

## Monika Pichor SA Speech

Hi there! I'm Monika Pichor and I've been a Red River college student since 2019 and completed my first year of Social Innovation back in March. I'm now in my second and final year of my diploma for Community Development, expected to be completed by May 2021.

My favourite part about being at Red River has been connecting with other people in my program that are so passionate about making a difference in communities; Whether that be through community programs, Social Enterprises, or researching and policy making.

Each student comes from such diverse backgrounds; professionally, personally, and culturally. What I've learned is that each of our unique experiences give us our own lens, or perspective, into the challenges and barriers we've faced. By taking the time to create a better understanding of our individual experiences, we can create better solutions together.

If elected, I would ensure to use my education and experience in Community Development to help support solutions that students across Red River really need. To help better engage with our community and find out what needs are most important to you, I would like to use our current social media platforms to conduct polls and surveys. This way we can gain a better insight into what fellow students are experiencing, especially during this unprecedented time. I would also advocate for some wicked prizes to offer as incentives for your participation in those surveys! :)

Red River College is a great opportunity to make connections with the future leaders of our industries. But since COVID, it seems like the only connections I'm making from my laptop to my Wi-Fi (hence, one of the reasons why I'm running for the SA Board).

If elected, I'd like to create more opportunities for students to connect with each other through virtual programs and events. These would help better connect ourselves to our Red River community, and make meaningful relationships between classmates, and students across other programs and campuses. One way to stay connected for now, if you haven't already, is to follow the Students Association on all social media platforms, like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and even Snapchat.

Don't forget to Vote on Oct 19, and consider me, Monika, on your ballot choice to help connect our community. Thank you.