"We are interested in the meanings and causes of peace, conflict and justice in the world.

We are engaged in the lived experiences of conflict and struggles for peace and justice.

We are invested in exploring how to resolve conflict through peaceful and just solutions."
SALLY ANTOWN

PROGRAM: Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice and International Relations; Minor in History

FUTURE PLANS: Travel to Europe and start a new chapter at Norman Paterson School of International Affairs.

I KNEW I WAS IN THE RIGHT PROGRAM WHEN...
Completing service learning during my third year of PCJ.

CHARLOTTE ASTLE

PROGRAM: Major in Peace, Conflict and Justice; Double minor in Political Science and Environmental Studies

FUTURE PLANS: I plan on working in Public Relations in Toronto, and eventually attending graduate school for International Affairs.

HIGHLIGHT OF MY TIME AT PCJ...
Studying at SciencesPo in Paris under the PCJ363 study abroad module, and working as an Operations Analyst Intern for the non-profit Jumpstart, which helps refugees integrate into the Canadian workforce.

MARIA-ALBA BENITO MARIACA

PROGRAM: Specialist in Peace, Conflict and Justice; Double minor in Human Geography and Latin American

FUTURE PLANS: Applying what I have learned throughout my degree to my work in Environmental and Social policy, before continuing my studies at a postgraduate level in a couple of years.

WHAT I ENJOYED MOST ABOUT PCJ...
The diverse wealth of knowledge and resources available to its students. Moreover, being surrounded by some of the most motivated, caring, and inquisitive people of different backgrounds fostered a space wherein we could all come together and connect by sharing our unique points of view.
MADISON BRUNO
PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice and Philosophy
FUTURE PLANS
I am starting at Osgoode Hall Law School in the fall!
HIGHLIGHT OF MY TIME AT PCJ...
Was the Peace Support Training Centre field trip for PCJ360.

UMA KALKAR
PROGRAM
Major in Peace, Conflict and Justice; Double minor in Biology and Mathematics
FUTURE PLANS
I am a dual-degree candidate for a Master of Public Policy specializing in Digital, New Technology and Public Policy at Sciences Po and a Master of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. In August, I head to Paris!
HIGHLIGHT OF MY TIME AT PCJ...
Participating in the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress’s International Presidential Fellowship program.

SHEREN KAMAII
PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice and Ethics, Society & Law
FUTURE PLANS
I will be starting law school in September!
HIGHLIGHT OF MY TIME AT PCJ...
Was my placement with Level Justice.
YAZMEEN KANJI

PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice and Health Studies

CURRENTLY WORKING ON...
I am pursuing filmmaking and I am working to grow the organization I founded, Films With A Cause, which produces and promotes films that resist harmful narratives and that highlight underrepresented stories from around the world (filmswithacause.org). I also continue to work with the organizations I was assisting through PCJ service learning (Jumpstart and Matthew House).

HIGHLIGHT OF MY TIME AT PCJ...
Was flying to Tbilisi, Georgia to conduct research on the role of its film sector in EU integration.

MASSIMO CHIARELLA

PROGRAM
Specialist in Peace, Conflict & Justice

CURRENTLY WORKING ON...
Studying for my CFA exam in December 2020.

HIGHLIGHT OF MY TIME AT PCJ...

BONNIE LAO

PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice and Health Studies

FUTURE PLANS
I am supposedly (in theory) supposed to be in Beijing for a year starting September 2021 as a Canada-China Scholar, but there are a million and one ways for things to fall apart in the next three months. Fingers crossed for that to happen, but I’m starting to look at contingency plans for the next year or two before heading off to grad school!
PROGRAM
Major in Peace, Conflict and Justice; Double minor in Philosophy and Women & Gender Studies

FUTURE PLANS
Gap year! Then probably a Masters of some description.

WHAT I ENJOYED MOST ABOUT PCJ...
Is the camaraderie of the cohorts.

BENJAMIN MACLEAN-MAX

PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice and Urban Studies

CURRENTLY WORKING ON...
trying to find a job!

WHAT I ENJOYED MOST ABOUT PCJ...
the small size of the program is my favourite thing about PCJ. I’m so grateful to have been part of a program where I was able to get to know all of my classmates, particularly at such a large university like U of T.

DARIA MANCINO

PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice; Public Policy

FUTURE PLANS
I am currently embarking on a finance internship in Santiago, Chile.

I KNEW I WAS IN THE RIGHT PROGRAM WHEN...
The in-class discussions in first year became heated, yet fun.

ALEXANDER MARKOVIC
LAUREN McMAHON

PROGRAM
Major in Peace, Conflict and Justice; double minor in Political Science and Religion

FUTURE PLANS
I am currently interning at TransAlta working on contract management, and will be starting law school at Osgoode Hall in the fall!

WHAT I ENJOYED MOST ABOUT PCJ...
The opportunities for experiential learning. My semester spent doing a work-study project at Matthew House was without a doubt the most valuable experience of my undergraduate degree.

RUSHAY NAiK

PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice; Human Biology (Global Health)

FUTURE PLANS
Continuing to my master’s at UofT in Health Policy, with a focus on global health and conflict!

WHAT I ENJOYED MOST ABOUT PCJ...
The small (but mighty) cohort! PCJ provided a sense of community in the massive institution that is UofT.

HAMZA NAiM

PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice; Ethics, Society & Law

FUTURE PLANS
Law School.

WHAT I ENJOYED MOST ABOUT PCJ...
The community. I met some of the most remarkable people and spending time with them was an absolute pleasure.
PROGRAM
Specialist in Peace, Conflict and Justice

CURRENTLY WORKING ON...
I began my own start-up recently, which is working to improve the lives of those that require specialized devices to navigate the world around them.

ONE HIGHLIGHT OF MY TIME AT PCJ...
As Panel Director for the 2014 PCJ Student Conference, the panelists we found inspired me to research more into how technology is an important variable to how states relate to each other.

ALEXANDER PARENT

PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice and Chemistry; Minor in Environmental Chemistry

CURRENTLY WORKING ON...
Passion2action, the non-profit youth empowerment organization I founded, is working on preparing new programming focused on reconciliation and supporting youth projects.

FUTURE PLANS
Masters in Chemical Engineering at McGill University.

JONAH TOTH

PROGRAM
Double major in Peace, Conflict and Justice and Public Policy

FUTURE PLANS
I am hoping to travel long-term and work for a non-profit.

WHAT I ENJOYED MOST ABOUT PCJ...
Its interdisciplinary nature and flexibility.

KATRINA VAN GENDEREN
**LOUISA YOU**

**PROGRAM**
Specialist in Peace, Conflict and Justice; Double minor in Psychology and Political Science

**CURRENTLY WORKING ON...**
Trying to learn JavaScript.

**WHAT I ENJOYED MOST ABOUT PCJ...**
I think I learned more from PCJ classes than any other classes; PCJ260 was brutal but so rewarding.

**SAYEH YOUSEFI**

**PROGRAM**
Specialist in Peace, Conflict and Justice

**FUTURE PLANS**
Doing a Political Science MA to continue the research I worked on last year on political behaviour.

**WHAT I ENJOYED MOST ABOUT PCJ...**
The quality of discourse with the class, how invested the profs are in the success of the students and generally how engaged everyone was in the process of learning.

**GRADUATES NOT PICTURED**
QUENTIN FOX | JULIA GHADDAR
ANTHONY HOPE | MARIA HUTT
NIDA ISLAM | MATTHEW O’RIORDAN-ROSS
OLIVIA SMITH | AMANDA SOARES
SYDNEY WILSON | CHENG BO XU
STEPHANIE YAACOUB | EMI YASUDA
"Creating Arms Race sweaters inspired by a lesson from PCJ260 that were made and distributed program-wide."

MASSIMO CHIARELLA

"The dangerously funny group chats"

MADISON BRUNO

"The chocolate bunny we shared at the PCJ study session in the lounge"

LOUISA YOU
UMA KALKAR

"PCJuice"

DARIA MANCINO

"Program search"

KATERINA VAN GENDEREN

"Fall Campus Day"

DARIA MANCINO

"I stumbled across the website"

SHEREN KAMAEI

"Through a friend"

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"A professor's guidance"

CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER PARENT

"A brochure"

HAMZA NAIM

"Munk One"

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JONAH TOTH
SAYEH YOUSEFI

"Attempting to solve the Israel-Palestine conflict in the PCJ260 exam"

HAMZA NAIM

"Writing in a concise and compelling manner"

ALEXANDER MARKOVIC

"Pat the missile"

ALEXANDER MARKOVIC

"PCJ260"

MADISON BRUNO
How PCJ helped you be who you are today...

PCJ has really helped me solidify and zero in on the things I am passionate about. Being surrounded by a cohort of enthusiastic, driven and socially conscious peers has helped me to stay resolute in my goals and dreams for the future, and has made me more optimistic about the future: I am really proud to be part of a cohort of people who will no doubt go on to make a positive difference in the world.

Lauren McMahon

PCJ created an environment that encouraged me to explore the intersections of my personal and professional interests academically. Through the program, I was able to critically analyse threats to peace and justice while developing solutions to conflicts within the context of the most disenfranchised communities across the Americas. The close-knit, interdisciplinary nature of PCJ encouraged me to engage in complex conversations with my peers and professors to expand my knowledge on these issues.

Maria-Alba Benoit Mariaca

PCJ challenged me to think critically about complex social problems and refined my research skills. My time in the program helped me shape my interests in digital public policy and find my Master's program.

Uma Kalkar

Surrounding me with people who have pushed me further has fundamentally changed who I am and who I will become. PCJ created a level of drive and ambition in me that I never had before.

Hamza Naim
Thank you to our Professors

Your courses have challenged our worldviews and propelled us to become critical thinkers in the face of challenges to peace and justice.
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