

# Board of Directors College of Communications



Candidate Name: Tyler Gelrud

Major: Communications

Bio: My name is Tyler Gelrud, and I am currently a junior here at Cal State Fullerton. I am working on my Communications major with an emphasis in Human Communications and Intercultural Communications. I am an avid traveler, a massive book worm, and I enjoy writing and performing music. I have been to 25 states and 16 countries, and I believe traveling is one of the smartest investments you can make. I am also a big fan of

Disneyland, Hey Arnold, and cereal as an option for every meal of the day.

Platform: Inclusion is key. If elected to represent the College of Communications on the Board of Directors, I plan to make every student feel valued and empowered. As a Communications major, I cherish the importance of speaking one's mind, and I encourage students to do the same. I understand the current state of this country. I know now, more than ever, people may feel like their voices are weaker than others, but I promise to be there for any student who needs a listening ear. Nothing is more important to me than the diversity this school offers. I cannot wait to advocate for every student, and I hope I am given the opportunity to do so.

Slogan: Communication Without Borders

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Candidate Name: Joshua Borjas

Major: Communications Studies

Bio: Hello Titans!

My name is Josh Borjas, and I am a first-generation college student finishing up my third year as a Communication Studies major with aspirations of being a student affairs professional.

In the past, I have been a commuter from Corona, but now I live off campus in an apartment across the street. I work two jobs, one of which is a campus tour guide and the other as a Starbucks barista. I have also taken out loans to support myself in college to further my higher education. I understand the main

issues that students have when coming to our university, notably in regards to parking and the fiscal aspect, yet I have extreme pride for our campus as well. I have served as an Orientation Leader my first year on campus by helping incoming students and their loved ones acclimate to our university. I was a part of the A.S.I. Street Team my first semester volunteering for programming which opened my eyes to the mass opportunities that the university has. I only look to the future with energy and optimism to better the already amazing institution that I attend.

Platform: What brings me pride about the College of Communications is everything from our stellar faculty, to our national achievements, to our phenomenal students and to our life changing programs that we have. This inspires me to take up the role of a Board of Directors representative for our college.

My platform consists of three ideals of advocacy, engagement and development. First and foremost, I am a representative and advocate for the student body for the College of Communications. I will work with my partner to blend our goals to better serve our college, by seeking our students to be better recognized for their work and passion on campus. I want to see our students engage in our community and be more connected through our amazing resources and programs. Lastly, I want to continue to develop our college by striving to be the best that we can be – pushing for an excellent future.

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If elected, I plan on promoting our programs and resources to our students so we can fully take up on all of the opportunity that we have. I want to act as an outreaching resource by having events, similar to a town hall meeting, to have direct connection to the concerns and then become the voice for the concerns. I want to bring light to the impacts that our students have in our community and the campus by giving awards and recognition at the campus wide level. With this implementation, I hope to break the communication major stereotype with the formal recognition. In regards to the big picture, I will be a liaison for our students to administrators for bettering coursework. Lastly, I aim to work with financial aid to lessen the long lines and to better communicate with the students. I ultimately want a smoother experience for current students.

I know with the support of my fellow board members, our leaders in the college, and your vote – we can achieve these goals.

Slogan: Vote for the best! Josh B-O-R, J-A-S