**MDXSU Elections 2021**

**Vice President Science & Technology**

**Candidates**

Ore Abimbola

Adetunji Ademola

Sohni Ahluwalia

Khushbu Bhalodia

Anastasia Calin

Umiom Edem

Aryan Gupta

Maddie King

Amna Malik

Cephas Mpungu

Joshua Omodiagbe

Komal Singh

**Ore Abimbola**

Manifesto Points for election campaign-Ore Abimbola- Vice President Role for Science and Technology Department

Slogan- “Students Deserve Better”

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1. Help student financially by cancelling rent payments if they must self-isolate due to Covis e.g., rent rebates.
2. Set up a mental health group for students who feel isolated during Covid-mental health.
3. Make learning in lessons more interactive through using quizzes and practicing the concept of active recall- educational.
4. Make assessments that develop real world employability skills like communication, creative thinking and problem solving-educational.
5. Investment in digital capability of department so every student can access on online learning regardless of background- educational.
6. No detriment policy to ensure fairness in grading- educational.

I would like to become the Vice President of the Science and Technology department because I am passionate to represent student’s views and implement their ideas to make student experience at the university better. Also, I would also make the most of this opportunity to develop my soft skills such as communication, leadership skills, teamwork skills and listening and giving feedback. Also, I am willing to learn about student’s perspectives on issues affecting them inside university and work together to cater to them and meet specific needs of each student. More specifically, I want to change the student's learning experience through the concept of active recall. Simply, this is when students learn and revise through the act of testing themselves over an extended period through spaced repetition.

This can be done through doing quizzes in lectures and seminars by using apps such as Kahoot to test students’ knowledge and reinforcing to allow them to perform better in exams at the end of the year. This would help students to further engage in lessons and make the experience better, both for students and for teachers.

Personally, I believe that developing employability skills is the way to secure future opportunities in the world of work. This can be done by doing case studies that allow students to answer questions based on real-life scenarios which would allow students to think outside the box develop innovate solutions to any problem in any given situation.

Also, by doing presentations all students to speak confidently on a topic, which would develop vital communication needed in any career you venture into.

I believe that I am qualified and suitable for this role because I have taken part in challenging endeavours in which I developed teamwork and collaboration skills by doing the autumn NCS project. Also, I have worked in my secondary school’s school council, in which me and other individuals discussed several issues about the school and worked in teams to create posters and publicity material to raise awareness of issues affecting students. All of this would have trained me up for this opportunity. Also, I have taken part in extra-curricular activities by taking part in music clas to develop singing and sight-reading skills for over a year.

Finally, I believe in equality of opportunity and that every student should be put first in everything and that no student should be left out in anything. Also, I believe that student’s welfare is something that needs to be tackled, especially during this Covid-19 pandemic where student’s mental health has been a pertinent issue that has disproportionately undergraduate students due to self-isolation, which could affect their emotional wellbeing and their performance in their studies. The government have ignored students and I want to step in to make a difference.

I hope that my manifesto has convinced you to vote for me as your representative for Vice President for the Science and Technology department.

**Adetunji Ademola**

Hello there. I am Adetunji Ademola from Ghana and would love to serve you as student President Science and Technology Middlesex University. It would be great to have a fresh approach or perspective that would bring new solutions or ideas to how things are done currently.

The one thing which I can promise you is that I will campaign and lobby relentlessly on your behalf to try and improve your time at Middlesex. I may not have the necessary experience but I have the passion to do this!

I have had a wonderful time being President of the Ghana clearing house association for about five years now where I worked with the central bank to oversee the over 25 commercial banks in country. I played active part in championing complaints banks had and also how best to foster harmony amongst banks just to name a few.

I am enthusiastic about improving our Students’ Union and the services it provides and would love it if you voted for me and allowed me to make the changes that we need! My people skills are top notch and very approachablewhich makes me an ideal candidate for the role.

Vote for me and you would be glad you did.

**Sohni Ahluwalia**

SOHNI AHLUWALIA

VICE PRESIDENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

As a Vice President my goal is to make more opportunities for all students to connect.

I desire to construct and research many astonishing things close by students and staff, to encourage eagerness advance abilities for other universities subsidiaries to come and share, meaning to agreeably find out about the astounding things the students have to bring to the table. Posting data and arranging prospects of sponsored rivalries just as representing the faculty.

Principally my desire is to help uphold the Science and Technology students with future improvement and engagement concerning their particular course abilities. I mean to sort out and run a progression of occasions for students to improve and apply their different abilities in individual and group based difficulties.

#VOTEFORSOHNIAHLUWALIA

NEW LEADER. NEW VISION. NEW DIRECTION.

Welfare:

* Mental health help for students suffering due to the pandemic and getting them help through video calls or phone call counselling sessions.
* Financial support to students due to the on going pandemic
* Helping international students with increased instalment plans
* Working closely with student reps in knowing what they would need the most for their courses
* Supporting LGBTQ societies in anyway I could
* More Internships and placements opportunities given to international and home students

Facilities:

* More computers available for science and tech students with relevant software
* Making sure al online lectures are recorded for students to go back to and go through them.
* Helping students with internet connections as online studies continue due to the ongoing pandemic and not all students have the tools and facilities to go online.

Academic:

* Helping students get more information and right help in getting jobs
* More opportunities for students to connect and work together, also making it happen with different universities with similar courses
* Equal opportunities for home students and international students
* Helping international students with English and better understanding of their work
* More guest lectures for students( After speaking to students, I know this is something they have been asking for)

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VOTING OPENS:

15th - 18th February, 2021

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**Khushbu Bhalodia**

VICE-PRESIDENT MANIFESTO

INTRODUCTION

My name is Khushbu Bhalodia and I am a student of MSc Computer Science. I am basically from India and coming from Gujarati community. I completed my bachelor’s in 2015 with Distinction. I am having inbuilt leadership nature from childhood. I am enthusiastic in accepting new challenges and new roles in life.

EXPERIENCE

I am having 5 years of work experience in IT Industry. During my career, I worked as Team Leader as well as Project Coordinator which taught me skills of leadership and skills to solve all kind of problems. I always took part in leadership and come out as a best leader always among all.

OBJECTIVE

My main aim is to lead the political and campaigning direction of the Students’ Union and representing students at university meetings. I will work with Student voice leaders to identify issues and campaign for change. I will focus on better life of every student as well as represent all the students in the area of Computer Science. I will work around the environment, student welfare and student groups.

My second aim is to improve academic experience of students within the Computer science course study. I will make student feel comfortable in Middlesex University environment. During my officer post, I will work with all students in a friendly manner. So that students will feel free to share their issues with me. I will consider academic issues and lead on campaigns to promote change that benefits students and for that I will work alongside relevant Student’s Union support staff. I will encourage students to share their reviews in terms of getting better solution. I will become coordinator between students and senior executives. I will regularly attend meeting with members of staff across the university including senior executive to talk about issues affecting students and convince them to apply changes in the favor of students. My third aim is to represent the students across the local community, policy-forming bodies and national groups.

SUMMARY

* Friendly behavior with students
* Apply changes for the benefit of students
* Encourage students to share their reviews
* Coordination between students and senior executives
* Represent the Middlesex University student body across the local community, policy-forming bodies and national groups.
* Attend the MDXSU’s Union Council meeting and represent academic performance

**Anastasia Calin**

ANASTASIA CALIN

MY EXPERIENCE:

* Student Voice Leader
* Student Advisor
* STEM mentor
* Science Presenter

MY GOALS:

* Better work opportunities
* Enhance relationships among students from different programmes
* Build a healthy community
* Support students fighting anxiety, depression, and obesity

FOLLOW ME:

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VOTE ANASTASIA VICE PRESIDENT

I am willing to become the VICE PRESIDENT- FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY because I want to encourage fellow students towards education, represent their interests and ideas, and help those who need guidance.

PROMOTE SUCCESSFUL CAREERS – BETTER INFORMATION, BETTER MOTIVATION

This project aims to **promote the growth mindset and motivate students** in setting career objectives. Planning **opportunity and career process online talks** with lecturers, collaborators and successful students from Middlesex University, this project intends to inspire students to establish **high expectations and clear career goals.**

BOOKS MARKET – SELL OR DONATE USED BOOKS-SHARING IS CARING

Students, lecturers, and other staff members of Middlesex University will have the option **to donate or sell used books** to other readers. This project indents to **grow a community of readers, promote cultural attitudes** and **improve relations between students and staff members.**

ONLINE NUTRITION AND SPORTS SESSIONS – FIGHT AGAINST ANXIETY, DEPRESSION AND OBESITY

Students from Nutrition and Sports and Science exercise programmes will **volunteer and engage** their colleagues from different faculties to create **good habits** and **participate in online fitness sessions.** This project aims to help students in our community to **develop their confidence** and support them in **fighting against anxiety, depression and obesity.**

**Umiom Edem**

Vote UMIOM EDEM

For ‘Inclusiveness, Empowerment and Growth’

WHO AM I

I am Umiom Edem a M.Sc Public Health Student and most importantly, your colleague. I have always believed that time in any school system is definitely what you make of it. I have your interests at heart. I have studied, observed, and understood how Middlesex University operates, I know how well to engage Middlesex University in the best productive ways to ensure your demands are met.

WHAT WILL I DO IF I BECOME THE MDXSU VICE PRESIDENT

* Student societies have been a rallying point for students through the years, offering support, a deep sense of community, and core partnerships/ I will push for more funding and financial support for Sicieties so more can be done for students at the societal level.
* Recording of Lectures should now be a norm, not just for the present, but a tradition that will endure. I will also campaign fervently for the realization of this goal.
* Affording accommodation by students has been quite a challenge due to the exorbitant fees required to rent Halls of residence. Reduction in accommodation fees for students by the university will be one of my key objectives.
* I am a staunch supporter of liberation-driven initiatives with a keen interest in BAME issues and loads of experience in the push for gender equality and equity. I will launch a scheme that will strive to encourage cooperation and partnership between the various student communities on campus and other relevant stakeholders in the university will birth positive outcomes.
* I know times are uncertain with the covid 19 situation upon us, we can not cower and fall apart. We will arise and unite together as one big community just as never before...I am willing and able to knit and tie the strings that will bind us together.

**Votes...YourChoice...Your Voice**

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**Aryan Gupta**

I am Aryan Gupta studying BSc Information Technology. I've been a sole believer in earning knowledge and sharing it further rather than just keeping it to myself.

Studying at Middlesex University, I have been able to get a strong grip on my subject of Computer Science. It all became possible with the guidance from my professors and wonderful support from staff at UNI and MDXSU. MDXSU has always been there whether it is personal problem of students in completing their studies or any other issue at UNI. The development of serval events since I have joined MDX most importantly the COVID 19 pandemic has enlightened me, we can survive only if we are united and think toward solving the problem together.

I feel fortunate and grateful to MDXSU and MDX to be able to stand for an honorable designation for student welfare. It is like giving back to the community which is helping me to grow for 1.5 years at MDX. It is huge pleasure to be able to lead a change-making community.

I would like to point out what I will be able to contribute to the community while leading as MDXSU Vice President of Science & Technology.

* For a great community, it is essential to have cohesiveness in mindset and collaborative effort of people of different caliber toward a common motive. I would love to bring people together and develop a collective motive, where each and every student at MDX will be having a great experience at accessing whatever UNI has to offer to achieve excellence and contribute toward collective greatness.
* Challenges bring the best out of People (students) to carve the future. As a VP of Science and Technology, I would work toe to toe with SU and UNI to bring out the best of the challenges for students of faculty in form of various events and campaigns. I would love to lead the students toward inclusive growth by helping them in any way possible to the best UNI has to offer.
* Students are the building block of the University and it is essential that every student is being heard and provided with the possible support they need and deserve. I would love to listen to all the students about there issues they are facing and will try to work on the solutions along with the key member of staff at UNI and SU.
* I've been born and brought up in INDIA and been taught about inclusive growth of such a diversified population of 1.3+ Billion of Population spread across 28+ states, by promoting equality & liberalization of thoughts. If I get the opportunity to lead as Vice President I would love to bring those values to the SU and represent students to bring the best out of them.
* At MDXSU I would love to give my passionate effort toward helping students keeping each and every student's POV in mind, will be keen toward evolving, and proceed toward inclusive personal and professional growth of student & myself.

**Maddie King**

Maddie King for Vice President (Science and Technology)

About Me:

My name is Maddie and I’m currently completing my MRes in Biosciences.

Because I am friendly and approachable, I have had the opportunity to get to know a variety of different communities on campus that I hope to be able to support as vice president.

Previous Experience

In the past I have been on several student society committees as a finance officer, gaining experience in organising and running society events.

Why You should Vote for Me

I am passionate about helping to tackle problems that students are facing. I am always approachable and willing to listed to students and help with issues they are facing, while ensuring that all students feel welcome and included while getting opportunities to thrive.

My goals if I am elected:

Volunteering Opportunities

The university doesn’t appear to regularly provide many volunteering opportunities, despite there being several benefits to volunteering, such as boosting confidence. I will ensure that there are more volunteering opportunities available on a regular basis, which will help to boos students’ CV’s while building new skills.

More Inclusivity for Postgrad Students

As a post-graduate student, I am aware that post-graduate students have felt left out of SU activities over the years. I am pleased to see that this issue is starting to be tackled this year, and I will endure that more events for post-graduate students will continue to happen regularly, paying close attention to the needs of post-graduate students to ensure that their needs are catered to properly.

Sense of Community during the Pandemic

It’s easy for everyone to feel isolated during a pandemic. No matter what the future holds in terms of lockdowns and restrictions, I will work with the university and SU to help ensure that everybody feels part of the MDX community. I will ensure that all students are able to easily find and attend events that they are interested in to help them feel included. I will also work with student societies to help and encourage them to run more society events, regardless of whether they are online or in person.

**Amna Malik**

AMNA MALIK

VICE PRESIDENT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

“SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BP’S TESTS CAME BACK, ITS LACKING VITAMIN ME”

EXPERIENCE:

I HAVE BEEN A PSYCHOLOGY AND SCIENCE STUDENT SINCE HIGH SCHOOL. I HAVE BEEN ELECTED AS THE SCIENCE PRESIDENT IN COLLEGE AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVE IN MY SCHOOL.

I BELIEVE I POSSESS COOPERATION, DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS WHEN IT COMES TO WORKING AS A TEAM WHICH MAKES ME AN IDEAL CANDIDATE FOR THIS POST

IDEAS FOR CHANGE:

1. HOLD A NEW SERIES OF EVENTS AIMING TOWARDS GETTING MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN SOCIAL SCIENCE EVENTS WHICH WILL INCREASE OUTREACH AND REPUTATION,
2. INCREASE SOCIAL ACTIVITY BY RUNNING WEEKLY SOCIALS ON DIFFERENT PLATFORMS SO UNIVERSITY CO CURRICULUM IS MORE ACCESSIBLE AND
3. GATHER FUNDS BY SEEKING OUT NEW SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

I THINK COMPLETION OF THESE GOALS WILL HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACE ON TEH PROGRESS OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES SOCIETY BECUASE NOT ONLY WILL IT GIVE THE STUDENTS A CHANCE TO INTERACT WITH ONE ANOTHER BUT ALSO TO MAKE FRIENDS AND SHOWCASE THEIR TALENTS.

**Cephas Mpungu**

In this day and age where the Covid-19 pandemic has hijacked our routines and social life, it is paramount to have a leader that not only relates to our challenges as students but also thinks outside the box. Lockdowns have become unpredictable and almost a normal part of our lives and yet science needs us, technology needs us!

My experience during the first lockdown built me for this role. I was just starting my dissertation in MSc Electronic Security and Digital Forensics, and also prepping for my final exams when it struck. I had to quickly adjust to this ‘new normal’ amidst the fear of losing my own life. I had to take care of my elderly parents, prep for my exams, do my dissertation and also tend to the needs of my course mates as their SVL. On top of all this, I was working in the Marks and Spencer, Mill Hill food section where I had to deal with scared customers that were panic buying and looking to us for answers for every single question that crossed their scared minds. My experience of working under pressure and serving people with a passion was heightened to a level I had never imagined before. I noticed that in the process of serving others and restoring hope to the hopeless, my own fear subsided.

Today I can confidently say that my Parents got their covid-19 vaccination jabs, I passed my exams and dissertation with a distinction, started my PhD in Computer Science, and I have made one year with M&S. “What does all this have to do with the role of MDXSU Vice President Science and Technology?”, you may ask. Well it has everything to do with it:

* I have served under the worst pressure and that means I stand a better chance of executing this role.
* I know the challenges of doing a science course without access to labs and hands-on facilities. I intend to work with the university to implement an online bookings platform coupled with safe access to these facilities.
* I intend to implement my team work experience at a Science and Technology level by encouraging more online interaction, discussions and idea sharing. Students working on research/projects with similar aspects can be encouraged to share ideas without necessarily replicating each other’s work.
* I have also experienced challenges of raising tuition or looking for funding/scholarships. I intend to start a funding program where science and technology students that are working can be encouraged to make a monthly contribution. Once this is approved, it will grow to help disadvantaged students in our field with good grades and ideas to cater for part or all of their tuition.

**Joshua Omodiagbe**

First and foremost i would llike to be made VP for the department of science and technology. if i am granted the oppurtunity to serve, i would the weak links of  our institution up to delicate speed. The areas i woud cover includes

**Clubs and Societies**

**Students Union**

**Careers Service.**

On Clubs and societies, i would imbibe into the members of our union good doctrinal values that woud make them fit for the society they are in, and the one they would belong to in future. This i would do by zoning them into clubs that should make them ripe for the society and make them gain credible acceptance and recognition in the society. they should be formed according to status quo and also consider brigding the gap in societal order by making a fair level for all through good communication. This  leads to the student Union being reputable by having interoperability between themselves by arranging video conferencing between each other which is highly favourable during this pandemic era.

Our ratings are low in this areas (source- studentcrowd.com; link :- <https://www.studentcrowd.com/university-l1003942-s1008339-middlesex_university-london>). So i would do by best to up our ratings and give the university a more tolerable repertoire. I would also be of good service to the institute as i woud provide good career choices through my contacts that i have to up the standards in job options for students of ths varsity.  This woud do us a whole lot of good as we become accepted into the working field through this career services i would provide and obtain. Finally, i would maintain the good and favourable standards of the school's internet connectivity which of a high value by keeping what makes our organisation tick as a top internet provider and distinguish from us the errors and pitfalls that could affect our already affectionate internet service.

**Komal Singh**

I komal singh here stand  as Vice President to support the students and to provide the best facilities to them into the campus

Making an alliance of computer science!

As a mature student who has some life and university experience behind me, I would be honoured to be your student representative for computer science.

I see my role as being the person you can come to if you are having any issues with the course yourself that you would like to communicate to the faculty but don’t wish to do it yourself or anomalously. Whether that be about lecture theatres being too hot or too small or about a lecturer going to fast etc.

If elected I promise to easy to contact if you have any issues that you would like raised or if you have any suggestions of how to improve our course i will try my level best to uplift the standard of our course..

**If you have any questions or just want to get to know me better before voting feel free to email me at :-*****KK1196@live.mdx.ac.uka***