

The Brock Leaders Citizenship Society

The Leader's Link: New Beginnings

Who we are

The Brock Leaders Citizenship Society is a group of exceptional students recognized for a combination of high academic achievement and personal leadership abilities. These students, prior to attending Brock University, have demonstrated academic excellence and have provided significant citizenship contribution to their community. Brock Leaders Citizenship Society members continue to achieve academic success while utilizing their past leadership abilities to continue to grow, motivate, organize, inspire and create opportunities for themselves, the University and surrounding community. The BLCS is excited to welcome both new and returning members to our expanded team of over 30 Brock Leaders. We are anxious to start new initiatives as individuals and as a team to continue to foster our leadership qualities.

President's Message

By Tessa Lofthouse

The start of school year has transformed the Brock Leaders Citizenship Society. While the newest members are settling into University life, our returning members are adjusting to changes within the BLCS. Our executive has worked throughout the summer to implement modifications to the way the society functions: the introduction of Robert's Rules of Order for ease of communication and an increase in democratic practices; consequently, an increase in policy-making which will help with the continuity of the society; a mentorship program for students with similar programs or interests; and finally, new initiatives. This year will be the first in which returning members will have an opportunity to choose initiatives to take on, and the ideas for these initiatives I have seen so far have been motivating. As a founding member, it is a pleasure for me to take on the presidency in my final year of my program. The progress I have seen over the past four years has been inspiring and I have an overwhelming sense of confidence that this society will continue to do amazing things individually and as a collective.

Experiences



Taylor Jones

This summer I worked at an Easter Seals Camp with young adults and youth with physical disabilities. This was my second summer at this camp and I had an amazing experience once again.

- Year 2, Concurrent Child and Youth Studies



Jenn Nurse

I am working for Pearson, an international publishing company, on the 2011-12 Student Advisory Board. This summer I had the opportunity to go to Washington, DC to meet the members of the advisory board and the Pearson employees who I will be working with over the year.

- Year 3, Concurrent Physical Education

2011 BLCS executives

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| President | Tessa Lofthouse |
| Vice President | Laura Broley |
| Communications Officer | Jera Bortolussi |
| Secretary | Kristina Wamboldt |
| Public Relations | Taylor Jones |
| Member Liason | Amanda Slamka |
| Member at Large | Tyler Plyley |
| Staff Administrator | W. Aaron House |



Brock Leader's raising funds in the sun with Boomer the Badger at Shinerama. This was the BLCS's first philanthropy event of the 2011 school year.

Charity events

Shinerama

This year the BLCS team participated in Brock's Shinerama campaign to help fight cystic fibrosis. Our site alone raised more than \$2000 by washing cars and collecting donations from community members. This event not only raised funds and awareness for a worthwhile cause, but also provided an opportunity for our members to bond and reconnect. This successful volunteer opportunity has definitely set a positive tone for our upcoming year together as the BLCS. **To date, the BLCS has raised more than \$4000 to fight Cystic Fibrosis through Shinerama.**

Alumni Social

Our first annual BLCS Alumni Social was a huge success. The Brock Leaders attended the Grape and Wine Festival Parade, which was followed by an intimate gathering. The hard work that was put into this event definitely showed, and it allowed current members to show appreciation to the growing alumni. The BLCS is grateful for the alumni who have helped to shape the society. Alumni are currently involved in graduate studies in education (Brock University); medicine (University of Toronto) and pharmacy (University of Waterloo).

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Badger Alumni Awards

The BLCS is proud to recognize two of our members who were selected by Brock's Alumni Board to be the recipients of two prestigious awards.

Jera Bortolussi

Jera, the current Communications Officer, was the recipient of the Silver Badger Award which recognizes her high academic standing and her ongoing contribution to the Brock University community.

Rohan Kothari

Rohan, former president of the BLCS, was the recipient of the Badger Award. He was recognized for his outstanding leadership skills demonstrated through his involvement in the Brock community while maintaining exceptional academic standing.

The Brock Leaders Citizenship Society is extremely proud of our members' commendable accomplishments.

