

# YEAR PLAN

*4th Year Representative*

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McMaster Science Society

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Letter from the 4th Year Representative,

Hi MacSci! My name is William Chen and I am your 4th Year Rep for the 2023-2024 school year! It has been a wild few years, starting university virtually without even a proper high school graduation. However, we have all come a long way and I wish to serve you well for this coming year to help make most of your final year a blast! For those of you who are taking an extra year due to personal reasons or co-op/internship, I have not forgotten about you and I hope to provide enriching experience and value to your 4th year experience as well!

My purpose as a year rep is to communicate your feelings and concerns to the executive team and to advocate for your well-being and rights as 4th year students in the Science Faculty. The concerns we face are likely different from the other years as we are approaching graduation and preparing for potential careers, post-graduate studies, etc. I have made it my mission to help provide resources and industry perspectives that are pertinent to you all whilst promoting student engagement, faculty resources, and partaking in various fun events to take some of the stress off your shoulders and to bring the community together! When things get tough, we are the ones who are able to relate with one another so it is important that we remember the friends and community that are here to help us.

My predecessor, Riya Patel, was a great 4th Year Rep, organizing several de-stressor events and being an active leader within the MSS. I hope to build upon her legacy and continue to put forth quality events alongside my fellow year reps and to serve as your liaison within the Faculty of Science. I intend to work closely with the SRAs of Science and my fellow MSS executives to support and promote your McMaster experiences. Let's make it all count everyone, looking forward to an awesome 4th year together!

Cheers,

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TIMELINE

Month	Objective/Project/Event/Goals
June	N/A
July	N/A
August	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Coordinate with Science SRAs about year plan</li> </ol> <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Year Plan</li> <li>2. Set up feedback/questions/concerns form for students</li> </ol>
September	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Set up anonymous forms/survey for students</li> <li>2. Have MacSci2024 IG page up &amp; running for 4th year communication</li> </ol> <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates to MSCAF</li> <li>2. Reach out to Cassidy West and Quantum Leap team to request involvement</li> <li>3. Coordinate with Science SRAs</li> </ol>
October	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research post-graduate opportunities to form into a workshop/webinar</li> </ol> <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates to MSCAF</li> <li>2. Research post-graduate opportunities to form into a workshop/webinar</li> <li>3. Coordinate with Science SRAs</li> </ol>
November	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mid-term De-stressor: Caffeine, Crafts, &amp; Chill</li> </ol>



	<p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates to MSCAF</li> <li>2. Coordinate with Science SRAs</li> <li>3. Reach out to MSSC regarding Study Seminar in January</li> </ol>
December	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Holiday De-stresser</li> <li>2. December Survey/Form</li> </ol> <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates to MSCAF</li> <li>2. Coordinate with Science SRAs</li> </ol>
January	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Study Seminar w MSSC</li> <li>2. Research/Lab Seminar</li> <li>3. January Survey/Form</li> </ol> <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates to MSCAF</li> <li>2. Coordinate with Science SRAs</li> <li>3. Connect with alumni &amp; industry professionals to organize workshop event in March</li> </ol>
February	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Valentine's Cookie Decorating Destressor</li> </ol> <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates to MSCAF</li> <li>2. Coordinate with Science SRAs</li> </ol>
March	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Alumni/Professional Workshop</li> </ol> <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates to MSCAF</li> <li>2. Coordinate with Science SRAs</li> </ol>



April	<p>Events/Projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. End of the Year Bonfire</li> <li>2. April Survey/Form</li> </ol> <p>Things to complete:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Updates to MSCAF</li> <li>2. Coordinate with Science SRAs</li> </ol>
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**OBJECTIVES:**

Objective 1	
Description/ Current State	<p>Issue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4th year students often bear much pressure as they are approaching graduation without security of knowledge and assurance of what their post-grad career/studies will look like</li> </ul> <p>Proposed Initiative:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bi-semester surveys to be conducted with other year reps + the SRAs of Science</li> <li>- Communication w 4th Year Students via @macsci2024 IG page               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information backed by research and verified by the SCCE</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Goal	<p>Increased Access and Clarity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Via collaboration with the SRA of Science and members of the faculty, I aim to be a voice for the science academic advising office and to provide access to resources</li> <li>- Facilitating free thought and translation ideas/concerns into action through a safe and manner</li> <li>- Multiple de-stressors throughout the term to enrich student experience and relieve them of mundane stress</li> </ul> <p>Strengths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- potentially targets the rift between the SCCE and students, as well as targeting confusion/anxiety faced by graduating students</li> </ul>



	<p style="text-align: center;">Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Likely slow start due to low initial engagement</li> </ul>
Long Term Implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providing 4th year students with clearer expectations and guidance toward career opportunities, further studies, and helpful career perspectives</li> <li>- Increased student engagement with the MSS and providing more value within the Science faculty</li> </ul>
Partners	<p>Ava Colangelo, VP Student Affairs Email: <a href="mailto:vpstudentaffairs@macsci.ca">vpstudentaffairs@macsci.ca</a></p> <p>Daisy Pham, VP Communications Email: <a href="mailto:vpcomm@macsci.ca">vpcomm@macsci.ca</a></p> <p>TBD, First Year Reps: First Year Rep(s): TBA</p> <p>Jyot Adhvaryu, Second Year Rep Email: <a href="mailto:secondyear@macsci.ca">secondyear@macsci.ca</a></p> <p>Zoe Sanvido, Third Year Rep Email: <a href="mailto:thirdyear@macsci.ca">thirdyear@macsci.ca</a></p> <p>Abdullah Masudi, SRA Science Caucus Leader Email: <a href="mailto:masudia@mcmaster.ca">masudia@mcmaster.ca</a></p>