



Open Letter to Ravens

Ravens,

This past year has been challenging to the say the least. This pandemic has affected us all one way or another. Many of us struggled with the adjustment from campus life to "Zoom University". Many of us wondered from week to week if we would have a job to pay rent and put food on the table. Many of us struggled with isolation, and it took a serious toll on our mental health.

Thankfully, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting closer and closer. Yesterday, Ontario announced that they will begin vaccinating all adults as of May 24th. In hearing that news, I'm sure you all—as we did—breathed a sigh of relief.

Yesterday, Carleton's Senate also passed the "Return to Campus Plan". We are so excited to welcome many of you back in September. By Winter 2022, we hope everyone can join us on campus and celebrate our return to normalcy together as one big Ravens family.

As our one-year Executive term begins today, I speak on behalf of the incoming CUSA Executive when I say we are honoured you've trusted us to lead our community into the post-COVID world. We're incredibly excited to get started on the road ahead.

Our team has been tasked with one main goal: building a CUSA that works for all Ravens. That starts by uprooting the CUSA status quo and rebuilding students' trust in their Student Association.

Building an elections system that recognizes and brings out the best in us is an investment into the future of CUSA—and it's a change long overdue. We want to ensure that Ravens feel safe and heard if they want to step up and serve our community. We've learned from past elections that we need to do better. I promise you: we will do better.

This year, you're going to see many changes in the way CUSA operates. All of our work will be backed by the philosophy that our community is stronger when Ravens are united, not divided. To our new CUSA Councillors, I hope you're ready! We've got a busy year ahead. All in all, we want to thank you for this incredible opportunity. As we get ready to kick off the 2021-22 year together, our virtual CUSA office is always open. Please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any of the executives if you have concerns or suggestions, we'd love to chat!

All the best Ravens.

Keep staying safe,

Matt Gagné

CUSA President 2021-22