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Orientation 2022 (pg. 1)

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## Start of Fall Semester

September 7th, 2022

Fall term classes officially began on Sept. 7th. The arrival of students and the start of classes has revitalized both Sackville and the MtA campus, breathing renewed life into our little community. Many opportunities, events and initiatives will be coming your way over the next month as things kick into full-gear! Keep an eye out!

Textbooks are available for purchase at the Mount A. bookstore, in both print and digital formats. Make sure to visit the Bookstore website for more information if you haven't yet purchased yours!

## Insurance Opt-Out Reminder

September, 2022

The medical, health and/or dental opt-out period is open now until midnight September 30th, 2022. Please visit [www.masu.ca/health-dental](http://www.masu.ca/health-dental) for opt-out instructions, or contact Lindsay Murray, Insurance Plan Administrator at [masuhealth@mta.ca](mailto:masuhealth@mta.ca) or 506-364-3238 for more information. Alternatively, you can drop by to the MASU Office too!



## Orientation 2022

September 2nd, 2022

The end of August marked the start of the Fall semester and the welcome for all new students to Mount A. International, Meighen Centre and University Orientation took place between Aug. 29th - September 6th, featuring recreational and informational activities for all incoming students. Move-in day (Image 1) featured all the House executives and Orientation crew and committee working together to ensure a smooth welcome for new students into our Sackville community. This year, we received a record number of new students!

Orientation activities revived old traditions from pre-pandemic times such as the Corn Boil (Image 2), the Headphone Disco, and the Orientation Concert ft. Halifax Pier! This year also marked the debut of *Pilei Nipi* (Mi'kmaq for 'new leaf on a tree'), a renewed version of the traditional MtA commencement ceremony. It expressed to students the cultural and political significance of the unceded, ancestral lands of the Mi'kmaq upon which Mount Allison functions.

The MASU Executive would like to extend our thanks to Alix Corwin, Orientation Chair 2022 for her amazing work in organizing one of the largest Orientations in Mount A. history! The events ran without a hitch and were hugely popular among the incoming students. Wishing best of luck to all incoming students, have a great year!



## Executive Profile

**Suhjung Chun**

**VP Academic and Uni. Affairs**

Suhjung is our VPAU for the year 2022-23. She is responsible for all academic and internal advocacy. She sits on the University Senate and Board of Regents (the two highest governing bodies at MtA) as a member as well. This position is in-charge of coordinating all Senators on the SAC and their committee appointments. It also oversees academic programs such as the **PREP program** for students interested in standardized tests for graduate programs.

Suhjung is also the contact person to reach out to for academic integrity and general academic advising. Students are encouraged to reach out with issues regarding academic matters.

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## PRESS RELEASE

### NB-EI DISCONTINUATION

The MASU released a Press Release addressing the abrupt discontinuation of the NB-EI Connect program, urging the government to take immediate action to remediate the consequences being felt by students across the province.

You can read it directly here: [www.shorturl.at/bgmOP](http://www.shorturl.at/bgmOP)  
or find it on our website under [www.masu.ca/news-1](http://www.masu.ca/news-1)  
It will also be linked on our Linktree in our Bio.

## NB-EI Connect Update

September 4th, 2022

As reported on earlier, the GNB announced that the NB-EI Connect program which allowed almost 7000 students in NB to claim EI while in school, will no longer be operational. Since then, the MASU and NBSA have been advocating for mitigating measures.

A press release was published outlining students' concerns on the matter. Student testimonials and feedback was collected through social media and an online form to better understand student perspectives (30 responses garnered). MASU President & CEO (Rohin) completed interviews with CHMA, CBC and other New Brunswick media.

Furthermore, the President and VP, External (Ngoc) met with Trevor Holder, the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training, and Labor (PETAL) in a scheduled meeting on student issues. NB-EI Connect was a focal point in this discussion. Finally, the NBSA met with the Department of PETAL which included a meeting with Minister Holder to present asks from the NBSA. The asks (in brief) were:

- (1) Create a 1-year grace period for the program
- (2) Creation of adequate needs-based grants for those affected
- (3) An official statement explaining the discontinuation to students
- (4) Consultation on any similar future decisions

While the MASU and NBSA have been pushing for a response statement from the Dept. of PETAL, we have yet to hear back after multiple requests.

## Job Opportunities/Scholarships

September, 2022

With the start of the new semester, there are many opportunities for work! See below for some exciting ones:

### The MASU is hiring!

We are looking for an Allisonian Editor for the coming year.

The Allisonian Editor is responsible for

- The creation of the 'Allisonian' Yearbook.
  - Gathering textual, visual and photo material for the Yearbook
  - Designing the Yearbook cover
  - Ensuring timely delivery of the book
- Apply now: [www.masu.ca/apply](http://www.masu.ca/apply)

### Student Photography Assistant

Dept: MTA MarComm

Hours: 5/week | 13.50\$/hr

Positions: 2 available

Deadline: 15th Sept.

- Events + Portraits/Headshots
- Photography assistants will work directly with a marketing team member

Apply: Email [communications@mta.ca](mailto:communications@mta.ca)

### Experiential Learning Internships

Fall internships through the Exp. Learning office are now open! There are many internships available. The first deadline is soon, but more opportunities will be posted over the year. Emails communicating the same will also be sent to students. Make sure to check out the Mount Allison website ([mta.ca](http://mta.ca)) to learn more about these!

## MASU SAC Elections inbound

September 4th, 2022

As we start the new semester, the MASU is also conducting elections to complete the Students' Administrative Council (SAC) for the coming year.

This Fall, we will be electing:

- 2 General Representatives
- 1 First-year Representative
- 1 International Student Representative
- 1 Ethnic Diversity Representative
- 1 Gender and Sexual Diversity Rep.
- 1 Disability Representative

The nomination period will open on **Wednesday, September 14th** and close on **Monday, September 19th**. Two 'all-candidates' meetings will be held during this time (hybrid format) on **Friday, Sept. 16th** and **Sunday, Sept. 18th**. Anyone intending to run for a post must attend one of the two all-candidates meetings.

The **campaign period** will run from **Monday, Sept. 19th** to **Monday, Sept. 26th**. Then, voting takes place from **Tuesday, Sept. 27th** morning to **Wednesday, Sept. 28th** evening. Results of the elections will be communicated through the MASU office on the morning of **Sept. 29th**. Look out for an email from the President explaining the nomination details!

### Committees 2022-23

Applications for all MASU committees will open on **Sept. 14th** and close on **Sept. 29th**. The list of committees and caucuses can be found on the MASU website, as well as the link to the application. Visit [masu.ca/committees](http://masu.ca/committees) to apply!



## Executive Profile

### Ngoc Huynh VP External Affairs

Ngoc is our VPEA for the year 2022-23. He is responsible for all external facing advocacy through the MASU on the provincial, municipal and federal level. This includes items such as the NB-EI Discontinuation, Sackville ER Closures and more.

His position is also responsible for maintaining student-facing services such as the Food-Box and Bike Co-op programs, and the Off-Campus Housing Directory. Lastly, Ngoc is also responsible for Sustainable Initiatives that run through the MASU.

This year, Ngoc was elected the **Director of EDI** for 2022-23 within the **Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) Board of Directors**.

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