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Media Opportunities:

- Press Release re: reallocation of grants for low-income students (August 3)
 - <https://www.caus.net/news/change-to-ab-student-grant>
- CBC Interview re: reallocation of grants for low income students (August 4)
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/caught-off-guard-low-income-students-in-alberta-scramble-to-go-back-to-school-with-lower-grants-1.6543506>
- CBC Interview re: Mental health wait times at U of A (August 22)
 - <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/influx-of-u-of-a-students-seeking-mental-health-supports-expected-in-fall-1.6558536>
- CBC Edmonton interview w/ Nancy Carlson re: Mental Health (August 23)
 - <https://www.instagram.com/p/ChoAv4QDcSp/>
- CityTV Interview re: Student loans and Affordability of PSE (August 24)
 - While he didn't use my interview, it is still important to do these interviews and make those connections!

Provincial:

- Regularly occurring CAUS staff meetings
- Individual CAUS institution Check-in (August 2)
- Meeting with CAUS Communications Staff (August 2)
- Meetings with students about potential involvement in GOTV Campaign (August 2)
- CAUS OPEC (Organizing and Public Engagement Committee) Meeting (August 3)



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- CAUS Policy Committee Meeting (August 3 and 23)
- Interview with CBC Edmonton (August 4)
- Meeting with Duncan (AUSU staff member) re: CAUS history (August 18)
- Apathy is Boring event (August 21)
- CBC Edmonton Interview (August 22)
- CBC Edmonton Interview (August 23)
- CityTV Interview (August 24)
- Media Training (August 24)
- CAUS Counterparts (August 27-29)

Municipal:

- Calgary Student Alliance Meeting (August 18)
- Meeting with Willem from Economic Development Lethbridge (August 23)

Federal:

- CASA Policy and Strategy Conference (August 8 - 11)*
- GIRC meeting (August 18)

ULSU:

- Weekly one-on-one(s) with Kairvee (August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)
- Day trip to the Calgary Campus (August 3)
- EC Meetings (August 5, 17, 24)
- Student Union Development Summit (SUDS) (August 12 - 15)*
- Dinner with Student Care and past student Leaders (August 19)
- Working lunch with Alberta Student Leaders (August 21)
- Meeting with Holly Kletke re: internal student advocacy (August 22)



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- Professional Development Training (August 25)
- Whoop-Up Days Pancake Breakfast at the Zoo (August 26)
- GA Meeting (August 31)

Notes:

- *Please see separate reports in the conferences section on the website!
- This month, Possibility Seeds released a report on prevention of gender-based violence on campuses. I am so honoured to have been able to contribute to such an important document! Please see the report here: [*Our Campus, Our Safety: Student Leader Action Plan*](#)
- This was a great month for media opportunities for CAUS (and subsequently the ULSU), which is super important moving forward and advocating for students.
- The EC took our first visit to the Calgary campus this month. It was a great opportunity to get to know the staff and the issues they face as we move forward into the school year (as per the bylaws I am the official liaison to the Calgary Campus)
- This month also saw the first Counterparts conference (hosted at the U of L!). One of the most important aspects of being a part of CAUS (other than the advocacy we do) is what we can learn from one another. The Counterparts conferences happen once a semester, and it is an opportunity for all of the EC members from all of the CAUS member institutions to get together and share ideas. We had fantastic presentations on the CAUS priorities, CAUS history, Indigenization of our campuses, Get Out the Vote, and 2SLGBTQ+ inclusivity on campuses. We also had the Minister of Advanced Education attend our board



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meeting (virtually), which was a great chance to ask him questions on his policies and to advocate the CAUS priorities.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at su.external@uleth.ca

All the best,
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