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## SPSA STUDENT ADVOCATES

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With the start of the academic year officially in full swing, I would like to remind everyone that there are full time student advocates available on campus! The good news is that this service is highly utilized by students in need... the bad news is that the students utilizing the service typically have good reason to do so. To clarify, we are thrilled to be here and assist the students in any way we can, but we always sympathize with the situations that you face, and hope that they can be avoided.

For new students starting this year, and for the ones who were not aware that this service existed, I would like to break down the service and offer some background in case you are ever in need yourself. To start, the advocates are here to provide information and advice, investigate or refer on any inquiries for assistance by student members. Further, they are here to facilitate communication between students and Saskatchewan Polytechnic staff who have the responsibility and authority to resolve student concerns while ensuring strict confidentiality of all personal information of students and undertake no course of action on the individual(s) behalf without the express consent of the student.

So what does this mean? It means that we are here for you. If you have questions in regards to Saskatchewan Polytechnic policy, your student rights, due process and so on, we are here to help. If you receive grades that you do not agree with, if you are accused of plagiarism or cheating – anything that has a negative impact on your academic standing, please come see us. We recommend being proactive while you are at school, and that means being aware of options that are available to you. I typically refer to this as information gathering. It doesn't mean that something bad is going to happen to you, or that we are going to take action on your behalf, we just want you to be aware of supports that are in place, choices that you may have and if due process is being followed. What you do with the information is up to you.

I bet you're wondering if this is a service that is available to you and the answer is – if you are an SPSA student member (which you become by paying the SPSA fee when you pay

your tuition) then yes! We are here to assist the students across the entire province, this includes Adult Literacy and the U of R SCBS&N students.

Now you're probably wondering how you know if you should come in. This will always be situational, but if you are even considering if you should come in - then do it. Most policies have specific timelines that must be followed and if you miss them then (depending on your personal situation) you may be very limited in your options. If you come in and gather information then you can evaluate the various decisions that may be available to you and make an informed decision. If you choose not to pursue an issue, at least it is your choice.

I would argue that of all the decisions made that have a negative impact on a student's academic standing, a very low number are challenged and I believe that there are three main reasons for this. The first is students recognizing that they do have options but choosing not to utilize them for fear of retribution. This is incredibly unfortunate, but a reality in many student's minds. Please note that this should not be happening and if it does, there are policies in place to protect you. It can be hard to stand up for yourself, especially when you are up against people who (for the time being) are seemingly in control of your future, but the alternative is doing nothing. This sends the message that you agree with their decision, which I know is not true in many cases. You also need to bear in mind that you are not alone. Students are allowed to have a support person present with them at any meeting involving an instructor, program head, academic chair and so on. Sometimes having a support person isn't necessary, but you never know when it is a good idea, so keep this information in your back pocket for just in case.

The second is students not realizing that they can challenge the decision. When a student is receiving a decision that will negatively impact them, then it should clearly be brought to the student's attention typically through conversation, but it should also be in writing. If you receive a letter or email with a disciplinary sanction then the "letter" should include things such as what the decision is, rationale for the decision, the bearing it has on the student's status, as well as the student's option to appeal.

It is not uncommon for this last bit of information to not be included and the student is left unaware that they had options at all.

The third reason is that the decision by the program was fair and just and the student recognizes that. This is a learning environment and if that is the situation, hopefully you can reflect on what occurred and learn from it. Even if you fall into this last category please still feel free to come talk to us. We are here to let you know what your options are, where you might be able to go for additional help, how you can avoid similar situations in the future, but if you have no options, we let you know that as well!

No matter what your situation, please keep this service in mind and promote it to your classmates. Often times this option is disregarded because students assume that it is something they will never have to utilize. While we certainly hope that it the case, we also know that this not always the circumstance for many students. It is always good to understand your rights, and where to go should you have any questions or concerns during your time at this institution.

To connect with a Student Advocate, please see the SPSA office on your campus.

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## PREPARING FOR A SASKATCHEWAN WINTER

With it being October in Saskatchewan the chance of a 30-degree temperature drop overnight, or six inches of snow in the next three hours is very real. If this is your first winter experience, brace yourself – the prairies can be very mean sometimes. It is never too early to prepare yourself as best you can for our harsh winters. In an attempt to help, here are four recommended investments for the winter season.

To start, a good winter jacket is absolutely essential. You will want to find a coat that is insulated and at least water resistant. You may be able to find something that fits at a second-hand store, or some affordable options at stores such as Walmart or Marks Work Warehouse, but like most anything else, you will get what you pay for. I know that after paying your tuition a more affordable options is probably very appealing, but if you are able invest in a good jacket, it will likely last you a good number of winters in return.

Next, appropriate gear for your feet is another important asset. Much like your jacket you

will want to look for something that is water-proof and insulated. If your feet get cold, and especially if they get wet, you will be uncomfortable for a good part of the day and this can also lead to colds and flus. With the weather constantly changing appropriate footwear can help you adapt to snow, sleet, slush, freezing rain, hail...much of what Mother Nature might have in store for us this year!

Number three on the list is a good toque. A toque is a wool cap for your head which may or may not come with pom poms or tassels on them. Yes, they can a lot of fun, but they also play a key role in keeping you nice and warm. They will also make your hair a mess and with extended use, make your forehead really itchy, but keep in mind that they are totally worth it, and we will all be experiencing the same glorious struggle.

Finally, you will need a nice pair of gloves. This will be available in all shapes, sizes and materials and which ones you choose will come down to personal preference. A nice wool pair can be both warm and fashionable

but not necessarily functional if you want to engage in outdoor activities like tobogganing (an amazing Canadian pastime), skiing/snowboarding, building snow people, making snow angels...then I will again refer you to something more water resistant.

If the list of our top four recommendations is not enough to keep you warm, then we also have a list of honorable mentions that may be worth considering. Without going into too much detail, they include: snow pants, long johns, wool socks, fleece anything, balaclava's, and Hot Hands. Any of these additional items will only add to your comfort (or help to reduce the discomfort) when the temperature really drops. In the meantime, lets all cross our fingers in hopes of a tolerable winter that is no more than six months long.

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## MAJORITY OF COLLEGE STUDENT SAY STUDENT ATHLETES SHOULD BE PAID, SURVEY SAYS

Abigail Hess

<https://www.cnn.com/make-it/>

For years, proposals to pay college athletes have drawn polarizing responses. Athletes such as LeBron James and Richard Sherman and politicians such as Senators Chris Murphy and Bernie Sanders have expressed their support for allowing students to make money during their college careers. College and athletics administrators have mostly rebuked the idea.

“College athletes are workers,” says Sanders.

“College athletics is about college students playing other college students, not employees playing employees,” Mark Emmert, NCAA president tells CBS Sports.

Most college students, however, are in agreement. According to a recent survey of 2,501 college students by polling platform College Pulse, a majority of students support initiatives to pay college athletes.

“With the debate over paying college student-athletes heating up in California and across the country, we wanted to see where students stand on the issue that directly impacts their campuses and classmates,” Terren Klein, CEO of College Pulse tells CNBC Make It in a statement. “What we found is that the majority of students are in favor of paying student-athletes and give overwhelming support for allowing student-

athletes to profit off their name and image.”

The student-focused analytics company asked students about several potential models of compensation for college athletes.

Thirty-eight percent of students said they favor, and 15% said they strongly favor, allowing universities to pay college athletes a salary, meaning that more than half (53%) of all students polled were in support of compensating college athletes.

Among athletes, support for such a policy is significantly higher, with 40% of athletes polled strongly in favor and 31% in favor. Support was lowest among white students. An estimated 51% of white students said they favor or strongly favor paying student-athletes a salary, while 52% of Hispanic students, 56% of Asian students and 61% of Black students said they favor or strongly favor paying student-athletes a salary.

College Pulse also asked students how they thought distributing salaries to student-athletes should work. Sixty percent of those polled said that salaries should be paid to all athletes, and 38% said salaries should only be paid to athletes playing sports that bring in revenue. Women were more likely than men (65% compared to 52%) to support paying all athletes. When asked whether athletes should be allowed to profit off their likeness, support was

even higher. About 77% of all students said they favor or strongly favor that policy and 81% of athletes said the same.

An overwhelming 80% of all students and 83% of athletes agreed that college athletes should be paid if their image is used for purposes such as selling merchandise.

Here’s what paying athletes could mean for college sports

The consequences of paying college athletes directly, or allowing them to make money from their likeness, varies widely according to the proposal.

In February, California State Senators Nancy Skinner and Steven Bradford introduced the Fair Pay to Play Act to the California state legislature, which would allow athletes at California colleges that make more than \$10 million in media rights revenue each year to make money from their likenesses. They would also be allowed to hire an agent or attorney to represent them in business deals, without losing their eligibility to play college sports, similar to Olympic athletes.

Emmert, the president of the NCAA, has argued that if California schools allow college athletes to make money, they would have an unfair advantage over schools in other states and has warned that these schools would be barred from competing in NCAA championships.

As a result, some California schools such as Stanford and the University of Southern California have opposed the bill.

“Allowing student-athletes to receive compensation from their name, image, and likeness, would present serious challenges for higher education institutions and to the collegiate sports model,” wrote Bernard Muir, athletic director at Stanford University in a letter to the California State Senate. “We believe that for any reform to be fair and meaningful to all student-athletes, it needs to occur at the national level and be adopted by the NCAA.”

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## SPSA REBRANDS COFFEE SHOPS AS SPSA EXPRESS

If you have ventured into one of the SPSA coffee shops in Prince Albert or Saskatoon, you may have noticed some changes to our serveries. The SPSA coffee shops, formerly “The Canteen” in Prince Albert and “Henri’s” in Saskatoon, have rebranded as the SPSA Express!

To celebrate this exciting change, the SPSA Express in Prince Albert and Saskatoon will be hosting a grand re-opening on October 8th.

This event will feature free coffee while the Express is open, free cake (while supply lasts), prize draws and giveaways.

While our name may be changing, the SPSA Express will continue to provide our customers with meal and snack options at a great value. We hope you can join us for our exciting grand re-opening to eat, drink and unwind at the SPSA Express!



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## PAYING COLLEGE ATHLETES, CONTINUED

If the bill passes, the new law would go into effect in January 2023.

Since student-athletes haven't yet been paid, it's unclear what further effects a new policy could have, especially in terms of which athletes are paid the most.

"Market demand and market value will vary from athlete to athlete," says Jim Cavale, CEO of INFLCR, a software company that specializes in athletic social-media analytics, over email.

Zion Williamson, for example, who played for one season at Duke before joining the NBA, is "a unicorn" who only comes along every five basketball seasons at the college level, Cavale says.

A starting quarterback, a punter or a role-player on a team would all have different values, he says.

"But the reality is that all those individuals will have the opportunity to monetize their name, image and likeness," he says. "So, it's not an exact amount they'll be paid, or that they would cost, it's more of what their value is as a brand.

"In addition to allowing college athletes to make money off of their likenesses, Joe Nocera, sports business columnist for The New York Times, proposes paying all college athletes minimum salaries of \$25,000, capping coaching salaries — \$650,000 for basketball coaches and \$3 million for football coaches —

and giving players 10% of TV and marketing revenues.

Some say that most college athletics programs do not have the funds for these kinds of expenses, and the NCAA reports that just 24 Football Bowl Subdivision schools were profitable in 2014.

"There is still a misperception that most schools are generating more money than they spend on college athletics. These data show once again that the truth is just the opposite," writes Kathleen McNeely, NCAA chief financial officer, in a statement. "The overwhelming majority of colleges and universities in the NCAA across all three divisions subsidize part or all of athletics. The reason they invest is because sports provide educational value to student-athletes while enhancing overall campus life and building life-long connections with alumni and other supporters."

But Nocera argues that his model would save schools money.

"Is offering cash compensation really that much worse than the current system, in which universities build lavish facilities and spend absurd sums on their 'programs' to lure good players? Doesn't it make more sense to give some of that money to the players?" he writes. "It would actually be less expensive."

Paying college athletes "would change college sports tremendously," says Cavale, but "how will, economically, it impact college sports,

we'll find out."

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/11/student-athletes-should-get-paid-college-students-say.html>

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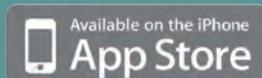
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## REVEAL THE ARTIST WITHIN YOU!

*Karmyn Foreman*  
*Student Resource Representative - South*

I believe that everyone should find an activity that they are passionate about. You do not necessarily need to excel in this particular pastime, but it should be something that you thoroughly and whole-heartedly enjoy. For me, and for many others, painting is one of those activities that lets me slip into that blissful state where time seems to stop and my worries drift away. It is something that I can devote my full concentration to and find a sense of calm and joy.

I encourage my fellow creative spirits and those who are interested in trying their hand at painting to sign up for our Paint Nite. This event will take place on October 15 at the Regina and Saskatoon campuses, and October 22 in Moose Jaw.

If you are not familiar with how a Paint Nite works, let me walk you through it. Each campus has selected a unique image that attendees will try to recreate. A professional artist will guide you through this using simple step by step instructions in a relaxed atmosphere filled with laughter, friendship, and fun.

If you think we have forgotten Prince Albert students, do not fret, we have a unique opportunity for you! On October 15 the PA campus will be having a "Design a Sign Nite." Students have over 30 templates to choose from, which allows you to really express your individual style and personality. These signs are sure to add a charming touch to your home décor!

For those of you who may be hesitant to pick up a paintbrush, you do not need to be a Picasso or a van Gogh to enjoy a Paint or Design a Sign Nite. These events offer opportunities

to escape the mundanities of everyday life and get your mind off the stress of being a student. One of the wonderful things about Paint Nite is the creative freedom it allows. If you want to explore your creativity and display your artistic flare, you can challenge yourself to make changes to the selected image or sign template. Alternatively, if you do not feel comfortable deviating from that image, you can follow along with the artist. It really is up to you where the brush strokes fall. And at the end of the night, if your artwork does not turn out quite the way you had intended, just remember- art is subjective and beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Chances are you will have had a great time regardless of what your painting looks like!

You may find that painting is not the activity that brings you immense joy, and that is perfectly fine. But if you are looking to step out of your comfort zone and try something new, stop by the Students' Association office at your campus for more details and to register. Please remember to bring photo ID when you register- because alcohol is available for purchase at these events, participants must be at least 19 years of age.

There are limited spots available, so do not delay in signing up to create your masterpiece!



# PAINT NITE

REGINA - OCTOBER 15 - 6:00PM

SASKATOON - OCTOBER 15 - 4:30PM

MOOSE JAW - OCTOBER 22 - 6:00PM

Limited Spots Available - Sign up at the SPSA Office.

## SASKATCHEWAN STUDENT COALITION

Throughout the remainder of the school year, the SPSA Executive Council will be collaborating with other institutions within Saskatchewan such as the University of Regina Students' Union, the University of Saskatoon Students' Union, and the Graduate Students' Union as part of a collective group called the Saskatchewan Student Coalition (SSC).

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