The REPORT Card



July-September 2026 Recap

Hey Centennial

We're excited to share the latest edition of The Rep Card, highlighting what your student leaders have been up to from

July through September 2026

From advocating at a provincial policy conference to welcoming you to campus this fall, here's a look at what's been keeping us busy.

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Advocating Provincially: OSV Policy Conference

From July 27th to 29th, Vice-President of External Affairs Anjali Bhopal and President Logan Routhier headed to Loyalist College in Belleville for the Ontario Student Voices (OSV) Policy Conference. Student leaders from across Ontario came together to set this year's advocacy priorities on transit, food insecurity, OSAP, and student health and wellness, ahead of OSV's advocacy week at Queen's Park this November.

As Anjali shared about her experience:
"My experience at the OSV Policy Conference was insightful… It gave me a greater appreciation for how meaningful advocacy begins with understanding students' lived experiences and using evidence to develop practical, achievable policy positions and solutions."



Two numbers stood out to her: **three in four students don't know how to access on-campus mental health services**, and under recent OSAP changes, a typical college student could receive **$4,400 less in grants** and **$3,800 more in loans**. That's an $8,200 shift from aid that you don't pay back to aid that you do, and exactly the kind of issue we'll keep pushing on this year.

Advocating Provincially: OSV Policy Conference

Finding Our Voice: Public Speaking Workshop



Speaking up for students means being ready to speak up anywhere, from the boardroom to conferences. On August 10th, the **President's Executive Team** took part in a **half-day public speaking workshop** with **Peter Hiddema of Commanding Presence**, the same organization that worked with the board at **April's First-Class Conference**.

Now, the team is bringing that confidence to the work they do on your behalf, whether that's meeting with decision-makers or connecting with you at events across campus.



Learning Together: Indigenous Cultural Competency Training

On August 17th, CCSAI staff took part in **Truth and Reconciliation: Indigenous Cultural Competency Training**, facilitated by **Bob Goulais of Nbisiing Consulting**. To prepare, participants read from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report, reviewed several of its Calls to Action, and reflected on their own role in reconciliation.

As Bob describes it**, Truth and Reconciliation is a "lifelong learning journey."** This training is one step in that journey, as CCSAI works to be a place where Indigenous students feel seen, supported, and represented.



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Board Brief or The Rep Card? Here's the Difference

You've probably spotted the Board Brief on our website and Instagram. So how is it different from what you're reading now?

The **Board Brief is a quick recap after every full Board of Directors meeting**, covering the key decisions your board made and what they mean for you. **The Rep Card comes out every three months and zooms out to everything else your Board and Executive Team have been up to**, like conferences, training, campaigns, and events. You can find both the Board Brief and The Rep Card on the Board Communications page of our website.



Breaking It Down: Our Did You Know? Video Series

Policies at the college, provincial, and federal levels shape so much of your student life, but they aren't always easy to follow.

That's why we launched **Did You Know?, a short video series that breaks down the policies and issues affecting students in about a minute**. Follow CCSAI on Instagram so you don't miss the next episode, and let us know what you'd like us to break down next!



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Save Our Future Has a New Name: Meet Sidenote



Remember Save Our Future, the advocacy campaign we introduced in our last edition? It's now Sidenote, a platform that makes student news, policies, and important issues easier to understand, while giving student voices the space they deserve. In its own words: "Stay informed. Know your rights. Find resources. Share your perspective. Take action. This is your side of the story."

Most of our advocacy happened in-person, too. Executive team members met with six city council candidates and federal MPs Michael Coteau and Roman Baber to put student priorities on the table. Give Sidenote a follow on Instagram at @sidenote.ca to stay informed and add your voice.

Welcome to Centennial: Fall Semester Orientations

A new semester means a whole lot of new faces! The **Executive Team was out at fall orientations to welcome you**: Ashtonbee on August 27th, Downsview on August 31st, Progress on September 1st, and Morningside on September 3rd.

President Logan Routhier and Vice-President Internal Fadl Ghazi spoke to new students about CCSAI and how we can support you, with **Vice-President of External Affairs Anjali Bhopal** joining the panel at Ashtonbee, **Secretary Christine Young** at Morningside, and **Treasurer Gurmehr Lobana** joining the panel at Progress. To all our new students: welcome to Centennial. We're so glad you're here!



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Following Your Fees: Quarterly Financial Updates

Your student fees fund almost everything CCSAI does, so you deserve to know where they go. That's why we're now sharing financial updates every quarter, breaking down how CCSAI earns and spends money in plain language.

Our first update, covering **April to June 2026**, showed **CCSAI had spent about 16% of its annual budget.** You can read it here, and keep an eye out for a new update each quarter. Questions? Reach out to our Treasurer at **treasurer@ccsai.ca**.



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Introducing Gwiidanokiindimin: Our Indigenous Student Union

The Indigenous Student Union (ISU) took big steps this summer. In August, your board approved By-law No. 2, formally establishing the ISU at CCSAI, and a dedicated space has been secured at Progress Campus. Now, it has a name and a look of its own. Meet Gwiidanokiindimin, which means “We work together” in Anishinaabemowin (the Ojibwe language).



The name draws on the teachings of historical Indigenous leaders and nations, including the Seven Generations, Tecumseh’s vision of unity, and diplomatic agreements like the Dish With One Spoon. True to its name, Gwiidanokiindimin will lean on collaboration, working with all our relations, regardless of institution.

The logo, designed by Vice-President of Indigenous Affairs Mukwa Ladouceur, carries meaning in every detail. The eagle feather represents leadership, with seven sections for teachings and thirteen sub-sections for the moons. Its white tip points North, the direction of spiritual energy. On either side of the feather are white sage plants, which represent cleansing of the mind, body, and spirit, and surrounding it all is the circle of life, filled with red to represent water. Stay tuned for news on Gwiidanokiindimin’s official launch and how to get involved!

Stay Tuned!



Your CCSAI reps are here to represent your voice, support your experience, and advocate for the issues that matter most to you.

This fall, we'll keep carrying what we learned at OSV into our advocacy, growing Sidenote, and working toward the launch of Gwiidanokiindimin. Keep an eye out for a new Board Brief after every board meeting, and the next Rep Card early in the new year.

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Questions about anything in this edition? Reach out anytime at ***execs@ccsai.ca***

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