

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND COVID-19: EXPERIENCES, POLICIES AND OPTIONS

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CHRIS BUSCH
ASSOCIATE VICE-PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

As a senior higher education leader, Chris has led a broad range of initiatives in the areas of strategic enrolment management, internationalization, career development, student engagement, and experiential learning. In his current role as Associate Vice-President Enrolment Management at the University of Windsor's, he is responsible for orchestrating the institution's enrolment and internationalization strategies to support the University's teaching, research, and global engagement mandates. He is recognized as a skilled implementer of change, who is frequently seconded into leadership positions to lead large-scale transformation initiatives.



LARISSA BEZO
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
CANADIAN BUREAU FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Currently serving as President and Chief Executive Officer, Larissa Bezo possesses 25 years of professional experience, including 15 years in the international development and education sector. She has served in senior leadership positions in both the public and not-for-profit sectors and worked with the World Bank and the International Centre for Policy Studies in Ukraine. As a senior executive, she works to provide effective leadership to build organizational capacity and resilience, foster durable partnerships, navigate sensitive political, intercultural and international issues and mobilize resources to achieve organizational priorities. Larissa graduated from the University of Regina with a Master of Arts in Political Science.

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30 2020
3 :00P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.



NATHANIEL VELTKAMP
MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AT ST. CLAIR COLLEGE

Nathaniel has worked with international students for the past five years at St. Clair College in Windsor, Ontario, and is currently the Manager of International Recruitment and Project Development. Prior to this, Nathaniel was a Special Assistant to the Member of Parliament for Chatham-Kent, M.P. Dave Van Kesteren, who was a member of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development. Nathaniel is a proud graduate of the University of Windsor.



VALERIE PRESTON
PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, BUILDING MIGRANT RESILIENCE IN CITIES – IMMIGRATION ET RÉSILIENCE EN MILIEU URBAIN (BMRC-IRMU)

She is a professor in the Department of Geography at York University where she teaches urban social geography. She has published extensively on issues related to migration and settlement in Canada. Collaborating with academics, researchers and community partners, Valerie leads the partnership's research program and provides advice about knowledge mobilization. Through knowledge exchange between academic institutions, government and nongovernmental organizations, her goals are to examine the factors affecting settlement outcomes, identify ways to enhance newcomers' abilities and strategies for overcoming settlement challenges, and pilot strategies that facilitate the efforts of social institutions to promote migrant resilience.



ANKIT TRIPATHI
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

Ankit is an international student hailing from India. He is a 4th-year student at Trent University, majoring Environmental Science and Business Admin at the Peterborough campus. He is a student organizer at his campus with the Trent International Students Association (TISA) and Trent Central Students Association (TCSA). He is also the International Students Representative at the Canadian Federation of Students, National. In his role, he is working on ways to mobilize more international students in Canada's student movement and demand for better treatment from governments and Educational institutions overall and to be included in a publicly funded Post-secondary education model, OHIP and other public services.

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