

Middlesex- Elgin Chapter

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Federal Election All Candidates Debate Summary

On September 13, 2021 the Middlesex-Elgin Chapter partnered with the London branches of the Ontario Health Coalition, the Common Frontiers, and the Council of Canadians to host a virtual All-Candidates Debate on issues related to health and health care in advance of the September 20th federal election.

MP candidates from all London ridings were invited to attend and to provide their parties position on important issues related to the health of Canadians. The virtual event was moderated by Dr. Faisal Rehman and was attended by almost 190 people with 10 candidates from 5 different parties. Unfortunately, none of the Conservative candidates were able to attend.

Candidates were asked several questions from each partnering organization, including questions directly from the RNAO platform "Federal Election 2021: Nurses vote for a healthy recovery for all Canadians". The candidates engaged in a passionate debate about a variety of topics, such as the opioid crisis, access to health care, both social and environmental determinants of health, and fiscal capacity. Attendees were also able to pose questions to the candidates using the virtual Q & A function. Throughout the debate, the candidates were able to demonstrate the differences in their party's platform, as well as their personal priorities. As can be expected, the COVID-19 pandemic and the accompanying policies, such as mandatory vaccinations, were frequently mentioned. Although each candidate was encouraged to share their perspective, the moderator did take time to clarify misinformation regarding the COVID-19 public health measures.

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Meet Our New Chapter Executive Team!

As of September 2021, the Middlesex-Elgin Chapter has a new executive team! Here is a quick introduction to our new team members!

President: Jamal El Firikh – With over 2 decades of nursing and leadership experience, Jamal is stepping into the role of our new President. Jamal currently works as the clinical manager of the Hemodialysis program at University Hospital, the University's Nephrology and Transplant clinics, and the Renal Biomedical Engineering team across the Southwest Ontario Regional Renal Program.

Policy and Political Action ENO: Lauren Rogers – Lauren returns once again as our Policy and Political Action ENO. Lauren has a passion for health promotion, public policy, and ethics and was the past president of the Western Fanshawe Nursing Students' Association.

Finance Executive: Janet Hunt – Janet returns to our Chapter this year as our Treasurer. Janet has over 30 years of nursing experience and has been involved in the RNAO at the chapter and regional level in many capacities.

Membership ENO: Marie Davis – With 40 years of nursing experience, Marie joins our chapter as our workplace liaison. Holding a BScN and MScN, Marie has held many mental health nursing positions on the front line and in management in hospital and the community.

Social Media ENO: Chantal Singh – Chantal is our social media ENO. Chantal has extensive adult and pediatric critical care experience and currently works as a professional practice consultant for Children's Hospital.

Communications ENO: Nicole Forster – Previously a student representative, Nicole returns to the chapter for the first time since becoming an RN as the communications ENO. She currently works as a spinal cord injury nurse and student preceptor.

Bianca Jiang – Western Student Representative

Pending – Fanshawe Student Representative

Vacant - Workplace Liaison



Upcoming events:

Middlesex-Elgin Chapter Annual General Meeting via Zoom November 23th, 2021 7:30 - 9:30 p.m

Registration link to follow via email and our social media pages.

Nominate a Nurse!

At the beginning of this month, we asked our members to tell us about amazing nurses or nursing students deserving of recognition. Keep an eye on our social media pages in the coming weeks to see these amazing, nominated nurses and students featured!

Clockwise starting in left corner: Jamal El Firikh, Lauren Rogers, Janet Hunt, Marie Davis, Chantal Singh, Nicole Forster
Not pictured: Bianca Jiang

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