



WHO AM I?

- I am **Basem Halawa**, and I am your **candidate for GSA's VP Student Life**.
- My main goal is that to improve students' lives in general by reaching out to them, knowing their needs and providing them with the tailored services, events and activities that enhance their growth and spread enthusiasm around campus.



- I am a second year MSc candidate who loves reading, travelling, cooking, Ping-Pong, soccer, watching TV series, and generally trying everything new
- I always try to **build bridges** with people, as for me, every story is different and worth listening to. I am a skilled planner who achieves deliverable adequately within an acceptable time-frame.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU?

I have three main keynotes for my platform: **Travelling Fostering**, **Building Bridges Boosting**, and **Wellness Services Enhancement**.

TRAVELLING FOSTERING

- Create a Travelling and Trips Subcommittee within Students Experience and Engagement Committee (SEEC) structure with main focus on organizing trips.
- Provide discounted vacation travel packages (Flight tickets & accommodation) for destinations within Canada (Vancouver, Yellowknife, Toronto, etc.)
- Increase the frequency of short trips (Banff, Lake Louise, Lake Moraine, etc.) especially in summer.
- Negotiate with airlines, travel agencies, and car rental services to provide promo codes to students.

BUILDING BRIDGES BOOSTING

- Separate the Community Engagement and Events Subcommittee into two subcommittees: Community Engagement Subcommittee and Events Subcommittee.
- Community Engagement Subcommittee will work on spreading the Building Bridges booths and celebrations through different campuses.
- Connect the feedback received through the initiative with GSA's policies and plans.
- Involve Departmental Graduate Student Associations (DGAs) and Graduate Student Groups (GSGs) to be delegates for the initiative.

WELLNESS SERVICES ENHANCEMENT

- Launch a campaign to provide feedback about Wellness Center performance (health and mental health services)
- Support the Wellness Center training and workshops (especially Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, and Community Helpers Training)
- Advertise different peer support groups on campus, and break the stereotypes about them.
- Strengthen the connection between Faith & Spiritually Centre and GSA to promote pluralism and social inclusion for all.

WHY CAN I ACHIEVE THAT?

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE :

- GSA's Volunteering Excellence Award winner (2019)
- Founder of Building Bridges Initiative (2018 – present)
- Chair of GSA's Community Engagement and Events Subcommittee (2018 – present)
- Member of the Finance Committee in the Graduate College (2018 – present)
- Summer group leader for the Meet-up program, Leadership and Student Engagement (2018)
- President of the International Association of Civil Engineering Students (2016 – 2017)
- Member of AIESEC, Cairo University (2015 – 2016)
- Arab Youth Water Network founder (2015 – 2016)