply>

### Who is Your Promising New Professional?

Are you, or do you know a new professional who is an emerging leader within the public sector and represent the ideals, values and abilities of sound public administration? Consider nominating them for IPAC's Promising New Professional award.

**Deadline for Nomination - April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.** [Click Here](#) to Learn More.

### [Liberal Arts & Professional Studies](#) [Spring Open House 2016](#)

**Date: May 7, 2016**

**Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Location: Vari Hall Rotunda (#30 on the York Map)**

Join us to learn more about your program of study, chat with current students and professors and tour our amazing campus.

### [Mature Student Clubs](#)

**York University Mature Students' Organization (YUMSO)**

**Location:** Vanier College Room 113B

**Email:** [yumso@yorku.ca](mailto:yumso@yorku.ca)

**Website:** [YUMSO](#)

[Facebook.com/Groups/YUMSO](https://www.facebook.com/Groups/YUMSO)

**Twitter:** [@YUMSO](#)

**The Student Parent Association - S.P.A.** (formerly known as Student Association for Single Parents - S.A.S.P) is now a part of YUMSO.

S.P.A is an organization that provides support to student parents and caregivers attending York University. Its aim is to assure student parents that there is a community of people dealing with similar experiences and provide a nurturing space for student parents and caregivers to excel in academia.

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