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I am running for the position of Information Officer after a year of service (2022-23) as the Sociology Department Steward for PSAC 901. I have enjoyed being a part of such an active and engaged Membership during the first year of my Master of Arts (Sociology), and hope to continue building momentum as part of the Executive throughout my second year working and studying at Queen's University.

As a Steward, I have worked to keep Members in the Sociology Department informed about union events, news, and supports that are available to them. I have focused on making PSAC 901 more visible and also responsive to Members in the department. I am particularly proud of the work I have done organizing monthly Steward Office Hours events. These events served as a space for Members in the Sociology Department to informally discuss labour issues, access some nourishing food, and share both frustrations and solutions for the challenges they experience as Graduate Student Workers. It's important to me that Members know they are supported by their union in tangible ways, and I am excited to expand these efforts in the coming year.

During my time as a Steward, I have become increasingly involved with several other PSAC 901 committees and initiatives, including the Political Action Committee and recently launched Queen's Campus Spring Cleaning Campaign. I have also advocated for the Membership through my roles as a Representative on the Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS) and Member of the Sociology Graduate Students Association (SGSA). Before I was a graduate student, I worked as a multimedia journalist and in social media management. This experience provided me with skills that will be invaluable to the Information Officer role.

As Information Officer, I would focus on 1) responsible stewardship of information; 2) making information accessible to Members in ways that are supportive and relevant to them; and 3) advocating for and advancing the needs of the Membership through collaboration with the PSAC 901 Executive, Stewards' Council, Membership, and broader labour community.