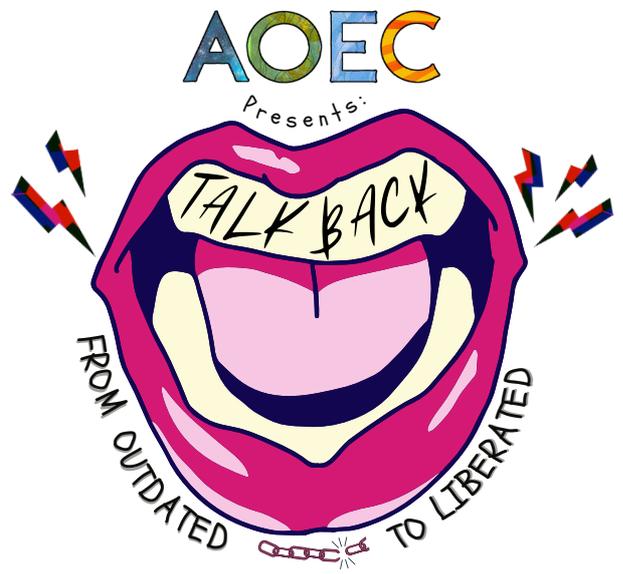


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The 2022-2023 Griffins' Nest Editor-in-Chief Stephen Kosar, 2020-2022 Managing Editor Jessica Kim, and 2020-2022 Editor-in-Chief Spencer Izen will be running a workshop on student journalism and press freedom focused on sharing what they found to be successful at their publication. Specifically, they'll be touching on answers to the following:

- (1) Why is student journalism important?
- (2) How can we make student journalism happen?
- (3) How can we protect student journalism?
- (4) What are student journalists' rights in BC public schools?
- (5) How do professional ethics fit into student journalism?

The Griffins' Nest is a pioneering example of what student journalism can look like in Canadian public schools. The presenters are some of the individuals who got the student-led newspaper to where it is today and have a committed interest in supporting other scholastic media. On a similar stage, Jessica Kim and Spencer Izen are lobbying MLAs to pass Canada's first student press protection legislation that would secure student journalists' rights under provincial law.

Websites

Student Press Freedom Act  
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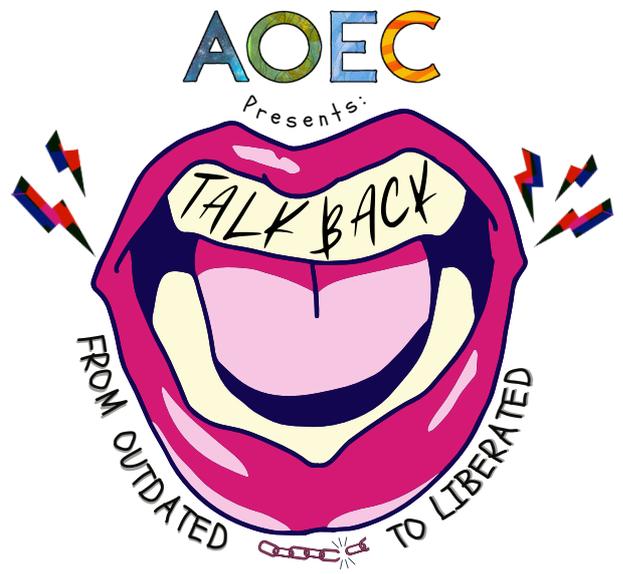
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**Spencer Izen** (he/him) is the Co-Director of the Student Press Freedom Act Campaign. Having been the Editor-in-Chief of his student newspaper, The Griffins' Nest, from 2020 to 2022, Spencer is familiar with challenges to press, expression, and information rights faced by student journalists in BC public schools. Having seen the impact of his stories in both the short and long term, Spencer believes in the power of student journalism and wants to see a free and robust scholastic press in secondary schools across Canada. Spencer is a member of the Canadian Association of Journalists, Society of Professional Journalists, and Investigative Reporters and Editors, and is a Director with the Canadian Institute for Information and Privacy Studies. He and Jessica have been invited to speak before the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, British Columbia Freedom of Information and Privacy Association, and Centre for Free Expression at Toronto Metropolitan University, and have been nominated for the Peter Bryce Prize for Whistleblowing, one of Canada's top civil liberties awards.



**Jessica Kim** (she/her) is the Co-Director of the Student Press Freedom Act Campaign. Jessica served as Managing Editor of The Griffins' Nest from 2020 to 2022, and has a wide range of experience in dealing with not only issues related to press freedom, but also the operational side of a student newsroom. Jessica supported a nearly 70-student reporting staff to produce hundreds of articles and knows what it takes to run an effective, community-centred and minded student publication. She believes firmly in the idea that student journalists are real journalists, a view shared by many in the professional industry. Jessica, with Spencer, has been invited to speak before the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, British Columbia Freedom of Information and Privacy Association, and Centre for Free Expression at Toronto Metropolitan University, and was nominated for the Peter Bryce Prize for Whistleblowing, one of the country's biggest awards for civil libertarianism.



**Stephen Kosar** (he/him) is the current Editor-in-Chief of The Griffins' Nest, previously serving as an Executive Editor. Through The Nest, Stephen operates and runs a student-focused and student-made publication, serving the public interest and fulfilling the ideals of being informative, impartial, and independent. With the impact The Nest has on its local community, Stephen strongly believes in the role independent student journalism plays in improving transparency and accountability, serving as a forum for free expression, empowering the informed, and uplifting the voices of those marginalized. The Griffins' Nest has received acclaim from the Canadian Association of Journalists, Student Press Law Center, British Columbia Civil Liberties Association, Canadian University Press, and the Centre for Free Expression at Toronto Metropolitan University, among others in professional media. Stephen is a member of the Canadian Association of Journalists.