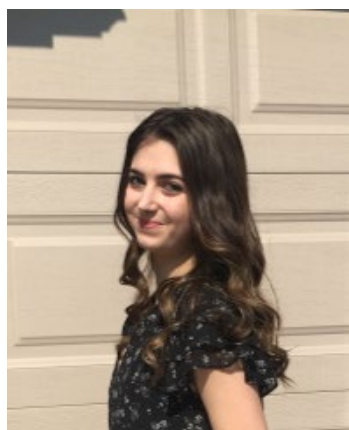


Michaela Cardamone Student Representative

Term: 2021-2022 (1st term)

Biography



Michaela is a fourth-year student at Booth University College pursuing her Bachelor of Social Work degree. Michaela has chosen to become a social worker because it encompasses everything that she wants to do in a career. She will educate, advocate, support, mentor, counsel, and empower vulnerable people in society. Michaela has found her passion and calling in social work; she will be a voice for those whose voices cannot be heard. Michaela is particularly interested in geriatric social work and medical social work. This year, Michaela will be doing her final field placement at the Grace General Hospital. She is very excited for this learning opportunity to strengthen her social work skills.

Last year, Michaela had the opportunity to complete her first field placement at The Saul and Claribel Simkin Centre. Michaela is grateful to have had the chance to grow and learn in such a wonderful facility amongst supportive staff, families, and Residents. In addition to being at the Simkin Centre, Michaela has had over five years of experience working with the older adult population of Winnipeg. Michaela has worked at Sterling House and Lindenwood's Terrace, both assisted living facilities, and these opportunities are what inspired Michaela to pursue social work. Michaela's past work experiences with the older adult population have allowed her to understand how the WRHA works, the progression of old age, community resources available to this population, and the social, physical, and psychological challenges that this population experiences.

Michaela is excited to start a new journey in September at the Aulneau Renewal Centre as a receptionist. Although Michaela has a passion for working with the older adult population, she understands the importance of diversifying her experiences and working with different people within her community. Working at Aulneau will allow Michaela to learn more about CFS, trauma, mental health, addictions, and the value of counselling. This year, Michaela is pleased to also be serving on the Youth Advisory Board for REES (Respect, Educate and Empower Survivors), a simple and secure online platform for reporting sexual violence. Michaela will be representing her Booth University College community on the Youth Advisory Board. Michaela will now also offer her knowledge, experience, and dedication to assisting MCSW and her community grow.