

## OUR INTERNS: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### AHN, KATIE (ALBERTA), CLASS OF 2013

I took part in the Parliamentary Internship program in the fall of 2013. Upon completion of my internship program in Member of Parliament Rob Anders' office, I was hired in Calgary as his Constituency Assistant. I continued to work in his riding office until September 2015, when I moved back to Ottawa to start my first year of studies at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law. My internship experience confirmed my interests in public law and inspired me to pursue study law in the nation's capital, home to the Supreme Court of Canada and the headquarters of the federal government. The mentoring and guidance I received from Senator Yonah Martin, Peer Mentors and fellow interns was invaluable in choosing Ottawa to be home. With these interpersonal connections and the strong community that the internship has established for me in Ottawa, I look forward to becoming a contributing member of the Parliamentary Internship Program as an alumnus.



### BUCHHOLZ, LEAH (B.C), CLASS OF 2011

Since relocating to Toronto, Leah Buchholz has dove into Canada's flourishing tech. ecosystem. As a Technical Recruiter, she has worked with a variety of businesses from large enterprises to well funded start-ups. In February she will join Canada's fastest growing FinTech start-up, Wealthsimple leading the Talent Acquisition for their technical needs. With \$32 million secured in their Series A round, Wealthsimple is rapidly transforming the way individuals are investing and saving for their future.

Ever curious to learn and grow, Leah has obtained her certification of core business credentials from HBX, Harvard Business School's e-platform. She has also continued to provide council to her first non-profit, the Asian Adult Adoptees of British Columbia as the group re-establishes its presence in the province. In recognition of her community service, varied professional experience, and leadership, Leah has been selected to attend the Governor General's Leadership Conference later this year. The conference brings together Canada's emerging leaders from across the country to discuss this year's theme: Leadership and the Canada We Will Build.



### CHE, KAILIN (B.C), CLASS OF 2012

The Parliamentary program was an incredible learning opportunity that provided me with the chance to work on the hill while receiving valuable mentorship from Senator Martin. The experience inspired and equipped me with the necessary tools to further engage in the areas of law, politics and public policy. After the completion of the program, I continued working for the government at the Ministers' Regional Office in BC. Currently, I am studying law at Queen's University.



### CHOI, YOUNGWOON (ALBERTA), CLASS OF 2011

Since the completion of my Parliamentary internship program, I have graduated from my Master degree in International Affairs at Carleton University and am currently working in Employment and Social Development Canada as a policy analyst. Now my family and I are living in Kanata and enjoying our lives every moment.



### JANG, JUDY (B.C), CLASS OF 2013

After finishing my B.A from McGill University in July 2013, I was very fortunate to be part of the 2013 Parliamentary Internship & Mentoring Program. The internship not only gave me a tremendous Parliamentary experience, but also the opportunity to meet awesome people. After the completion of the internship, I was hired as a full-time assistant to Senator Yonah Martin. After working for two years in Ottawa, I moved back to Vancouver to join a campaign for the 2015 Federal Election as a campaign manager. Currently, I am pursuing a Master's of Arts in International Development and Global Studies at the University of Ottawa.



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### **KIM, GLORIA (ALBERTA), CLASS OF 2012**

I am in my third year of studies at McGill Faculty of Law, pursuing a combined B.C.L./LL.B. degree. At McGill, I am the Citations Editor for Volume 61 of the McGill Law Journal, and I volunteer at the Center for Research Action on Race Relations to help out with discrimination cases. In my last semester, I hope to study abroad in Paris to broaden my understanding of the civil law system, European institutions, and the French language. This summer, I look forward to working at business law firms in Toronto and New York City. Thank you for your continued interest in our Korean-Canadian student network. We have you to thank for the opportunities we encounter and the successes we share.



### **KIM, JI-YOUNG (ONTARIO), CLASS OF 2011**

At the end of the internship program at The Honourable Tony Clement's Office, I was offered full time employment as his Parliamentary Assistant. I had the privilege to witness firsthand how Canadian federal politics work in both riding and ministerial offices and grew interest in Canadian politics. I was also lucky to be in Ottawa to attend the many Year of Korea events that took place in 2013. After working in Parliament, I took on a new role as a Coordinator for International Relations/Prefectural Advisor at the International Affairs Bureau of Fukuoka Prefectural Government in Japan for two years. There, I found myself using the skills and experiences that I had gained while working in the Parliament of Canada as I assisted with communication between the governments of Fukuoka and foreign countries and translated government documents. In the future, I hope to leverage my experiences and skills gained from both governments and further my knowledge in international public policy at a graduate school.



### **KIM, JULIE (B.C.), CLASS OF 2011**

After the Parliamentary Internship, Julie changed her course to pursue a law degree instead of a doctoral degree. The internship experience inspired Julie to discover how effective and practical law can be to address needs of our community and solve complex problems in our society. Most importantly, the connections she made in Ottawa endure well beyond the program. Julie continues to stay in touch with her peers from the internship program. Additionally, Julie's homestay host during her internship, Monica Song, a lawyer, has become an inspiring role model during her study in law. She wishes to utilize her training in law and psychology to advocate for families and children.



### **KIM, MICHELLE (ONTARIO), CLASS OF 2016**

The Parliamentary intern program was quite the extraordinary experience. Four months went by in the blink of an eye and the connections that were made, the friendships that were forged, and the full blown exposure to parliamentary affairs, were experiences that cannot be replicated. I had made my way back to Toronto for the holidays when I received a call from MP Chandra Arya asking if I'd like to return to his office for January. Having carefully mulled over his offer, I politely declined. Toronto is my home. I am currently looking for opportunities back home in the field of research and analysis, which aligns more with my skills and interests. I am also in the process of applying for a PhD. My fingers are crossed! I truly believe in keeping the doors open and through faith, hard-work, and an optimistic mind, that we will be led in the right direction. Thank you for this opportunity.



### **KIM, ANITA (B.C.), CLASS OF 2016**

During the 2016 Parliamentary Internship Program, I was placed in the office of the Honourable Tony Clement. At the end of January 2017, I will be returning back to Ottawa as I was offered a full time position as MP Clement's Parliamentary Assistant. I plan to further develop and polish my knowledge and skills gained through this internship program to benefit both my member and to make beneficial contributions and changes for the future generations. I thank Senator Martin for being the greatest mentor and role model for many 1.5/2<sup>nd</sup> generation Korean-Canadians like myself, and for establishing this wonderful program, which allows young adults to get first hand experience in the political realm. I am truly honoured and grateful to have been offered an extended privilege to return back on the majestic grounds of Parliament hill. I wish the best to my fellow 2016 interns, mentors, and future enrollees to this program. Good luck!



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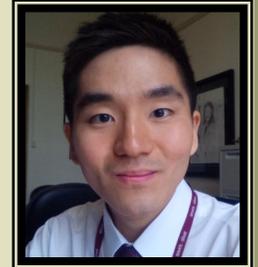
### **KIM, STEVE (ONTARIO), CLASS OF 2013**

I took part in the Parliamentary Internship and Mentoring Program during the fall term of 2013. Upon completion of the program, I have completed by final year of undergraduate studies at the University of Ottawa, specializing an honours degree in History. I had originally studied at Queen's University for the first two years of my undergrad, but transferred to uOttawa during the internship.



### **KOO, RYAN (ONTARIO), CLASS OF 2013**

During law school, I volunteered at Senator Martin's office. Upon Senator Martin's appointment as Deputy Leader of the Government, I had the invaluable opportunity to work as her Legislative Assistant. Working on Parliament Hill allowed me to experience the law-making process first hand. Through the experience, I rediscovered my passion for the law and found my calling. In June 2016, I graduated from the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law. I am currently completing my Articles of Clerkship with the federal Department of Justice, ESDC Legal Services.



### **LEE, CHRISTINE (TORONTO), CLASS OF 2014**

In the fall of 2014, I began my Parliamentary Internship in the office of the Honourable Tony Clement. At the end of the internship, I was offered a position as his full-time Member's Assistant, succeeding Ji-Young Kim (one of the 2012 interns) and worked for him for two years. In my position, I was able to apply my knowledge and skills to communicate and aid our constituents. I look forward to continually contributing to the Korean-Canadian community in a meaningful way.



### **LEE, DAVID (ALBERTA), CLASS OF 2012**

I am currently working as a North America Branch Manager for ADM21, a global automotive parts Manufacturing company based in Korea. Although my career path has shifted since Ottawa, I have clearly noticed how the training and learning from Ottawa perfectly applies to my current work. Moreover, I am serving the community to share my experience from Ottawa. I am a member of the National Unification Advisory Council special project team which focuses on raising awareness among youth and young adults about unification and other NK issues. I wish to extend my most sincere thanks to all those who supported my journey to Ottawa. Without the incredible internship and mentoring program, I would not be where I am today.



### **LEE, GRACE (ONTARIO), CLASS OF 2012**

Following my internship, I worked full-time for former MP Barry Devolin for 2 years until the Fall of 2014, when I began work as the Special Assistant to Senator Yonah Martin. I am extremely thankful for the opportunity to have worked for the both of them as they are champions of the Korean-Canadian community, Canada-Korea relations and genuinely interested in North Korean issues. I truly feel that the Parliamentary Internship & Mentoring Program is an amazing stepping stone for 1.5/2nd generation Korean Canadians like me to better understand politics and learn to play a key role in shaping Canada's future. Senator Yonah Martin has individually mentored and guided me by her example to be a leader and history maker during my time on Parliament Hill.



### **LEE, MICHELLE (ALBERTA), CLASS OF 2016**

My internship was a new and exciting stage of my life. I learned many things about Parliament, and I gained much more respect for all the hard work they do. I am currently at a branched-out path of my life, considering graduate studies as well as a career path at the same time. It has been a restful and wonderful January, and I wish nothing but the best to all my fellow interns for the new year. Thank you, Senator Martin, for always being there to always support us and cheer us through!



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### **PARK, ABIGAIL (ALBERTA), CLASS OF 2014**

In the Fall of 2014, I had the honour of working for Minister Jason Kenney in his Ministerial Office. Ottawa offered me a new home, life-long friendships and constructive challenges. Upon finishing this eye-opening internship experience, I was able to extend my experience as Administrative Assistant to Senator Yonah Martin in 2015. Senator Martin has been a great guide throughout my journey in Ottawa and continues to be my mentor. As I am back in my hometown, I look forward to becoming 'as strong as two people' to better serve the community and wider society in Calgary.



### **PARK, AUDREY (SEOUL, KOREA), CLASS OF 2016**

Greetings from Seoul, South Korea! After my completion of the HPP internship in Ottawa, I came back to my home – Seoul. Being reunited with my loving family and friends has been a rewarding time to me after a long flight from Canada. Interning for the Honorable Senator Yonah Martin's office was an incredible opportunity that allowed me to grow and learn about Canadian Politics and legislative procedure. This valuable experience will be a stepping stone for me to pursue my next goal. I will be finishing my Master's Degree in Politics at Yonsei University in August 2017. After graduating from my Master's Degree, I am going to apply for a PhD degree to continue my academic career. I look forward to visiting Canada as a scholar in the future and I will always miss my peer mentors and fellow interns. Many blessings from Korea!



### **RA, EMILY (B.C./QUE), CLASS OF 2012**

I am currently working in Montréal for Camfil Power Systems. Camfil manufactures air filters for all different types of applications and in Power Systems we make air intake systems for Gas Turbines in power generation and oil and gas field. My function is Sales Application Engineering but I've also taken a role in our state-of-the-art Test and Learn center. Here, I get to test filter performance using some high tech and some simple old school gadgets. I am excited in this new step in my career. Everyday I get to try something new and learn how to do a new test. The "learn" part of the center is also as exciting. We invite customers, scholars and researchers to learn about air filtration and see what our capabilities are. In this company many new ideas can see fruition as everyone works together to make it happen. New technology is being developed to make filters "smart" in this internet-of-things age. I do believe our vision can be our future here. What more can an engineer ask?



### **SEBASTIANI, MATTHEW (B.C), CLASS OF 2012**

Senator Martin has mentored me for almost nine years, when I first volunteered on her campaign in 2008. Interning with Senator Martin was a rewarding experience and it taught me many life skills. I worked for Senator Martin as her Regional Assistant from July 2013 until April 2015. Upon completing my Bachelor's Degree with an Honours in Economics in April 2015, I transitioned to Senator Martin's Ottawa office as her Special Assistant. In May 2016, I returned to Vancouver and became a licenced insurance broker, working in independent business insurance; I am also still involved in Senator Martin's office as an Economic and Issues Advisor. I am thankful to Senator Martin for the many opportunities she has given me.



### **SEO, CLAIRE (ALBERTA), CLASS OF 2012**

I am the Co-founder and Vice President at Diversus Media Group Ltd, which I started with three partners, to be engaged in form, in the harmony of "diversity". We help corporations, businesses, governments and organizations in broadening their marketing by appealing to multi-cultural communities. Ottawa was truly an eye-opening experience for me and I'm still engaged in politics to this day - learning and gaining invaluable insights in serving the public through different networks. I am grateful to everyone who supported me during my internship experience. My journey continues but the 4-month internship experience in 2012 will remain as a special milestone in my life. To my fellow interns, I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

