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**Director Plan 2020-2021**

**Dawson Student Union**

**Director of Student Life**

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**Presented to the Executive Committee on October 21, 2020.**



### **Plans for the Fall Semester 2020**

1. Collaborate with the MSU for Halloween
  - a. Details to come. We will be having a meeting this Thursday.
2. Volunteer fair
  - a. Different organizations will be presenting the different volunteer opportunities that they offer, so that students can decide which organization will be a better fit for them.
3. Volunteer webinar
  - a. Le Réseau de l'action bénévole du Québec will be doing a presentation on the importance of volunteer work, and how it can open many doors for students.
4. Student TED talk
  - a. Each week, one student from Dawson or another anglophone CEGEP will record himself talking about something relevant (how to take notes during online school, how to overcome COVID depression, etc)
5. Webinar or workshop about different topics given by someone relevant to the topic of choice
  - a. This workshops and or webinars will focus on topics that are not usually covered in school such as how to build a good credit score , how to manage your finances, why is so important to start investing early, anxiety, stress, online school, etc
6. Dawson`s got talent (has been moved to the winter semester)



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- a. I will be collaborating with CLL for this activity. Students will send videos to Michele, and these will be posted on the DSU page as well as the CLL page. During the course of the week, students will vote between two different videos, and the winner will be placed against another student, and so on until the finals where a winner will be chosen.
7. Holiday and Stress free week before finals
  - a. Details to be announced.
8. Monthly Self-Care challenges
  - a. At the beginning of each month, a theme will be chosen, and a calendar will be posted on the DSU ig page. Students will have a challenge per day. They will have to post on their IG stories proof that the challenge has been completed. They HAVE to tag the DSU page so I can keep track of who has completed the challenge. At the end of the month, three students who have completed all 30 or 31 challenges will receive a reward.
9. 16 days Activism against gender violence
  - a. work with clubs and services as well as the hive to prepare activities that will educate



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students in this topic

10. Create a Discord for Dawson students (Id will be provided for verification purposes).
  - a. This will help students keep track of the different activities. (Channels) and they will also be able to communicate with their fellow students

### **Timeline Fall 2020**

- Halloween events: October 26-30
- Volunteer fair: Second week of November if I can arrange for more than 5 organizations to participate. If this is not possible, the fair will be held on the first two weeks of the Winter semester
- Volunteer webinar: November 9th (if I get a confirmation)
- Student TED talk: one every week starting on the first week of November hopefully
- Webinar and workshops
  - One in november, in collaboration with two staff members who will be holding a workshop on motivation and concentration during online school.
  - One in the first week of December
- Holiday and Stress free week before finals: December 1-4
- Monthly Challenge: First one will be posted on October 31 so students can have the time to prepare. A countdown will be posted in an ig story.
- 16 days of activism against gender violence: November 25th to December 10th

### **Plans for Winter 2021 Semester**

1. Monthly Self-Care challenges
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three students who have completed all 28, 30 or 31 challenges will receive a reward.

2. Intercollegiate competitions (if Montreal is not a red zone by then)
  - a. We will have different competitions ranging from intellectual to sports to crafts to DIY to talents. I will be providing more details in the months to come
3. Dawson trivia competition
  - a. We will have different categories set up, and students will compete against each other in the category of their choice. A big prize will be given to the winner
4. Organize, along with the college administration, peer study groups per program.
  - a. A way to for students to be mentally sane during times of COVID
5. Organize, along with the First Year students' office a peer program for first year students (those who will be starting, and those who started in the Fall semester).
  - a. This will help students build a relationship and make friends because it sure sucks to start CEGEP online and to not know anyone.
6. Volunteer fair
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11. Black history month activities

- a. Work with Club and Services as well as CLL. More details TBA

12. International women's day workshops and webinars

- a. webinars and workshops. Very strong influential canadian women will be invited.

13. Activities for Valentine's day, Easter are TBD AND TBA

**Timeline Winter 2021**

- Monthly self-care challenges: Will be posted at the beginning of each month
- Intercollegiate competitions: One or two per month if restrictions are lifted
- Dawson trivia competition: Beginning of March and Beginning of May
- Study groups: Will begin on February 1st
- Peer Program for First year students: January 27th
- Volunteer fair: February 10th (another date will be determined if many students cannot participate)
- Volunteer Webinar: February 8th
- Student TED talk: One each week starting on February 1st.
- Webinar: start in february, one the first week of every month.
- Dawson's got talent: First week of April
- Black history month: throughout february.

**Long-Term Year Plans 2020-2021**



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1. Work with Club and Services to ensure that students engage in different club activities
2. Work with External Affairs to plan different events with other anglophone CEGEPS
3. Work with External Affairs and Internal Affairs and Advocacy to organize a Dawson TEDX event.
4. Work with CLL to organize and promote activities because at the end of the day we just want students to have fun
5. Be the liaison between student volunteers and organization. Help students find a volunteer opportunity that fits their personality and interests.
6. Create a student runned podcast through the re-established student radio at Dawson.
7. Hold office hours in order to take into consideration student's ideas and feedback
8. Collaborate with political non-partisan organizations such as Apathy is Boring and Y4Y Quebec for further engaging the student body in collaboration with the Director of External Affairs.
9. Manage and coordinate volunteers (create an infrastructure for effectively coordinating with DSSu departments). Work with the Chairperson and DSU employees to establish a proper structure to volunteering with specific positions and tasks. Also work to establish an effective time tracking system where students can see how much they have completed.

### **Director Plan Approval**

This Director plan was approved at a regular meeting of the Dawson Student Union's Executive Committee that took place on the November 5th 2020. The Director certifies that they will attempt, to the best of their ability, to complete tasks presented in this plan for the duration of their current mandate as a member of the Executive Committee of the Dawson Student Union. This plan can be amended by



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the Director, but any amendment must be approved by the Executive Committee.

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Director Name - Director Position

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Date

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Kevin Contant-Holowatyj - Chairperson

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Date