

My name is Kendall Ananyi and I am honored to present my statement of candidacy for the Senate. I am a dedicated alumni and founder of Tizeti, an internet service provider committed to bridging the digital divide and backed by YCombinator, silicon valley's top accelerator, I bring a wealth of experience in technology, innovation, and community engagement to this role.

With a Masters from the Electrical & Computer Engineering department and background in, software, management and finance at 2AAA companies, ExxonMobil, Microsoft and PricewaterhouseCoopers, I possess a diverse skillset that I'm eager to leverage in service of the University of Victoria. My professional experiences have equipped me with an understanding of organizational planning, and resource management, all of which are essential for the governance of our academic community.

I pledge to advocate for the enhancement of academic standards by fostering a culture of excellence that every student receives a high-quality education that prepares them for success in their fields.

Furthermore, I am committed to promoting accessibility and inclusivity in higher education. Through my work with Tizeti, I have witnessed the transformative power of internet connectivity in underdeveloped communities. I will strive to expand access to educational resources, particularly for underrepresented groups.

In alignment with the Senate's responsibilities, I will actively participate in committees and develop innovative approaches that meet the evolving needs of our university.

Additionally, I recognize the importance of fiscal responsibility and strategic planning in sustaining the University's mission and values. I will work to allocate resources effectively, prioritize investment in key initiatives, and ensure transparency in decision-making.

Together, let us seize this opportunity to shape the future of our University and empower our students to become global citizens and leaders.

Thanks for your consideration. I look forward to advance our shared vision for the University of Victoria.