I have obtained a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Chemistry from UVic in 2018 after four years of rigorous course work and research. After graduation, I have stayed at UVic to pursue a Master of Science in Chemistry; by the time this passage goes public, I would hopefully successfully defend my thesis. My academic and research excellence has been recognized by a number of awards, including a UVic Graduate Fellowship ($10,000). I am also a teaching assistant, teaching senior-level inorganic chemistry laboratory with a generally great reputation from students and supervisors.

During my studies and stay at UVic I am actively engaged in the communities, both on and off-campus. Most notably, I have served on the UVic Senate as a student representative representing graduate students. Having intersecting identities as a trans woman, an international student, a graduate researcher, and an educator, I have been a strong advocate and brought a diverse range of perspectives in robust discussions on university calendar changes, awards, and adaptations of university activities and policies in the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is also from those valuable experiences that I realized the utmost crucial rule the UVic Senate plays and the rippling effect its decisions would have.

Regardless of how far or how close we are from UVic, all alumni and staffs benefit from UVic’s increasing educational quality, engagement with communities as a responsible institution, and student satisfaction. We care about those decisions that was made on UVic Senate, whether routine or exceptional, as they ultimately relate to our stories and identities. It is with that spirit that I want to be your convocation senator.