

Nominee Information	Nominated for:	Application Details
Phylicia Crichlow Graduated: 2023 Previous Board Experience: No	2nd Vice President Comms/Outreach Coordinator	<p>Please provide a brief personal statement or a short bio of the nominee My name is Phylicia, and I'm a daughter, granddaughter, sister, cousin, and friend. Additionally, I'm a dedicated social worker and health researcher specializing in health equity, program development, and anti-racist strategies. I am deeply committed to applying an intersectional lens to support the richness of diversity within our communities. My work is guided by a core belief in the interconnectedness of humanity and our collective responsibility to one another. This Africentric philosophy serves as the cornerstone of my life's work - a belief that 'I am because we are, and therefore we are because I am.' With over five years of experience in the mental health and health sectors, my professional journey is firmly rooted in community. I am passionate about driving and supporting initiatives that advance outcomes for equity-deserving groups across all my roles, both personally and professionally.</p> <p>Please tell us why you want to run for the specific position on the Board or why you are nominating someone for this position. I am drawn to the Second Vice President or Communications/Outreach Coordinator role because these roles resonate with my passion for community building. Additionally, these opportunities allow me to utilize my adeptness in strategizing and coordinating tasks to achieve collective objectives. The intersection of community engagement, planning and development, and coordination aligns seamlessly with my knowledge for promoting and advancing project initiatives. I am enthusiastic about the prospect of contributing to the previous work of many FIFSW alumni and making a meaningful impact on the FIFSWAA community.</p> <p>Do you or your nominee have a particular area of interest in a committee that you would like to be involved with? (Standing Committees include the following: Constitution and Governance Committee, Outreach and Engagement Committee, Nominating Committee, and Knowledge Transfer Committee. There are also cross-appointments on Faculty Committees and groups including the MSW, PhD, Practicum Advisory, EDI, Mentorship Program, Faculty Council and GSA Committees. Lastly Ad Hoc Committees have included: Succession Management Committee. I am particularly interested in contributing to the EDI, Outreach and Engagement, and Mentorship Program Committees. My diverse professional background, coupled with my personal experiences has positioned me to make a meaningful contribution to the work of these committees. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to collaborate with diverse individuals as we drive positive change within these areas.</p> <p>What sector do you or your nominee have experience working or volunteering with? I have significant experience in research, project coordination, and crisis intervention, with a particular focus on supporting racialized communities. My background includes providing culturally competent, trauma-informed support and coordinating the development of research and programming tailored to address the specific needs and challenges of equity-deserving communities. Through these experiences, I have demonstrated my ability to effectively work with diverse groups in various support capacities. I possess a strong ability to build relationships and cultivate spaces that foster social justice.</p>

<p>Dillon Dodson Graduated: 2013 Previous Board Experience: Yes</p>	<p>2nd Vice-President</p>	<p>Please provide a brief personal statement or a short bio of the nominee Dillon joined Toronto Humane Society in early 2020 to head up the expansion of the veterinary social work department. Drawing on over a decade of experience working as a professional social worker, primarily working in human shelters and supporting survivors of gender-based violence in addition to providing equine-facilitated psychotherapy, Dillon utilized her expertise supporting those who have experienced systemic oppression to inform the development of programming to support families who have companion animals and are experiencing hardship. From childhood, Dillon has always believed in the power of animal healing and has worked to align her professional skills with a foundational desire to be with animals. From advocating for animal-assisted sessions for trauma survivors to providing equine-facilitated therapy, Dillon seeks opportunities to bring unity between animals and people. Dillon has an extensive educational background in Social Work gaining her Masters of Social Work degree from the University of Toronto and her Bachelor of Social Work from McMaster University, in addition to a number of certifications relevant to her field of specialization, including clinical traumatologist and EMDR. She works through a resilience framework, employing trauma-informed practices and leading with recovery-oriented treatment. In January 2023, Dillon joined Toronto Humane Society fulltime as senior manager of social work and embarked on certification in veterinary social work. In the same year, she was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Veterinary Social Workers, appointed adjunct lecturer at University of Toronto and received Ontario Association of Social Workers 2023 Local Distinguished Social Worker Award. Dillon most recently was granted the University of Toronto Bertha Rosenstatd research grant in order to advance the MSW field specifically related to veterinary social work.</p> <p>Please tell us why you want to run for the specific position on the Board or why you are nominating someone for this position. It is a true badge of honour to be a UofT alumni and I look forward to the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way. I have remained dedicated to the UofT community since graduation, namely through field instruction and respect and appreciate this contribution. That said, I do look forward to participating further - specifically with an aim and hope to ensure bonded families (namely families who have relationships with non-human beings) are considered when training new and active social workers. I am currently on the International Association of Veterinary Social Workers and hope to bring this experience to a current position at Uof T's Alumni Board.</p> <p>Do you or your nominee have a particular area of interest in a committee that you would like to be involved with? (Standing Committees include the following: Constitution and Governance Committee, Outreach and Engagement Committee, Nominating Committee, and Knowledge Transfer Committee. There are also cross-appointments on Faculty Committees and groups including the MSW, PhD, Practicum Advisory, EDI, Mentorship Program, Faculty Council and GSA Committees. Lastly Ad Hoc Committees have included: Succession Management Committee. I would be happy to be flexible.</p> <p>What sector do you or your nominee have experience working or volunteering with? homelessness/unsheltered, youth, trauma, human trafficking and gender-based violence, substance dependency, EMDR, DBT, private practice, animal-assisted therapy</p>
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<p>Jenni Wagler Graduated: 2021 Previous Board Experience: No</p>	<p>Comms/Outreach Coordinator</p>	<p>Please provide a brief personal statement or a short bio of the nominee I graduated with my BSW from U of Waterloo in 2015, and then completed my MSW at U of Toronto with FIFSW in 2021. I have worked in several field of social work over the past 10 years, including residential mental health, refugee / asylum seeker case management, and community mental health.</p> <p>Please tell us why you want to run for the specific position on the Board or why you are nominating someone for this position. I have strong communication skills, which I have developed further through my professional social work roles. I would enjoy this opportunity to reconnect and stay involved with U of Toronto.</p> <p>Do you or your nominee have a particular area of interest in a committee that you would like to be involved with? (Standing Committees include the following: Constitution and Governance Committee, Outreach and Engagement Committee, Nominating Committee, and Knowledge Transfer Committee. There are also cross-appointments on Faculty Committees and groups including the MSW, PhD, Practicum Advisory, EDI, Mentorship Program, Faculty Council and GSA Committees. Lastly Ad Hoc Committees have included: Succession Management Committee. Outreach and Engagement OR Constitution and Governance</p> <p>What sector do you or your nominee have experience working or volunteering with? Mental health and refugee resettlement</p>
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<p>Gajathree Ananthathurai Graduated: 2024 Previous Board Experience: No</p>	<p>Comms/Outreach Coordinator</p>	<p>Please provide a brief personal statement or a short bio of the nominee My name is Gaja, I am a recent graduate from the 2-year MSW program, having completed the Mental Health & Health program. During those two years, I have served my MSW community by serving on our Graduate Student Association, first as the secretary in my first year, and finally as president in my last year. During my two years on the GSA, I have come to develop a strong grasp of the needs of not only the MSW community at FIFSW, but also the needs of our emerging alumni as students graduate from this program. One major area of need students expressed, is the sense of connection and community with FIFSW, especially as they embark on their social work careers. With the solid foundation of student needs and having dedicated my time to address these needs for the FIFSW community when folks remained as students, I hope to continue this work for our community as these students become alumni. Starting first, with establishing a line of connection and community with our new alumni members and existing alumni members, working to bridge that gap through the role of communications and outreach coordinator.</p> <p>Please tell us why you want to run for the specific position on the Board or why you are nominating someone for this position. During my two years as a student at FIFSW, I have served my MSW community by serving on our Graduate Student Association, first as the secretary in my first year, and finally as president in my last year. During my two years on the GSA, I have come to develop a strong grasp of the needs of not only the MSW community at FIFSW, but also the needs of our emerging alumni as students graduate from this program. One major area of need students expressed, is the sense of connection and community with FIFSW, especially as they embark on their social work careers. With the solid foundation of student needs and having dedicated my time to address these needs for the FIFSW community when folks remained as students, I hope to continue this work for our community as these students become alumni. Starting first, with establishing a line of connection and community with our new alumni members and existing alumni members, working to bridge that gap through the role of communications and outreach coordinator.</p> <p>Do you or your nominee have a particular area of interest in a committee that you would like to be involved with? (Standing Committees include the following: Constitution and Governance Committee, Outreach and Engagement Committee, Nominating Committee, and Knowledge Transfer Committee. There are also cross-appointments on Faculty Committees and groups including the MSW, PhD, Practicum Advisory, EDI, Mentorship Program, Faculty Council and GSA Committees. Lastly Ad Hoc Committees have included: Succession Management Committee. outreach and engagement committee, EDI, Faculty Council, GSA committee</p> <p>What sector do you or your nominee have experience working or volunteering with? Mental health and health, student leadership</p>
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<p>Erica Appleton-Forbes Graduated: 2024 Prior Board Experience: Yes</p>	<p>Treasurer</p>	<p>Please provide a brief personal statement or a short bio of the nominee My name is Erica Appleton-Forbes. I arrived at the faculty in 2022 with a double major Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology and Sociology. In my MSW, I specialized in Mental Health and Health. I've experienced working in marketing as a marketing associate and I am currently working as a Child and Family Worker with Delta Family Resource Centre. I am currently the Vice President on the Board of Directors for Gateway Church of the Living God where I've been serving for the past eight years. I am particularly interested in working with racialized individuals who are experiencing social inequalities that are impacting their mental health.</p> <p>Please tell us why you want to run for the specific position on the Board or why you are nominating someone for this position. During my two years as a student at FIFSW, I have served my MSW community by serving on our Graduate Student Association, first as the secretary in my first year, and finally as president in my last year. During my two years on the GSA, I have come to develop a strong grasp of the needs of not only the MSW community at FIFSW, but also the needs of our emerging alumni as students graduate from this program. One major area of need students expressed, is the sense of connection and community with FIFSW, especially as they embark on their social work careers. With the solid foundation of student needs and having dedicated my time to address these needs for the FIFSW community when folks remained as students, I hope to continue this work for our community as these students become alumni. Starting first, with establishing a line of connection and community with our new alumni members and existing alumni members, working to bridge that gap through the role of communications and outreach coordinator.</p> <p>Do you or your nominee have a particular area of interest in a committee that you would like to be involved with? (Standing Committees include the following: Constitution and Governance Committee, Outreach and Engagement Committee, Nominating Committee, and Knowledge Transfer Committee. There are also cross-appointments on Faculty Committees and groups including the MSW, PhD, Practicum Advisory, EDI, Mentorship Program, Faculty Council and GSA Committees. Lastly Ad Hoc Committees have included: Succession Management Committee. outreach and engagement committee, EDI, Faculty Council, GSA committee</p> <p>What sector do you or your nominee have experience working or volunteering with? Mental health and health, student leadership</p>
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<p>Julia Falzarano Graduation Year: 2024 Previous Board Experience: No</p>	<p>Member-at-Large</p>	<p>Please provide a brief personal statement or a short bio of the nominee I am applying for a "member-at-large" to serve on the board in a general capacity at this time and hope to then apply for an opening position on the board the following year. As a recent graduate of the advanced standing MSW program at FIFSW, I bring with me fresh perspectives on what students are looking for from their alumni associations (ex. types of guest speakers, graduation celebration ideas, types of networking events etc.). During my time at the FIFSW, I successfully served on the GSA as the Advanced Standing student representative. I planned a 2-year/AS networking event at Hart House, started a peer support group, and collected and analyzed valuable data through surveys sent to FIFSW students.</p> <p>Please tell us why you want to run for the specific position on the Board or why you are nominating someone for this position. As the founder and president of the Social Work Student Initiative at Lakehead University, I led a collaborative team where we organized workshops to enhance student wellbeing, foster networking, and promote knowledge and skill building within the profession. With over five years of clinical research experience, I bring expertise in evaluation, analysis, and knowledge application. Through my placement and paid internship at the Ontario Association of Social Workers, I gained comprehensive insights across various aspects of the social work profession. My objective is to promote community building through outreach programming. I am interested in becoming a member-at-large and serving on some of the committees.</p> <p>Do you or your nominee have a particular area of interest in a committee that you would like to be involved with? (Standing Committees include the following: Constitution and Governance Committee, Outreach and Engagement Committee, Nominating Committee, and Knowledge Transfer Committee. There are also cross-appointments on Faculty Committees and groups including the MSW, PhD, Practicum Advisory, EDI, Mentorship Program, Faculty Council and GSA Committees. Lastly Ad Hoc Committees have included: Succession Management Committee.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outreach and Engagement Committee 2. Faculty Council and GSA Committees 3. Practicum Advisory 4. Mentorship Program <p>What sector do you or your nominee have experience working or volunteering with? Volunteer: Hospital for Sick Children - child life volunteer and research volunteer, Von hospice Durham- ran groups for youth on grief and loss, St. Andrew Community Garden - Treasurer (3 years), FIFSW, GSA, Advanced Standing rep 2023-2024 Work: St. Michael's Hospital, Research 6+ years, OASW, Policy and Research Intern, Victim Services, Crisis Counsellor</p>
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<p>Everdene Francis-McIntosh Graduated: 2015 Prior Board Experience: No</p>	<p>Member-at Large</p>	<p>Please provide a brief personal statement or a short bio of the nominee I have a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and a Master of Social Work (MSW) degree. Currently, I work at CAMH as an MSW social worker and also as an MSW Mental Health Therapist in a private virtual practice. I am now pursuing a PhD in social work. With over 20 years of experience in the mental health and addiction sector in various roles, I bring a wealth of knowledge. I am strongly committed to evidence-based, practice-based, anti-racist, and trauma-informed practice to inform policies and strategic organizations' directions.</p> <p>Please tell us why you want to run for the specific position on the Board or why you are nominating someone for this position. As an MSW alumnus and a seasoned mental health and addiction social worker with decades of experience across various sectors of service delivery, I bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will significantly benefit the strategic directions of the University of Toronto as a Board member. I am very dedicated in advancing mental health awareness and advocating for equitable access to quality post-secondary education, as well as fostering an inclusive environment that supports the academic success and mental health well-being of all students.</p> <p>Do you or your nominee have a particular area of interest in a committee that you would like to be involved with? (Standing Committees include the following: Constitution and Governance Committee, Outreach and Engagement Committee, Nominating Committee, and Knowledge Transfer Committee. There are also cross-appointments on Faculty Committees and groups including the MSW, PhD, Practicum Advisory, EDI, Mentorship Program, Faculty Council and GSA Committees. Lastly Ad Hoc Committees have included: Succession Management Committee. My areas of interest are Members at large or PhD standing committee director as well as Mentorship Committee and Practicum Advisory Board</p> <p>What sector do you or your nominee have experience working or volunteering with? Mental Health and Addictions</p>
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FIFSW Alumni Association 2024 Annual General Meeting Ballot Forms

I, insert name (please print) _____, am an

Alumnus/Alumna of the Faculty insert year of graduation from the Faculty _____.

As Alumnus/Alumna of FIFSW and a member of the FIFSW Alumni Association, during the 2024 FIFSWAA Annual General Meeting, I would like to cast my votes as follows:

Please mark X for the nominee you would like to support:

For the Executive Officer Position of **2nd Vice-President**

Phylicia Crichlow, MSW, 2023	
Dillon Dodson, MSW, 2013	

For the Executive Officer Position of **Communications/Outreach Officer**

Jenni Wagler, MSW, 2021	
Gajathree Ananthathurai, MSW, 2024	
Phylicia Crichlow, MSW, 2023	

For the Executive Officer Position of **Treasurer**

Erica Appleton-Forbes, MSW, 2024	

For Members-at-Large (3 elected and 3 appointed)

Julia Falzarano, MSW, 2024	
Everdene Francis-McIntosh, MSW, 2015	

Signature: _____ Date: _____