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*From the office of the...*  
**Sciences Caucus**

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly  
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## **Progress on Yearplan**

The Science caucus is determined on continuing its work to promote more in-person events in collaboration with other clubs at McMaster. Since majority of the midterms and exams this year are in-person, we intend to focus on housing and providing insight to students on post-graduate work as we understand students may find it hard to know more about what they can do after university.

## **Past Events, Projects, & Activities**

Since this is our first report, our caucus is still in the early stages of brainstorming for future events. Regardless, we have lots of fresh ideas that we're hoping everyone will be on board with and have a fun time.

## **Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities**

### Giveaway:

- Conducted a giveaway with McMaster Campus Store for one student to win a \$25 gift card
- Helped increase awareness of the Science Caucus on Instagram

### Housing:

- Collab with other SRA caucuses to promote Housing-related tips
- One of our caucus members had a meet with Simranjeet and Elizabeth to gain more information about the Housing event that happened at MUSC
- Helps students know what they should be aware of when seeking off-campus places to rent

### Success Stories Workshop:

- Have reached out to the MSS regarding a collaboration
- Students get to meet a PhD student, or another researcher who speaks about their specific career choices and pathways
- It will be a two-day workshop
- Currently figuring out the budgeting details
- Students will be able to receive more career-specific help and get to connect with post-graduate students
- We are hoping to have the event sometime in March

### **Outreach & Promotions**

We held a giveaway in collaboration with McMaster Campus Store, that was very successful. We communicated with other caucuses for the Housing posts. This helped students learn about what they should be aware of when they look to rent a place off-campus. We are also doing takeovers by our caucus members on Instagram every Mondays and Fridays. Our caucus members will post a day in their life and students can ask questions about the SRA, our classes, university life and so on.

### **Successes**

We successfully conducted a giveaway in collaboration with McMaster Campus Store. This helped enhance our following, and provide a \$25 gift card to one of the lucky students. We also had a meeting with the MSS president, where we were able to discuss collaborating for future events.

### **Current Challenges**

We are currently trying to find McMaster post-graduate and PhD students and professors from a variety of Science-related fields who are willing to be a panelist and speak about their university experiences. From how they decided to work in their current field, what experiences they needed, how they reached out to professors and so forth. The event requires a lot of time commitment from our caucus members, since we are hoping for this event to have a big reach and there are only seven of us. However, we are having our weekly meetings and have made great progress thus far.

Best,

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