

Colton Aston (board endorsed)

As a graduate of the BBA Entrepreneurial Leadership Program I am fascinated by leadership and understanding how leaders at all different levels support the people around them. Serving commercial customers as an Energy Solutions Manager with FortisBC I attribute much of my success today to the time spent at Kwantlen and as a volunteer for the Student Leadership Conferences, Career Days and Student Orientation. Currently serving as an Alumni Ambassador and recently co-founding the KPU Alumni Business Chapter, I am excited to engage with alumni members further and support my local community.

**Harpreet Bains (member endorsed)**

Harpreet has been proudly representing Alumni as a director of KPU Alumni Association Board since 2010. She has served on the Executive for the past 3 years, the last 2 as Chair of the board. The position has been ideal in mentoring her two praxes of education and selfless service into action. Her most significant contribution has been over the past year while the organization required unprecedented leadership during a time of major transition. Another significant contribution was Chairing the hugely successful 30th Anniversary Gala & Distinguished Alumni Awards which acquired the Association's first collection of funds. Harpreet is also honoured in being chosen as the voice of the Alumni body as a voting Senator on the senior academic governing body of the university. She was again selected by the Alumni Board Executive to be a vital member of the President's Strategic Planning Task Force, a huge undertaking in shaping a vision for the University into 2018. Harpreet would like to continue volunteering on the board for her final year in an advisory role as Past Chair, and ensure strong succession during a critical time of organizational restructuring. Harpreet continues to believe in the importance of Alumni forging together, while maintaining a connection with the institution they came from and the community they will empower.

**Randy Dosanjh (board endorsed)**

Randeep is a Business Technology consultant to Blue-Chip clients. He has completed projects spanning more than 6 business sectors, spanning projects more than 8 Fortune 500 firms, a crown corporation, a public department in government and even worked with a European Union regulated firm. Some of the panels, partners and boards Randeep works with and supports are IBM, Microsoft, a Bank of Canada Panel, Microsoft Research Panel, Microsoft Developer Network and Covenant Houses. He has most often volunteered at Neighbourhood Homes, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, India Mahila Association and others while founding a modest Fundraising Division of his own business. His advocacy can be seen in some of his online published works. After is 3rd class in his program, he was an employee at Electronic Arts and completed simultaneous internships at Business Objects (SAP) and Club Intrawest – from building success to social responsibility, a proud Kwantlen Alumni member.



Kritika Kanotra (board endorsed)

Kritika Kanotra graduated from Kwantlen Polytechnic University in 2012 with a BBA in Accounting and has since furthered her professional experience at Grant Thornton LLP. She is currently a Senior Accountant and successfully obtained her CPA, CA designation this year. Kritika also volunteers as a Mentorship Coordinator with the Young Women in Business (Vancouver Chapter) helping recent graduates of post-secondary find guidance in the form of a mentor to ease their transition to their desired career paths. Kritika has been actively involved in attending Kwantlen events hosted by the Accounting Society of Kwantlen and can be seen on campus exhibiting her enthusiasm for the University.

**Ryan Keigher (board endorsed)**

Ryan graduated from KPU with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Entrepreneurial Leadership in May 2012. During his time at KPU Ryan was actively involved in the university as a member of the President's Ambassadorial Team and the Board of Governors. While attending university, Ryan was a recipient of the 2011 Surrey's Top 25 Under 25 award. A past Rotarian and, now a member of the Risk Management Association, Ryan now works the Manager, Business Banking at Coast Capital Savings. In addition to his career, Ryan is also a member of the Young Leaders Community Council at Coast Capital that is responsible for the community grants to organizations as part of Coast Capital's promise of donating 7% of their pre-tax profits to the community. Ryan believes that the KPU alumni belong to a powerful network, and wants to ensure each alum coming from KPU will benefit from it.

**Jared Penland (board endorsed)**

Jared Penland graduated from KPU with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy in 2014. As a student, Jared served on the University's Board of Governors, Senate, and was a director of the Kwantlen Student Association. Jared works as a licensed Realtor in the Lower Mainland with RE/MAX Blueprint Realty and is passionate about the real estate industry. His past work experience includes working for a cabinet minister in the provincial government and as an adult training consultant for the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board. What Jared brings to the KPU Alumni Association is over 6 years of volunteer experience in a number of organizations, a strong network of connections in the private sector and government, and a continual commitment to promote the best interests of KPU and the South Fraser Region.

**Amanda Smith-Weston (board endorsed)**

Amanda Smith-Weston is an active KPU Alumna who spends her time volunteering at both community and KPU events. A graduate of the department of Anthropology (with Distinction), Amanda enjoys educating the public about Archaeology, and volunteers as a Commissioner on the Surrey Heritage Advisory Commission. She has a vested interest in the community of Surrey and readily advocates and engages members to create healthy, productive environments. She continues to participate in KPU events as a speaker, and recently had the opportunity to speak at the KPU Foundation's Project Bloom and on behalf of the KPUAA at the Arts convocation in May of this year. At KPU, Amanda participated in



clubs, KSA events, intra-mural sports, fundraisers, field schools, as a mentor, and the Kwantlen Dragonboat Team. She would love the opportunity to continue her involvement through the KPUAA Board and foster a connection between alumni and current students.

Waheed Taiwo (board endorsed)

Waheed Taiwo graduated from KPU with a post baccalaureate diploma in Human Resources Management. In addition, he holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in International Business and Logistics from Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Finland. He is currently the Vice-President of Finance and Operations for the Kwantlen Students Association. He was the founder and past president of Kwantlen Entrepreneurial Students Association, an entrepreneurial club at KPU. Waheed was named as one of the 2015 top ten business students at KPU, and later became [2015 Fab 40 business student](#). He has worked (and volunteered) with different departments at KPU, including The Learning Centre, Future Students Office, Student Life and Development, and KPU Foundation. In his spare time, he enjoys volunteering with community organizations in various positions. He is passionate about learning, photography, meeting people, and generally contributing positively to the development of people around him.

