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# **Alumni Profile**

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#### **Current Career**

**Organization:** London North-Centre Liberal MP Peter Fragiskatos **Title:** Director of Operations and Personnel

#### **Career Overview**

I am Director of Operations and Personnel for Peter Fragiskatos, MP - London North Centre. For 12 years, I was a Human Resources Advisor with the RCMP, starting as a co-op student. I was also Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the London City Professional Soccer Club. I have volunteered with the Bethanys Hope Foundation since 2006. In 2015, I was elected to a one-year term as the President of the World Leukodystrophy Alliance (WLA).

#### How did King's prepare you for your current role?

I became Speaker of the Student Council and ran for President, and I won. It was the best experience. We did a lot of big projects: the Student Life Centre, the speaker series and concert series. I experienced so many different things I wouldn't have on a large campus. I wouldn't have been in the leadership positions I was. I met a lot of people, which furthered my ambitions and career.

## What advice would you give a current student looking to enter your field?

Make sure you have a very open mind. There's no shortcut. The degrees and certificates are ways to get you in the door, but you have to keep yourself there. It's not something that just happens overnight, it's a lot of hard work. Be good at taking constructive criticism. Make sure that you're always willing to take feedback and grow from it.

