

# Michelle Chou

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## EDUCATION

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### Queen's University

*Bachelor of Commerce*

Kingston, Ontario

2020 – Present

- **Academics:** Chancellor's Scholarship recipient (\$36,000), awarded to 50 students for academic excellence, leadership and creative thought
- **Activities:** Queen's Private Capital Group First-Year Member, Burgundy Women in Investing Club

### Bayview Secondary School

*International Baccalaureate Diploma & Ontario Secondary School Diploma*

Richmond Hill, Ontario

2016 – 2020

- **Achievements:** Elected Valedictorian from a class of 450+ students; Honor Roll Distinction
- **Activities:** Co-Captain of Varsity Co-ed Ultimate Frisbee, Varsity Girls Field Hockey, DECA, Senior Wind Ensemble, Peer Tutor, Prefect

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### City of Richmond Hill

*Special Needs Support Staff*

Richmond Hill, Ontario

2019 – Present

- Supervised 8 special needs children with one-on-one support to provide attentive assistance of their integration into regular summer camps
- Managed the Fall, Winter and Spring Adaptive Programs while working closely with the City's Assistant Director of Inclusion Services

### York Region District School Board (YRDSB)

*Student Trustee*

Aurora, Ontario

2019 – 2020

- Advocated for the voices of 128,000+ students at the school board through the collaboration of staff, Trustees and the Director of Education
- Initiated the motion that was unanimously approved amongst Trustees, making YRDSB one of the first school boards to create positions for both an Indigenous adult and Student Trustee, to increase equity/diversity and amplify the thousands of Indigenous voices within the board
- Launched and maintained the Student Trustee Instagram account while working with the Communications Department to expand the online presence alongside the board's official account, gaining 2000+ impressions within a year
- Spearheaded the founding of the school board's Elementary School Senate through the creation of policy, detailed timelines and action plans, helping to initiate student leadership and advocacy at a younger age
- Designed the Ontario Student Trustee's Association Menstrual Hygiene Accessibility Handbook, working alongside the Student Well-Being Working Group and Student Trustees across the province to better support their comprehension of the internal resource

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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### Queen's University Investment Counsel (QUIC)

*Junior Analyst*

Kingston, Ontario

2020 – Present

- Work with a team of 35 students to manage a \$1.8M portfolio of Canadian and U.S. equities on behalf of the Queen's University Endowment Fund and Mackenzie Investments
- Selected as one of three junior analysts out of an applicant pool of 80+ first-year students
- Rotate across all seven sector teams to prepare investment memorandums and holding analyses presented at weekly public meetings to aid in the security selection process and exploration of industry trends

### York Region President's Council

*Executive*

Richmond Hill, Ontario

2019 – 2020

- Acquired the council's first annual budget of \$25,000 from the school board's Budget Committee, by discussing and presenting the importance of ethical leadership and student voice to the Budget Committee chair and YRDSB CFO
- Grew representation of schools from 16 to 31 of the 33 secondary schools, representing a 96% increase, at the bi-annual Student Outreach Meetings through optimizing numerous communication channels such as Google Classroom and Instagram
- Supported the annual election's transition to an online platform by acting as a liaison to the board's Communications and Ethical Leadership Departments, resulting in an increase of executive applicants by tenfold over the past two years

### Royal Canadian Air Cadets

*Training Second-In-Command*

Richmond Hill, Ontario

2014 – 2020

- Demonstrated team management by delegating work amongst 12 senior cadets to improve existing training manuals and techniques that accommodates the training program for a growing squadron of 270+ cadets
- Collaborated with the squadron's Commanding, Training, Administrative and Operations Officer to administer online training nights and parades in response to Covid-19, retaining 80% of optional cadet engagement and participation within the program
- Delegated cadets to lead the 778 Banshee Squadron 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala with 300+ officers, staff and alumni, overnight Field Training Exercises (FTX), large-scale multi-squadron fundraisers with 400+ participants and city-wide distribution of poppies for Remembrance Day

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- **Distinctions:** Duke University Global Economic Case Competition – Top 10 of 100+ teams (2020); Queen's Case Competition 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> of 15 Teams (2020); The E3 Challenge – 2<sup>nd</sup> Overall, Most Valuable Person, Empowerment Award (2019); SHAD Canada Fellow (2018)
- **Projects:** Imagination – Raised awareness of the Indigenous Community's mental health within the Greater Toronto Area, held educational seminars and conferences for 200+ attendees, and donated \$1200 to the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto (2018)
- **Interests:** Travelling (26 countries), Piano (ARCT-Certified), Psychology, Visual Arts and Graphic Design, Longboarding, Modern Family