

Board of Directors College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics



Candidate Name: Saba Ansari

Major: Chemistry

Bio: I'm a second-year Chemistry major passionate about higher education, women in STEM, and creating equal opportunities for our future generations. This past year I've been the Strategic Communications Coordinator for Lobby Corps, working to educate, engage, and empower our students.

Platform: As an NSM student, the first and foremost thing I am eager to advocate for is the Graduation Initiative 2025. I want to discover more ways to help NSM students to graduate earlier than the average 5–6 years. There needs to be more classes provided each semester, and opportunities for students to graduate in time. Furthermore, I want to bridge the gap between the Associated Students and the Natural

Sciences & Mathematics college, and to educate our students more about the amazing and vast opportunities provided by the Associated Students.

Slogan: Vote Ansari and you won't be sorry!

Board of Directors College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics



Candidate Name: Ryan Fitterer

Major: Biology

Bio: Hello my name is Ryan Fitterer and I am a Biology major. I was involved in the Pre-Dentistry club in the fall of 2015. My passion for NSM has really grown as i have gone through my courses throughout the years, and it has been at a constant growth since I have started here. I am involved other leadership organizations on campus. I am a very active and motivated individual. I am also very artistic individual who enjoys every genre of music, photography, and painting the world with the colors of peace. If you ever need to find me I will either be in the library or the gym. (In that order)

Platform: I hope to work on continuously growing the passion and desire of the students that are in the Natural Science and Mathematics college. When I started here I was not really into my major and thought about switching. However, with all the opportunities that came up as I got older my mindset got to a point where I fell in love with my college, and I want to instill that in not only the incoming students, but to restore or ignite that fire of the older students. I want to be able to reach out to the students and make a bond between the students and ASI.

I want to be able to create more programs in order for students to get involved either on campus or within their major. Science and Mathematics have the stereotype of being anti-social people, but I want to break that stereotype and show campus that we do have a voice and we do have a great impact on this campus.

Slogan: Organic chemistry is difficult, but I have alkynes of solutions.

Board of Directors College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics



Candidate Name: Taylor Thornton

Major: Biological Science

Bio: Taylor is a 5th year Biological Science major, with a concentration in Ecology hailing from Oxnard, CA. She has a passion for Black liberation, consciousness, and leadership, and has used these passions to further her work on campus through different organizations like Black Student

Union and departments like Diversity Initiatives & Resource Centers. She also uses her gifts of poetry and puns to bring smiles to those around her.

Platform: If elected to the Board of Directors, I would serve as an advocate for minorities and marginalized groups of Natural Sciences in Mathematics. Let's be honest, not many scientists -- or professionals in the field -- have the levels of intersectionality that many of us in NSM have. This lack of understanding or sympathy can hinder the support many of us need to reach the status of equity with some of our peers. So, if I were to be elected, I would advocate, and stand in solidarity, with folks who lack a voice. Whether this includes working with the Dean to strategize plans aimed at helping these students; walking in solidarity at marches for Black Lives Matter, LGBTQIA rights, undocumented rights, and Muslim rights; helping clubs get funding to hold programs or attend conferences; or even just providing ideas for increasing inclusion of diversity, I will use the gifts and skills I have developed over time to help these communities. My goal is to work with NSM clubs in increasing diversity and inclusion efforts through partnership with Diversity Initiatives & Resource Centers (DIRC). I would use my connection with DIRC, as well as my knowledge in pioneering programs and workshops, to help show the multifaceted Titan community. Additionally, I would enjoy building a relationship with the Dean of NSM to connect students with DIRC, thereby increasing involvement in these identity-based resource centers to collaborate and grow club membership.

Slogan: Titaning the Community

Board of Directors College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics



Candidate Name: Michelle Bennett

Major: Mathematics

Bio: I am an adult re-entry student obtaining my BS in Statistics. I have been very involved at CSUF since transferring from Citrus College. I have been a part of the STEM² program, a Math Department Tutor, the Supplemental Instruction program, and I am currently the President and Inter Club Council Member for the Sisters in Mathematics with Academic Relations to Teaching (S.M.A.R.T. Girls). As a STEM² participant and President of S.M.A.R.T. girls I have helped organize a variety of educational events to help inform students of their options here at CSUF and beyond. I am an advocate for informing students of the different programs and resources offered at CSUF, especially if its free! As an SI leader and Math department tutor, I have had the chance to assist many student's through their education and have been equally rewarded through their achievements.

Platform: As a board member of ASI representing the college of Natural Science and Mathematics, I hope to represent both the college and its students in determining ASI policies on issues that directly affect current and future students' concerns. I will be the voice representing the students of my college by ensuring that the students remain aware of current and future issues regarding both their education and their rights as a California State University of Fullerton student. I will outreach to students personally, regarding issues that arise so that the students' voices are heard, and that I may accurately present the students' opinions and concerns to ASI. In the time of a changing political climate, it is now more important than ever to become involved, and safeguard the future we here as California State University Fullerton students are working so hard to improve. We are the voice of our future, and I am willing to speak out to right the wrongs, and create a safe and accepting educational experience that is open and welcome to all.

Slogan: Bennett gets the job done.

Board of Directors College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics



Candidate Name: Jessica Sherman

Major: Biological Science

Bio: Hello My Fellow Titans, my name is Jessica Sherman and I am a second-year Biology major. I have a passion in reaching out and helping my community, and challenging myself to grow more as a student here at Cal State Fullerton. I was involved in a leadership position with University Outreach and New Student Programs as an Orientation leader. Currently, I am involved in Camp Titan to be a camp counselor, part of a fraternity called Beta Psi Omega, and a Member-At-Large in NSM- ICC. Also, I work as a Student

Assistant in the Opportunity Center of NSM, assisting students to our tutors and specialists. Besides school, I enjoy going on adventures to the beach or exploring new places to eat, and I am a huge Disney fan.

Platform: To reach out to both the NSM students and the Titan Community is my main goal. I will encourage our community more about NSM events such as NSM Week and our Annual Symposium. Students and Faculty from around campus can gain more knowledge about our college and all the research we do. Also, encouraging the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics to get more involved with Associate Student Inc. events on campus and our community. Providing more funding to research and conferences will provide greater opportunities for the students of NSM. I hope that with this opportunity, I can get to know more about my campus, the students, and the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Slogan: "Vote Yes for Jess!" or " It's YOUR Voice, It's YOUR Choice, so vote Jess today!"

Board of Directors College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics



Candidate Name: Erika Hermosillo

Major: Biological Sciences

Bio: I'm a transfer student from Citrus College and currently a sophomore. My major is biology with an emphasis in Molecular and Biotechnology. In the summer of 2016, I participated in the Summer Research Experience program hosted by STEM², which exposed me to the multitude of opportunities available as an incoming transfer student. I was able to work in a research lab that summer and was offered to stay in the lab after the program ended. I have been working as a research assistant in evolutionary

genetics and immunity here on campus since. Project RAISE, formally known as STEM², works with students from community colleges to offer them: advisement, support, resources, and inform them about scholarships and internship opportunities as they transition to CSUF. Because of these resources and the involvement of students within the programs on campus, I have fallen in love with CSUF. I hope to give back to CSUF and its student body by welcoming, mentoring, and guiding new students into the titan family.

Platform: My interests involve connecting with students and faculty from the NSM college to able to inform students about clubs as well as the various resources available to us that sometimes we're unaware of such as: scholarships, resource centers, internships, and proper guidance from other fellow students and advisors. It's hard to find a fitting career after college, but by being involved in programs offered within the College of NSM helps you to gain exposure to different career opportunities in your life graduation.

Slogan: I'm friendly, smart, and dedicated with a good heart.