

MASU Monthly News Blast

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Land Acknowledgement

The Mount Allison Students' Union (MASU) operates on the unceded and Un surrendered lands of the Mi'kmaq people. As we share our own knowledge and ideas as an organization, may we also pay respect to the knowledge forever embedded within the Indigenous custodianship of this country, the land, and those who preserve it.

Shinerama - Upcoming Events!

Thursday, August 26th - Back to The Sack at the Pond from 9pm-12am

Minimum \$2 donation required to enter

Friday, August 27th - Annual Garden Party and Silent Auction at the Hammond House from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Tickets on sale now - \$10 at the MASU office and \$12 at the door

Saturday, August 28th - BBQ at Sackville Street Chalk Art Festival in the Bill Johnstone Memorial Park from 1pm-3pm

Sunday, August 29th - The Ultimate Frisbee Shine Showdown at the Landsdowne and Park Field from 1pm-4pm

\$5 per player registration fee - Team maximum of 10 and minimum of 7



Get out the Vote (GOTV)



What is GOTV?

Get Out The Vote is a non-partisan campaign intended to increase student voter turnout in the upcoming federal election. 2 million students have the capacity to make a big difference in this election, and it's important that each and every vote be cast.

How can I register to vote?

Elections Canada has a quick and easy online tool, available online that can help you ensure you are registered to vote.

If you are registered, Elections Canada's tool will show you the address at which you are registered. If that's not your current permanent address, you can change it to reflect where you currently live.

If you are not registered, you can also use the Elections Canada tool to register yourself in the riding associated with your address.

For more information on how and when to vote, go to

https://www.getoutthevote.ca/how_to_vote

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Fall Elections and Hiring

Want to get more involved in the MASU? Fall Elections, Hiring and Committee appointments are just around the corner.

September 15th: The nomination period for elected positions opens

September 6th: Applications for an Allisonian editor open to all students!

September 4th: Committee appointment applications open

Keep an eye on your MTA email for details on specific deadlines!

Find out more about how to get vaccinated in Canada:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/vaccines/how-vaccinated.html>

We have started our weekly Instagram live streams! check out our Instagram for details.

Hospital Advocacy

➡ What's happening:

The ER at the Sackville Hospital continues to be closed after 4pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays due to nursing shortages across NB. The ER was closed spontaneously during an evening this past week, and this entire past weekend.

➡ Why we're concerned:

There is no guarantee that the ER will be fully-operating again when the school year starts. This is concerning for varsity and club athletes competing on weekends, for new and international (and any) students without access to vehicles, for anyone who uses the ER regularly for medical/health conditions, and for all of us – accidents can happen at any time.

➡ What we have been doing:

VPEA Hannah has been in meetings all summer with community members, the MLA office and Horizon Health team advocating for the urgent need to re-open the ER 24/7 on weekends. The Mayor's, MTA and the MASU are sending letters to the NB government. Now, we are asking that you do, too.

➡ What we need you to do:

We are asking you to help us express to Health Minister Dorothy Shepherd that we need solutions now. From afar, please engage with our graphics and send emails and letters to Minister Shephard. In Sackville, there are advocacy toolkits available at @aidas.cafe, @sackvilleblooms, soon at @bagtownbrewing and at the MASU office with letter templates, envelopes and stamps for you to send your OWN letter to the government. All you need to do is ask for one at the cash/desk!

Don't hesitate to email masuexternal@mta.ca with any questions, comments or concerns!