

# SCSU INITIATIVES

## 2020-2021

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SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION  
LOCAL 99 CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

# OUR MAIN TOPICS TODAY

Land Acknowledgement

Mission Statement

SCSU Introductions

Priorities for the year

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to start by acknowledging the land from which I currently reside is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. This is Dish With One Spoon Territory - a treaty between the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee that bound them to share the territory and protect the land. Subsequent Indigenous Nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers, have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect. We ALL reaffirm our commitment to this treaty as we build OUR movement. We all have a duty and responsibility to learn about the Indigenous land and territories that we are currently occupying. The land has an important history that we have a responsibility to learn and respect. This land is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Part of the responsibility of being a settler is to recognize what your role has been in settler-colonialism and your responsibility to dismantle colonialism. We also want to acknowledge that the impact of Canadian settler-colonialism, which is still being felt today. Whether it is the fact that there are currently over 100 water advisories spread across Indigenous peoples territories making it harder for these communities to protect themselves against COVID-19; the ongoing violations of sovereign territories for pipeline expansion and nuclear waste disposal; the missing and murdered indigenous women, girls and 2Spirit people; the deaths and violence Indigenous people experience at the hands of RCMP and police, or in the disgraceful levels of poverty that sees over half of all Indigenous children living in poverty. We, as treaty peoples, affirm our commitment to building a movement that seeks to end these injustices.

Resource for land acknowledgements: <https://native-land.ca/>

# SCSU MISSION STATEMENT

The Scarborough Campus Students' Union (SCSU) democratically unites and represents the diverse undergraduate student body of the University of Toronto Scarborough, to advocate on their behalf, to advance their experience, while serving their needs and interests. The SCSU is the official representative of all 14,000 undergraduate students at the UTSC. We successfully manage the Student Centre and own Rex's Den Restaurant, UTSC's very own pub and restaurant. We advocate on behalf of students on issues such as the cost of education, campus safety, and academic standards. The SCSU also provides important services, such as club funding, discounted tickets, and so much more. In short, we have a huge impact on the lives of every student of UTSC. With that being said, we, the Executive, are dedicated to fulfilling our mission statement by addressing the issues that systematically impact our members and the surrounding community. The following presentation comprises of the campaigns, services and events we plan on doing this year.

# SCSU EXECUTIVE INTRODUCTIONS

2020-2021 TEAM



# BRUCE CHAN (HE/HIM)

## VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS:

1. DEALS WITH THE FINANCE AND DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE UNION
2. IS THE CFO OF SCSU
3. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING AND SENDING OUT THE MONTHLY BOARD PACKAGES, AS WELL AS SCHEDULING THE BOD MEETINGS

**4TH YEAR, MAJOR IN HUMAN BIOLOGY  
AND DOUBLE MINOR IN STATISTICS  
AND PSYCHOLOGY**

**LUBABA GEMMA (SHE/HER)**

**VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC  
& UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS:**

1. DEALS WITH ACADEMIC RELATED ISSUES AND CONCERNS UTSC STUDENTS FACE
2. ONE OF THE THREE CAMPAIGNS EXECUTIVES, MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACADEMIC ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN
3. IS RESPONSIBLE OF ALL DEPARTMENTAL STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

**5TH YEAR, DOUBLE MAJOR IN  
HEALTH STUDIES AND PSYCHOLOGY**





# KANITHA UTHAYAKUMAR (SHE/HER)

## VICE PRESIDENT EQUITY:

1. DEALS WITH ANY INEQUITABLE INJUSTICES THAT OUR UTSC STUDENTS FACE
2. ONE OF THE THREE CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVES THAT STRIVES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SCSU IS ALWAYS WORKING WITH AN ANTI-OPPRESSIVE FRAMEWORK
3. IS THE LIAISON BETWEEN THE UNION AND THE UNIVERSITY WHEN IT COMES

**4TH YEAR, DOUBLE MAJOR IN  
HEALTH STUDIES AND POLITICAL  
SCIENCE**



# EESHA CHAUDHRY (SHE/HER)

## VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL:

1. RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES
2. ONE OF THE THREE CAMPAIGN EXECUTIVES THAT IS MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR BETTER TRANSIT, MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTS AND HOUSING.
3. IS THE OFFICIAL SCSU REPRESENTATIVE WITHIN EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS

**4TH YEAR, DOUBLE MAJOR IN HEALTH STUDIES AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENTAL STUDIES**





## TJ HO (HE/HIM)

### VICE PRESIDENT CAMPUS LIFE:

1. IS RESPONSIBLE OF PLANNING AND HOSTING MOST OF THE UNION'S EVENTS FOR THE YEAR, LIKE FROSH.
2. IS RESPONSIBLE OF ALL THE SCSU RECOGNIZED CLUBS & THEIR CLUBS FUNDING
3. IS BASICALLY RESPONSIBLE OF ENHANCING STUDENT LIFE ON CAMPUS (NOW THROUGH ONLINE PLATFORMS).

**4TH YEAR, MAJOR IN PSYCHOLOGY AND DOUBLE MINOR IN CREATIVE WRITING AND STUDIO ART**

# SARAH ABDILLAHI (SHE/HER)


## PRESIDENT:

1. IS THE CEO AND OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON OF THE UNION
2. ENSURES THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT EXECUTIVES CARRY OUT THEIR ASSIGNED DUTIES
3. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION OF THE AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS OF THE UNION.

**5TH YEAR, MAJOR IN HEALTH STUDIES, & DOUBLE MINOR IN PSYCHOLOGY AND CITY STUDIES**



# SCSU'S PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR



WE ARE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC AND THAT THESE CAMPAIGNS, SERVICES, AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN WAYS THAT WE PLAN TO BE THE MOST BENEFICIAL TO OUR MEMBERS, THE STUDENTS OF UTSC.

# SCSU CAMPAIGNS



## EDUCATION FOR ALL:

- (1) IMMEDIATE REDUCTION OF TUITION FEES FOR ALL STUDENTS FOR 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR BY INCREASING PUBLIC FUNDING.
- (2) CANCEL THE INTERNATIONAL TUITION FEE INCREASE PLANNED FOR 2020-2021, AND MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO REDUCE TUITION FOR CLASSES OPERATING REMOTELY.
- (3) A TWO-YEAR FREEZE ON ALL INTEREST ON PUBLIC STUDENT LOANS FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS NEW GRADUATES.
- (4) PROVIDING MORE GRANTS AND LESS LOANS FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
- (5) MAKING REMOTE ONLINE LEARNING MORE ACCESSIBLE AND EQUITABLE

## ANTI-BLACK RACISM:

(1) ANTI-RACISM AND ANTI-OPPRESSION TRAINING FOR ALL FACULTY, STAFF AND ALL STUDENTS

(2) LOBBY THE UNIVERSITY TO HIRE MORE BLACK & INDIGENOUS TENURED FACULTY AND UNIONIZED STAFF

(3) INCREASED GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BLACK AND INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

(4) CREATE A CAMPUS-WIDE TASK FORCE INCLUDING BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOUR STUDENTS AND FACULTY TO IMPLEMENT A STRATEGY TO REFORM THE CURRICULUM TO BETTER REFLECT OUR IDENTITIES.

(5) CALL FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO TO BAN THE SPECIAL CONSTABLES PROGRAM AND REDIRECT FUNDING TO COMMUNITY-LED SAFETY ALTERNATIVES

## SCSU CAMPAIGNS

**ALL**

**OUT**

*September 30*

To Support Black & Indigenous Students, Staff & Faculty

#AllOutSep30 #AOS30

# SCSU CAMPAIGNS

THE REST OF OUR CAMPAIGNS THAT ARE CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED AND FINALIZED:

(1) MENTAL HEALTH IS \_\_\_\_\_ CAMPAIGN

(2) CONSENT CULTURE CAMPAIGN

(3) EQUITABLE ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN

(4) HOUSING IS A RIGHT CAMPAIGN

# SCSU VIRTUAL EVENTS

## REFRESH WELLNESS WEEK

FRIENDS CAFE, MEET CUTE  
AND NEWLY FORMED UTSC  
AMONG US SOCIALS

SCSU'S FIRST EVER VIRTUAL  
FROSH (WITH 700 FIRST YEARS  
WHO SIGNED UP FOR AN  
UNFORGETTABLE  
ONLINE EXPERIENCE)

SCSU'S VIRTUAL WEEK OF WELCOME  
(AKA OUR WEEK OF CONTEST AND GIVEAWAYS)



**REFRESH**  
JULY 7TH - 10TH // 11AM - 8PM

**REFRESH** is SCSU's first ever **wellness week** to help students cope with the pressures of the pandemic and lead healthy lifestyles through workshops that promote physical activity, mental well-being, and learning skills such as cooking & advocacy.

 RAFFLES! (8 IN TOTAL)

The poster features illustrations of a couple dancing, a person doing a yoga pose, and various kitchen items like a spatula and a bowl.



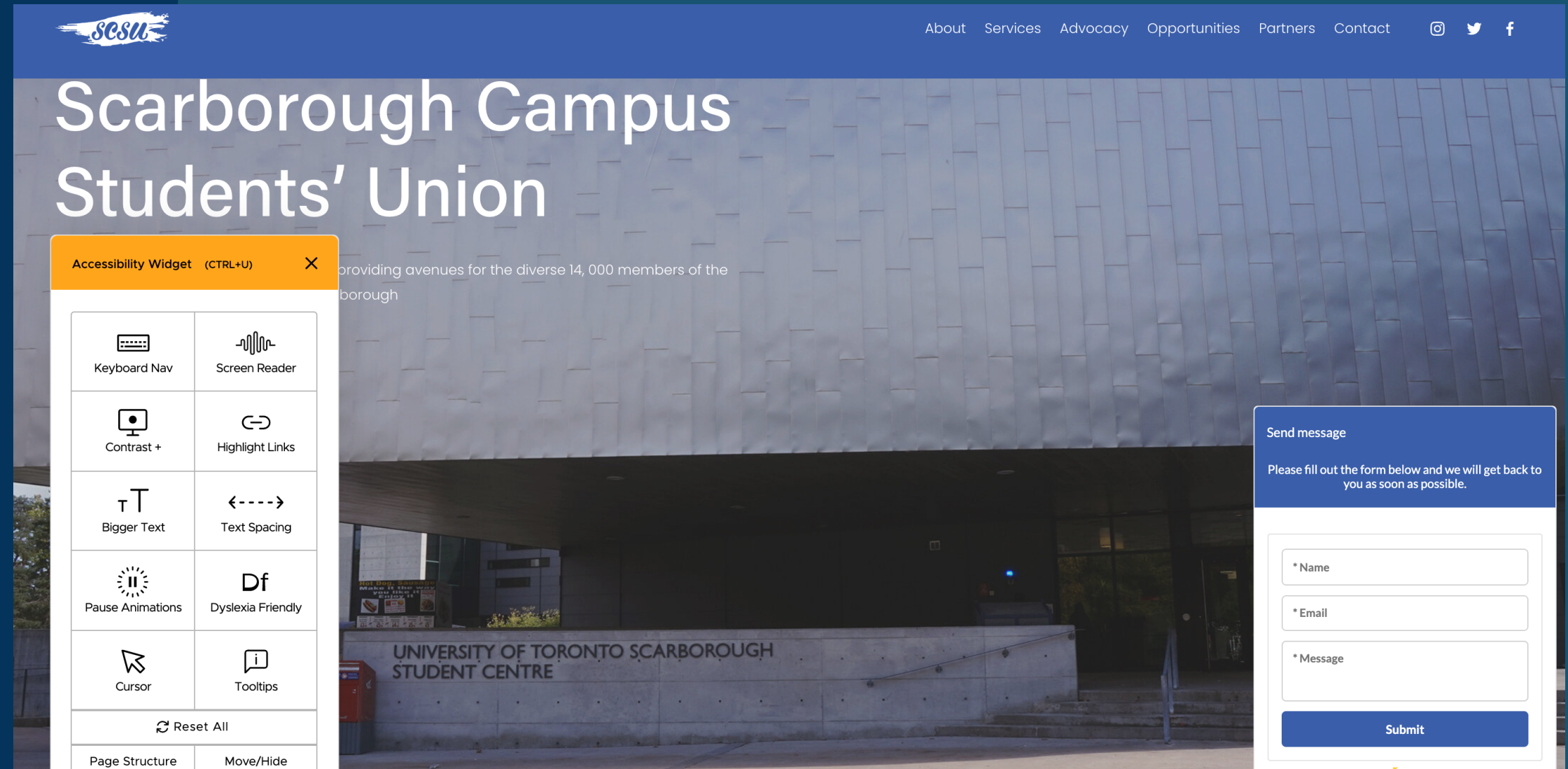
SCSU PRESENTS  
**STARSHIP**  
**LAUNCHING**  
UTSC'S OFFICIAL STUDENT FROSH



# SCSU SERVICES

## (1) NEW & UPDATED WEBSITE + ALL OF ITS COOL NEW FEATURES:

- A LOT MORE ACCESSIBLE
- UPDATED AND MORE ACCURATE INFORMATION
- LIVE CHAT OPTION
- DURING THE PANDEMIC OUR NEWLY IMPROVED WEBSITE IS A RESOURCE TO OUR MEMBERS TO ACCESS EASY TO READ UPDATES AND INFORMATION.



# SCSU SERVICES

## (2) SUPPORT FOR CAMPUS CLUBS, DSAS, AND STUDENT SOCIETIES



## (3) SCSU'S MONTHLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

### EDUCATION FOR ALL



Take action! [Call on Ford's government and the University of Toronto-Scarborough Campus to support access to education for everyone.](#)

Check out the upcoming **Education for All: Black and Indigenous Learners Matter** webinar on Thursday, October 1 live-streamed on the Students' Unions [Facebook](#) and [Youtube](#) pages.

Access to education has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis. Students are experiencing unprecedented challenges with 49 percent of students reporting that their job prospects as a direct result of COVID-19. In addition, the majority of students are taking their course work online and the majority of students believe the pandemic will affect their academic success.

### FOOD CENTRE



The Food Centre re-opens on Monday, October 5 after being closed for operations during the lockdown. The Food Centre is one of many services offered by the Scarborough Campus Students' Union. Students created this service to respond to the alarming rates of student food insecurity because we

# SCSU SERVICES

## (4) GRAD PHOTOS FOR JUNE 2020 GRADS

## (5) HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE FOR 2020-2021

## (6) SCSU EXECUTIVES VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS



### CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATION PHOTOS

The SCSU is now offering graduation photo sessions with Snap Studios for those that graduated in **June 2020**.

This session is intended to make up for these graduates only; we will offer sessions for 2021 graduates at a later date!

We are hosting these sessions with health and safety measures in light of COVID-19.

**SEPTEMBER 22-25**  
SL 283 (Alumni Lounge)

**\$30** SEATING FEE TO BE PAID ONLINE, UPON BOOKING

**THIS FEE COVERS**

- 7 digital proof photos
- 1 complimentary class composite
- 1 complimentary 5"x 7" portrait photo (shipping and handling fees separate)

**DO YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR GRADUATION PHOTOS TAKEN?**  
BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT NOW BY VISITING [WWW.SCSU.CA/GRAD](http://WWW.SCSU.CA/GRAD)  
FOR ANY ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT [INTERNALCOORDINATOR@SCSU.CA](mailto:INTERNALCOORDINATOR@SCSU.CA)



WE'VE GOT YOUR HEALTH COVERED



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**NATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH NETWORK**

**gsc**  
green shield canada

### Virtual Office Hours

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| <b>Sarah</b><br>PRESIDENT                               | <b>TJ</b><br>VP CAMPUS LIFE         | <b>Lubaba</b><br>VP ACADEMICS & UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS |
| Monday 4PM-5PM<br>Wednesday 10AM-12PM<br>Friday 2PM-3PM | Monday 1PM-3PM<br>Wednesday 1PM-2PM | Tuesday 2PM-4PM<br>Thursday 11AM-1PM               |
| <b>Bruce</b><br>VP OPERATIONS                           | <b>Kanitha</b><br>VP EQUITY         | <b>Eesha</b><br>VP EXTERNAL                        |
| Thursday 2PM-4PM  | Friday 9AM-11AM                     | Monday 11AM-1PM<br>Tuesday 11AM-12PM               |

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, REACH OUT TO US! [INFO@SCSU.CA](mailto:INFO@SCSU.CA)**  
OUR OFFICE WILL REOPEN FOR IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS OCTOBER 5  
FOR ANY ACCESSIBILITY ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT [INTERNALCOORDINATOR@SCSU.CA](mailto:INTERNALCOORDINATOR@SCSU.CA)



# SCSU SERVICES

**(7) HIRING STUDENTS: PROVIDING OUR MEMBERS WITH PART TIME JOBS LIKE THE ORIENTATION COORDINATORS, COMMUNITY PROGRAM AND ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATORS, SERVICE CENTRE COORDINATORS, AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**(8) NEW FINANCIAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS: THERE ARE CHANGES TO THE GRANTS AND BURSARIES OFFERED BY THE SCARBOROUGH CAMPUS STUDENTS' UNION AS A RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC. FUNDING FOR THE TEXTBOOK GRANT HAS NOW BEEN RE-DIRECTED TO CREATE AN EMERGENCY SUPPORT BURSARY. IT IS INTENDED TO SUPPORT MEMBERS DEALING WITH FINANCIAL HARDSHIP (E.G. LOST EMPLOYMENT, NEEDS SUPPORT ACCESSING FOOD OR HOUSING, OUTSTANDING TUITION FEES). APPLICATIONS TO THIS FUND ARE CONSIDERED ON A ROLLING BASIS WHILE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.**

**JOBS**  
**WE ARE**  
**HIRING!**

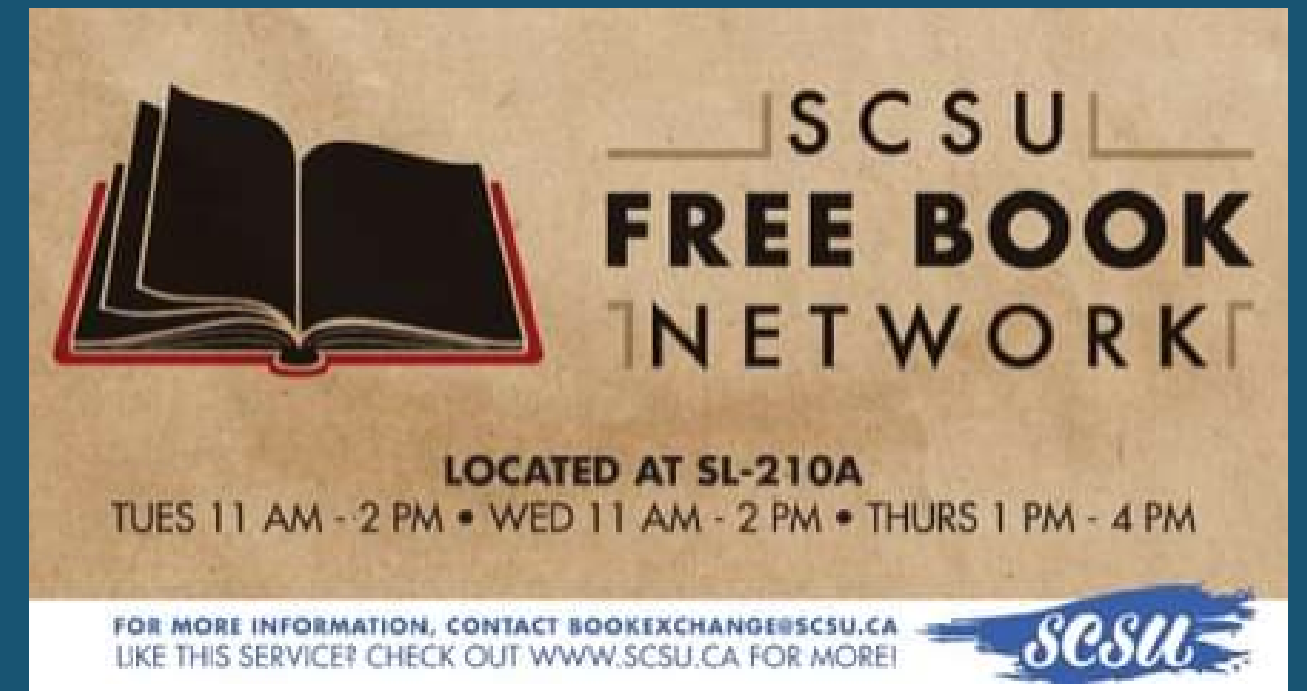


# SCSU SERVICES

## (9) SCSU'S FOOD CENTRE



## SCSU'S FREE BOOK NETWORK



## SCSU'S VOLUNTEER NETWORK PROGRAM



## SCSU'S STREET TEAM



# KEEP UPDATED WITH US BY FOLLOWING OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS



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# Thanks for listening!

ANY QUESTIONS?

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