Ontario Agricultural College Graduate Student Nominee Statements for Senate [elect 1]

Kerry Houlahan
I am a Ph.D. student at the Centre for Genetic Improvement of Livestock in the Department of Animal Biosciences. As an active member within my department, I am the co-president of the Animal Biosciences Graduate Student Council, represent the graduate student body in departmental meetings and coordinate weekly department seminars. I take great interest in being an active member within the University of Guelph, having previously spoken at recruitment events for the Ontario Agricultural College and on behalf of Dairy at Guelph at various industry and knowledge transfer events. I feel that student involvement within the academic community is very important and being a member of the University of Guelph Senate would allow me to become further involved within our academic community.

Alberto Lopez
Alberto Lopez is a recent graduate from a MS program (Animal Science) from Penn State University in United States, but before that experience he completed his undergraduate degree in his home country Honduras. Specifically, he was raised in a beach-town called Puerto Cortes. Growing up in a beach town with the potential to grow for tourism has always made him curious about new laws that can contribute to its development. In general, useful laws help a society develop. Furthermore, Honduras recently had a political crisis which made him realize how important is that the population has a steady and positive relation with the authorities in charge of justice, growth equity, and law enforcement. He is a true believer that authorities should consider what people, or in this case students, think in order to achieve a common goal. A healthy relationship with students will permit University of Guelph take decisions that will benefit both parties. Alberto believes that his leadership, enthusiasm and justice desire will permit him be an intermediary between the senate and UoGuelph students. Lastly, his Latin and international background will let him connect more with the Latin and International society on campus.