

A portrait of Savannah Houg, a young woman with short reddish-brown hair, wearing black-rimmed glasses, a pearl necklace, and a dark, textured blazer. She is smiling and looking slightly to the right of the camera.

SAVANNAH HOUG: PRESIDENT CANDIDATE

Hello all! My name is Savannah Houg and I am running for Student Association's President 2021/2022. I am in my third year of the collaborative Mount Royal University Bachelor's of Business Administration with a major in General Management and a minor in Economics and Finance. I am also studying Project Management and hope to get my certification by summertime. I was born here in Red Deer, but familial circumstances landed me in foster care and I was later adopted into a family from Fort McMurray and we ended moving to Texas in 2010. I came back to Canada in 2016 and began classes at Red Deer College in 2018.

I have spent this past year as an active member of Council as well as the President and founder of the student group, Enactus Red Deer College. I also sit on Academic Council and the Donald School of Business Industry Partner and Advisory Committee. I began my journey in politics as Vice-Chair of the ad-hoc committee to bring the DSB back to main campus, which was successful. Shortly after, I joined the Student Association Council as a voting Councillor.

I have spent the last few months using my seat on Council to advocate for student services' continued affordability and accessibility in the midst of Covid-19. I also have taken on some membership engagement initiatives in the Student's Association in order to keep students from feeling disconnected in our newly virtual world.

My journey with Enactus began in my first year at Red Deer College. I had joined the Case Competition group at the Donald School of Business. We held an internal competition to place students on our Alberta Dean's Case Competition team as well as choose student leaders for Enactus Red Deer College. I was chosen with another first year to begin the team. Our first official year in operation started in 2019. We ran one successful project creating a financial literacy class that was administered at the Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Center. This year we are continuing on the financial literacy project as well as starting a new social enterprise project.

Given my extracurricular history and my motivation to make the community a better place, I feel I have the capabilities of a good student leader. I bring to the table a passion for speaking out and being a voice for those who haven't quite found theirs yet. This year, I will continue to ensure that students are aware of and have access to services and that the affordability of said services is protected. As well, I wish to advocate strongly for degrees at RDC; We've waited long enough! Make the Savy choice.

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