



## **BGYN Guest Speakers - Aysha Rizwan and Hrithik Sharma**

## **Aysha**

- Was involved in scouting while she was growing up which allowed her to have some really great naturebased experiences
- Grew up in Burlington, attended FJ Hayden HS. Was actually in the first graduating class of FJ Hayden since the school started with only grade 9s and 10s
- Currently in her 5<sup>th</sup> year at McMaster. Attracted to the <u>Integrated Business & Humanities</u> program at McMaster because of approach to business
- Triple Bottom Line → includes Environmental, Social and Economic in decision-making rather than only looking at the financial bottom line

- Met Hritihik through McMaster who introduced her to Green Linings
- Currently working with the Hamilton Community Fund on a divestment project. One of the ways a
  Community Fund raises money to support community projects is with investments
- Divestment is a process of working with the organization to make purposeful choices and not invest in things such as oil and gas or other non-renewable energy projects
- Had an internship at Volvo Canada for 15 months working under the Sustainability Manager. Looking at how to build dealerships in sustainable ways. Learned a lot about architecture, design, etc.
- Helped organize a clean up with Volvo Canada staff team picked up 4k+ pieces of litter!
- Currently in final year, looking to attend Western to finish her Masters in Sustainability

## **Hrithik**

- Attended Richview Collegiate school in Etobicoke. Also enrolled in the McMaster IBH Program, in 4th year
- Internship at Celestica an electronics manufacturer
- Played Rugby in High School. Always involved in camp-related activities, Camp Leader for the Tim Horton's Camps and was actually featured in some of their TV advertisements and promo materials!
- Involved in student politics and rang a historic bell in his school (front page news).
- Part of dance competitions, shaved off his head with a friend for cancer awareness
- Talked about Environmental Social Governance, working with Celestica to develop an ESG Vision for 2025
- Got involved with Youth Challenge International (YCI) which is sort of like an incubator program, helping him to connect with other young people and start up Green Linings they won 1st place!

## <u>Climaco Case Competition</u> - here

- Earn Volunteer Hours while taking action on the Climate Emergency. Participating in the challenge has the potential to help you earn ALL of the hours you need for HS graduation
- The contest runs from March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications due of Marc 4<sup>th</sup> → March 7<sup>th</sup> Opening Ceremony → April 1<sup>st</sup> Closing Ceremonies
- Gives you the opportunity to work on real issues. Build your Resume Chance to win \$500
- Partnering with the <u>Burlington Food Bank</u> → Ability to make a local impact!
- Network with like-minded individuals and experts. Last year had 19 attendees looking for even more this year
- Smaller contest, lots of opportunity for individual attention from mentors and better chance of winning!