

To whom it may concern; Moose Hide Campaign,

My name is Lara Hartman and I am currently a fourth year Politics student at Acadia University. I work as the Indigenous Student Fellow for the Maple League of Universities and am applying on their behalf.

The Maple League of Universities includes Acadia University, Bishops University, St. Francis Xavier's University and Mount Allison. Our four institutions are focussed on what we can do together that we cannot do on our own and my position has focussed on the decolonizing aspect of this. I am applying to make the four institutions Ambassador Campuses.

I believe that the Moose Hide Campaign would be a perfect fit for our campuses and would be something that would work towards decolonizing the campuses in a way that is accessible for students, faculty, administration and staff. Not only is this accessible for those one the four campuses it is also something that is so pressing in our society. I think that people standing up against violence towards women and children is something that we can get members of the campus communities involved in. One of the areas that I think aligns best with the campus is that the Moose Hide Campaign is open for people of all walks of life; ages, backgrounds, and gender identities. These things are all so important on campuses that are working hard towards Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

The Maple League of Universities would be a perfect organization to work with the Moose Hide Campaign because our four campuses are able to work together and rely on each other for support, especially when it comes to events of importance such as this one. This initiative aims to end gender-based violence through creating safer campuses and I think that this goal is one that our universities could get behind as many of them are working towards having better supports for those who suffer from gender-based violence, and specifically sexual assault.

On a personal note for my position within the Maple League of Universities and my own interests in reconciliation and Indigeneity I think that becoming a member of the Ambassador Campus initiative would be perfect and would be something for mw to be proud of when I leave Acadia in the spring. By signing onto this Campaign and leaving it as something for students to take part in for years to come, I could leave Acadia knowing that there is something positive when it comes to reconciliation moving forward at the schools. I also think that working with the Moose Hide Campaign would be a good way to work towards implementing the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions Calls to Action, the UNDRIP, and the MMIWG Calls for Justice as these are goals possessed by the schools, but are needing an extra push. I think that involvement with your organization would be a positive force for better implementing these documents.

I am overjoyed that I was able to write this letter of intent to sign onto the Moose Hide Campaign's Ambassador Campus initiative for the Maple League of Universities. I think that our four institutions would be a perfect fit, and I look forward to spearheading this with a team and then finding individuals to take this on once I graduate in April 2021. I also hope that once we sign onto this we will be able to encourage other schools in the Atlantic region to sign on with this same initiative.

Thank you so much for your time and your consideration,

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