

## **SONOGRAPHY WEEK**

# "Catch the Wave"

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## MEMBER/VOLUNTEER PROFILE: A new voice in the profession

### Jasmine Jawanda



A resident of Richmond, BC, Jasmine Jawanda is a second-year student in the BCIT Sonography program, training as a dual (cardiac and general) sonographer.

Knowing from a young age that she wanted a career in healthcare and to work closely with patients, Jasmine felt very drawn to having a career in sonography. Before applying for the program, she gained valuable work experience at a local imaging clinic while taking anatomy and physiology courses to expand her knowledge in the healthcare field. Jasmine also volunteered at local community centers as well as residential care homes.

Her volunteer experience also extends to the Sonography Canada Board of Directors where she now serves as the Student Advisor,

giving sonography students across the country a voice at our table. This is her first year on the board and we welcome her presence, enthusiasm, and ideas.

When asked why she chose to volunteer for this position and why she thinks the student perspective is important, she had this to say:

"I chose to volunteer as the Student Advisor because I believe that, as sonographers, we will never stop learning. Each case we have pushes us to expand our knowledge, to be the better 'detectives' we know we need to become to provide our patients with the best possible care. With that being said, the student perspective is a very important one because we are the ones who question why we take certain images or why we measure structures the way we do. With these questions arising, it makes us take a closer look at the purpose and importance of what we are doing for our patients. In turn, this helps us go above and beyond as individual sonographers and as a profession. I feel so grateful to have been given this opportunity and look forward to helping represent the students on the Sonography Canada Board of Directors."

#### **FAVOURITE EXPRESSION**

You don't have to be great to start, but you have to start to be great.