

Dear International members,

Hope you are all keeping well at this tough time of COVID pandemic. I wish your families back home safe and sound health. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for re-electing me as your international officer in the last executive election of your local.

There are two important updates that I need to give on behalf of your international committee. The committee is currently organizing the International Art and Music competition with a submission date of the 30th of July. There has been a good response from the international community with a high number of active engagements to showcase their extracurricular activities. As previously noted in the previous email blast from the local and my video message, this competition was intended for two reasons. First, to showcase and inspire the talent of the international students and second, to help the winners with \$200 towards their monthly expense during this tough time. Due to a large number of submissions than expected and a strong sense of enthusiasm, we decided to increase the number of winners to two students for each category. Students securing the first position will receive \$200 as declared before with the second-place holder also receiving \$100 each respectively for each category of artwork and music.

The second update I have is regarding the CUPE3906 cricket club. Although our club gradually rolled out on to the field activities since last month, we are sorry to announce a temporary suspension of our club activities due to health and safety reasons. As we could not secure a proper ground and pitch with even bounce for playing cricket, the safety issue was raised in the last executive meeting. Following the executive meeting decision, the international committee decided to suspend the activities until further notice. We hope to resume our play after addressing all the unresolved health and safety issues.

Finally, I want to thank all the international graduate members for their help and support throughout my last two years of office in CUPE3906 local. I look forward to working with you for the next tenure. Feel free to reach out at international@cupe3906.org with any queries that you might have regarding your UHIP and living here in Hamilton.

In solidarity

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