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PIP Alumni Brad Vis and Arif Virani Win Seats in the House of Commons

Ottawa, Ontario - The Parliamentary Internship Programme (PIP) of the Canadian Political Science Association congratulates newly-elected federal Members of Parliament Brad Vis and Arif Virani, both of whom are alumni of the Programme.

An intern in 2010-11, Mr. Vis was elected MP for the British Columbia riding of Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon.

Mr. Virani was an intern in 1994-95; he was re-elected yesterday for a second term as the MP for the Toronto constituency of Parkdale-High Park.

These are not the first PIP Alumni to be elected as MPs: Ms. Judy Wasylycia-Leis, an intern in 1976-77, served as the MP for Winnipeg North from 1997-2010.

The Programme looks forward to celebrating this news at our Alumni Reception in February 2020, when over 400 Parliamentarians, alumni, and friends of the Programme will gather for PIP's 51st anniversary.

About the Parliamentary Internship Programme

Envisioned by backbench MP Alfred Hales in 1969, the Parliamentary Internship Programme has welcomed 10 young professionals to Parliament Hill from September through June each year. The paid, non-partisan interns are selected through a national competition. Each intern works full-time for both an opposition and a government MP.

Since 1970, PIP has supported 500 young Canadians and assisted hundreds of MPs. The growing community of PIP alumni includes academics, politicians, senior government officials, diplomats, journalists, union leaders, judges, and leaders in industry and the non-profit sector. The breadth of their collective experiences and shared commitment to research and education has created a unique alumni network.