



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SEE ACTION ON ENHANCING COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

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TORONTO – College Student Alliance (CSA) applauds the government for ensuring international students in Ontario will have a better postsecondary experience with the implementation of recommendations from the 2018 International Postsecondary Strategy.

“International students pay exponentially more than domestic students for tuition and services,” said Aimee Calma, CSA president. “CSA is encouraged the announced changes will help the international experience match the financial commitment made by international students and their families.”

The 2018 strategy will help colleges attract students in a fair and transparent way, ensuring international graduates can positively contribute to Ontario’s economy. Five key actions from today’s report directly align with recommendations College Student Alliance (CSA) advanced through two independent research reports: *Creating a Strong Post-Secondary International Education Strategy for Ontario’s College Students (2016)* and *CSA Spotlight: International Student Health Plans (2017)*. The Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development (MAESD) committed to the following:

- Facilitate the retention of international students after graduation,
- Create more support services for international students,
- Provide full program and tuition transparency from the beginning to the end of enrolment,
- Enhance Ontario’s settlement services,
- Encourage a healthy, viable system for domestic and international students to exchange cultures, ideas, and understanding.

“CSA has advocated for fair and transparent options for international students for some time,” Calma said. “With cooperation from faculty, administration and government, the 2018 provincial strategy will ensure international students feel confident in choosing Ontario as their new home.”

CSA will continue to advocate on behalf of Ontario’s college students and work in partnership with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Development to ensure the new strategy works. We look forward to students being regularly involved in the implementation of these recommendations.

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### **About College Student Alliance:**

College Student Alliance (CSA) advocates on behalf of Ontario college students in partnership with student leaders. Through our member student associations, CSA represents the collective voice of Ontario’s college students.

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