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Alberta Students look forward to working with new government leaders to prioritize access, quality and affordability of post-secondary education.

The Alberta Students' Executive Council (ASEC) would like to celebrate all candidates in their campaigns which took tremendous effort and courage over the last month. It would also like to thank all volunteers and poll workers for doing their part to support the democratic process.

After a hard-fought campaign, the United Conservative Party (UCP) came out ahead in yesterday's election albeit by a narrower margin than in 2019. In last night's speeches, both leaders spoke about hopes for the incoming government to represent all Albertans over the next four years. ASEC looks forward to working with members of both parties to ensure access to affordable and high-quality post-secondary education is a priority for all at the legislature.

"We congratulate the elected candidates and those who did not get a seat; dialogue and constructive discussion exalt the spirit of progress and collaboration that distinguishes Alberta. From ASEC, we will continue to work tirelessly for the future of the students of our beloved province."

Alvaro Ivan Garcia

Chair, Alberta Students' Executive Council

In the 2023 budget, many of ASEC's long-time advocacy priorities were satisfied, including:

- Implementing a 2% cap on tuition increases for the 2024-2025 academic year onward
- Reducing Alberta Student Loan interest to prime
- Extending the repayment grace period to 12 months from 6 months for Alberta Student Loans.

ASEC hopes these commitments will be implemented as planned and will continue to advocate for policies to best support post-secondary students in Alberta.

ASEC represents more than 110,000 college, polytechnic, and university students from 17 members across Alberta.

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