

Associated Students President & Vice President



President: Brian Miles Garibay

Major: Communications, with an emphasis in Entertainment and Tourism

Bio: The start of his college career marked the start of Brian Miles Garibay unlocking his leadership potential. His first year, he volunteered for ASI on Street Team and Lobby Corps. Though he was tested with the death of his mother, Garibay stepped in halfway through the year as the ASIP Union and Special Programming Coordinator and Orange Madness Production Director. He continued with ASIP in his sophomore year as the Spring Concert Coordinator. Under his leadership, Spring Concert expanded its scope with internal structure as well as branding and attendance. In his junior year, Garibay was hired by University Advancement

onto their Events Team and played a key role in commencement, Concert Under the Stars, Vision & Visionaries, and strategic engagement with donors, legislators, educators, and friends of CSU Fullerton. Garibay is also a social media intern for all CSUF official media accounts. Utilizing his relationships to diverse communities and departments on campus, Garibay extends his efforts to learn about all voices of students--especially lesser heard voices. His extensive history in planning, communications, leadership, diplomacy, stewardship, and internal knowledge of CSUF has prepared him to carry out the ASI mission by serving on the executive staff.



Vice President: Deborah Ochei

Major: Pre-Business

Bio: From her middle school years to her current pursuit of a college career, Deborah Ochei has balanced a healthy, busy lifestyle committed to service and campus involvement. In her early years, her leadership emerged as she took on the role of Track Team Captain, Show

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Choir, ASB Activities Commissioner. Her well-rounded background instilled a drive for community that continued when she came to CSU Fullerton. The pride she has for her black culture helped her find a safe space on campus in the African American Resource Center, where she engaged in stimulating social justice conversations about what CSUF has to offer for its diverse student body. In her freshman year, Ochei became a Black Student Union representative for Sistertalk, a support system for women of color. She shaped her aspirations to make an impact for marginalized communities and became the Co-President this year. To connect her community to the campus, Ochei has consistently volunteered for ASI through the Street Team at Orange Fest, weekly events, and Spring Concert. Her bright personality, compassionate communication, steady advocacy, raw insight, and desire to experience CSUF leadership has prepared her to carry out the ASI mission by serving on the executive staff.

Campaign Slogan: It's GO Time!

President and Vice President Platform: The GO campaign focuses on communities that are pushed to the edge because of our campus's incapacity to adequately serve our beautifully diverse student body. The GO Campaign empowers student voices, rather than talk over them. They do not wait for students to come to us; they make extensive efforts to reach out to communities not known to ASI. They plan to strengthen those relationships by attending more events that ASI funds through their councils and boards. They intend to improve reputations of our marginalized communities as well as stereotyped communities. They live by these three words: inform, empower, and advocate.

INFORM

Garibay and Ochei will take the necessary steps to conduct open and transparent conversations because they can be game-changers for almost any campus project. They will conduct frequent and productive conversations between departments and committees that do not normally work with one another to directly inaugurate change. They will keep students in the loop with various impactful topics, such as how student groups can prepare to request funding or why student union fees do not cover parking fees. They strive to bring insightful knowledge to students at all levels of involvement.

EMPOWER

Wishing alone does not create change. Garibay and Ochei believe, "If someone can do it better, let them do it." This motivates them to seek the most passionate, articulate leaders for ASI appointed positions. They are confident in their ability to strategically plan, communicate

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with their teams, create and achieve goals, and remain close with students. They are skilled in governmental advocacy and marketing but recognize and value students who specialize in those fields. Because of that, they will provide ASI leaders with information and oversight in a hands-on, macro leadership style which holds them accountable while simultaneously supporting them.

ADVOCATE

Garibay and Ochei are the leaders interested in your work and who challenge you to go further. They are leaders who support and explain your stances. They validate your narrative and will offer you a platform to spread your message to the general campus community. These are ways they will support ASI and student organizations. With objective and critical lens, they look forward to dissecting and celebrating the work of student officers and coordinators. They trust and believe in student recommendations. Funding is an accurate measure of priorities ASI has because their programming and governance directly affects the student body. ASI spending shows what they stand for and needs leaders who set a precedent to make student needs a priority. Garibay and Ochei will utilize resources, promote spirit, and foster campus collaboration to complete their mission.

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President: Laila Dadabhoy

Major: Business

Bio: Laila Dadabhoy has been an active member of the Associated Students since her freshman year. Her experience includes time spent on the Board of Directors, the Environmental Sustainability Commission, the Presidential Appointee Coalition, and she currently serves as the Chief Communications Officer. She takes pride in being an approachable resource for students and will work hard to ensure that their concerns are heard and addressed. Laila identifies as a Muslim female person of color and recognizes the struggles that have come as a result of the most recent presidential election. She is determined to provide support for students of all backgrounds and will make sure they can find the resources they need through the Associated Students. Her experience with people and in ASI have laid a foundation for success as she continues to help students in this capacity.

Platform: We would like to opportunity to work with the Diversity-Inclusion Resource Centers to establish a more productive relationship in the hopes that ASI can become more aware of student needs from a myriad of different places on campus. In light of the most recent presidential election, it is important to consider that several students may not feel like they are receiving the support they need. By working with DIRC, we could learn more about the available resources and can work on supportive campaigns for all students on campus.

We would like to serve the students of this university by utilizing the existing Community Engagement Coalition to its fullest potential. The reality is that several students are graduating with their respective degrees, but cannot find jobs in their field. We hope to use the CEC to communicate more effectively with the community and increase the marketability of the campus.

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We would also like the opportunity to work with student leaders to enhance their training programs and informational sessions in an effort to provide more resources to the student body as well as provide students with improved soft skills that they may apply to their work. This program will incorporate High Impact Practices as well as motivation for every student to perform at their best ability. With the correct planning, these trainings can help prepare student leaders to help their peers and help them assimilate more smoothly into the workforce.

Vice President: Andrew La

Major: Public Relations

Bio: Andrew La is a fourth year studying Public Relations within the College of Communications. His goal after he graduates is to work in a PR firm either in corporate or hospitality. He currently lives with his family and commutes in never ending traffic from Covina, CA. His current hobbies include eating new foods, traveling and surviving college. Within the past four years, Andrew has been actively involved, especially in the Outreach Recruitment & Orientation department on campus. He first began as an Orientation Leader his freshmen year, then moving up as a Student Coordinator of Orientation, gaining critical thinking skills, to currently serving as a tour guide for prospective students interested in attending CSUF. Andrew has also been actively involved within Sigma Nu Fraternity for the past four years, first as Leadership Chair and currently as the Vice President of Sigma Nu, gaining comprehensive organizational skills and tools. He has been involved with Camp Titan for two years, last year as a camp counselor to being part of the Spirit Staff this year. With the knowledge Andrew has gained from his involvements, he wants to guide students to utilize his leadership experiences to strive to become better leaders of tomorrow.

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Campaign Slogan: The future of us beings with you. Vote Laila and Andrew.