

ASI Student Body Elections: Spring 2024 Official Voter Information Guide

Voting will take place the Tuesday through Wednesday three weeks prior to Spring Recess. Voting will open at 8:00 AM PST on the first day and close at 8:00 PM PST on the final day. Candidates are required to use their name on record with CSU Fullerton on the ballot. The order of candidates appearing on the ballot will be in alphabetical order.

Spring 2024 Dates: Tuesday March 12th – Wednesday March 13th

Each student shall be required to authenticate their eligibility to vote by entering their CSU Fullerton credentials on the voting website. A student will vote on a single ballot, in most to least preferred: ASI President and Vice President and the ASI Board of Directors.

When voting for the ASI Board of Directors, the student will be voting in the academic college which they are enrolled. If a student is undeclared, they may choose which one academic college to vote in. If a student has multiple declared majors in different academic colleges they shall choose one academic college that they are enrolled to vote in. If a student is voting for a write-in candidate their name must be spelled correctly, as CSU Fullerton has on record, for the vote to count.

The ***Instant Run-Off Voting method*** will be used to count the votes. On the ballot, voters will rank candidate teams and Director candidates in order of most preferred to least preferred. The Instant Run-Off Voting method simulates an election with multiple run off rounds until a candidate receives majority.

The winners will be the candidate or candidate team who receives a majority of votes in the regular election. A majority shall be defined as 50% plus one individual vote of the total votes cast.

President and Vice President:

If no candidate team receives a majority of votes in the regular election, the candidate team with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and an Instant Run-Off will occur, as defined by the InstantRunoff Voting method.

ASI Board of Directors:

The winners shall be the two (2) candidates from each college who receive the most votes. If two candidates tie for second place, the candidate(s) with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and as Instant Run-Off will occur, as defined by the Instant-Runoff Voting method.

If no candidate or candidate team receives a majority of votes in the regular election, the candidate or candidate team with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and an Instant Run-Off will occur. The eliminated candidate or candidate team's votes are transferred to the other depending on each voter's preference as stated on their ballot. A Run-Off election will be simulated with the new vote totals. This process will repeat until a candidate or candidate team receives a majority of votes.

At the close of the elections the results will be counted. If there are no pending complaints or appeals, the Elections Director will submit the results to be certified within twenty-four (24) hours. The certification process will include review by the Elections Director, Executive Director or designee, and the Vice President of Student Affairs or designee. Results are only certified after any complaints have been heard by the Elections Judicial Council and appeals have been heard by the Board of Directors. Once certified, the results shall be released to the public.

FROM: Ali Mashael, ASI Elections Director
Rebecca Hesgard, Director of Student Government

SUBJECT: **ASI Student Body Elections 2024 – Candidates**

All candidates below have met the requirements necessary to be officially considered a candidate in the ASI Student Body Elections. As a reminder, the annual elections will take place online March 12th and March 13th at vote.fullerton.edu.

President and Vice President

Joe Morales and Suzette Morales

Board of Directors:

Arts

Joshua Lopez

Board of Directors:

College of Business and Economics

Seyi Alli

Scott Bunal

Jernail Dhillon

Aracely Hernandez-Salazar

Samantha Ngo

Board of Directors:

Communications

Joel Garibay

Gavin Ong

Luca Romero

Board of Directors:

Education

Brian Walkley

Board of Directors:

Engineering and Computer Science

Jonathan Ayala

Keshav Daga

Hafsa Farooqui

Kavil Jain

Board of Directors:

Health and Human Development

Jared Brown

Andrea Solares

Deniz Suzer

Board of Directors:

Humanities and Social Sciences

Noah Alvarez

Somi Nebedum

Board of Directors:

Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Arianna Neeki

Brian Rubio

Write-In Candidates:

Write-in candidates have the same right and responsibilities as all other candidates. Write-in Candidates name will not be pre-printed on the ballot. If a student is voting for a write-in candidate their name must be spelled correctly, as CSU Fullerton has on record for the vote to count. ¹

¹ <https://asi.fullerton.edu/wp-content/uploads/ASI-Policy-Concerning-ASI-Elections-1.pdf>

Candidate Team: Joe Morales and Suzette Morales
Candidate for: ASI President and ASI Vice President



President Candidate: Joe Morales

Hey Titans! My Name is Joe Morales (He/Him/His) and I am running for President of Associated Inc. I'm a second year Political Science Major. Since my first year at California State University Fullerton, I have gotten as involved as possible since I learned about ASI. I jumped at the opportunity to take on a leadership position on campus and get involved in student government. In my second semester I was elected for the position of Board of Directors for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, in the same year I was also elected for the position of ASI Board Treasurer. Through these roles I have been fortunate enough to have the opportunity to communicate with faculty and professors, as well as the Dean of my College in order to advocate for my peers. In my time here at CSUF I have been involved in Pre-Law Society, and helped fundraise money for The Center for Autism, and taken part in philanthropy events with No Limits Creative Arts. In my free time I like to spend time with my family and friends, cook, go to the gym, and travel! I am the son of Mexican immigrants and small business owners which has taught me to always advocate for others, value culture, and fight not only for my beliefs, but also to make a difference and help create change. I would be honored to not only represent, but also work with all of you to inspire change and make a difference!

Vice President Candidate: Suzette Morales

I am a first generation student studying Business with a concentration in economics and double majoring in Sociology. Here at CSUF I am apart of the Business Honors program, Educational Opportunity Program and Services(EOPS), the Male Success Initiative(MSI), and the Center for Scholars. I also participated in a cross town program with the Air Force ROTC. Apart from being involved in different organizations on campus I volunteer at a local Non-profit organization known as GOALS that works with low income and high risk youth.

Platform: Morales for More!

Cultural Empowerment & Representation

As students at Cal State Fullerton, we recognize that every person has their own unique background, and we want to advocate for every student on campus to have a voice and express themselves. As one of the most diverse Cal State Universities, we want to make sure that our entire student body feels seen and respected, no matter their ethnic background, religion, etc. We aim to utilize ASI resources in order to advocate for students to get involved with ICC's and student organizations. We believe that the key to fostering a strong community on campus is giving students the tools they need to celebrate their own cultures, with the support of ASI.

Student Wellness

We recognize that now, more than ever, students are surrounded by uncertainty, and that is why we want to help students with on-campus resources and services. Our objective is to increase student's access to CAPS advisors, so that they can focus on prioritizing their mental health and have faculty that they can confidently confide in. We recognize that an important part of this is determining a more accessible manner for students to get in contact with CAPS advisors. We look to advocate for the hiring of more advisors so there can be more opportunities for students to successfully schedule a CAPS appointment. We also want to incorporate workshops where students can participate in stress-reliefs programs, learn to relax and take care of themselves, as well as learn how to do day to day things like manage a schedule and other life tasks in order to live a healthier lifestyle.

Student Involvement

It is a widely known fact that Cal State Fullerton is a majority commuter school, and because of this we seek to increase the pride that students have for our campus. We plan to utilize ASI planned events and programming to put on more events like spring concert, beyond the conversation, etc. in order to create a stronger sense of Titan pride and build a stronger community on campus. Our hope is to make commuters feel more involved with events where they want to participate and have a reason to stay on campus longer and engage, rather than leaving immediately after their classes are over. Increasing

the involvement of student government is also a priority for us, we hope to use these leadership positions to increase engagement on campus for the student body.

Financial Success

Having more workshops for people to learn about and search for all the different scholarships that are available on campus, because right now there are many events and programming done by ASI. However, there are no credit card info workshops, personal finance workshops, etc. in order to help students learn how to achieve financial success.

FAFSA workshops, recently FAFSA has updated their application process, and many people have multiple questions about what is different about the application, and how the new application works. Especially with the new application having a new window, and new forms of verification, as well as the new guidelines regarding financial disbursement and requirements.

Candidate Name: **Joshua Lopez**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Arts**

Hello, my name is Joshua Lopez, and I am an instrumental music performance major. I am completing my second year at CSUF as a transfer student from East Los Angeles College.

During my time in community college, I had the privilege of working as the music department's tutor for two years. I also worked at my local high school as the assistant band director. With this experience, I was able to see the perspective of a student as well as an employee of the school. This brought crucial insights that I plan to use if elected as I can understand the lack of communication and support in all fields as the administrative process and system is quite complex and slow-moving.

As a student at CSUF, I have been able to experience and hear from my peers about various concerns. With no direct representative, these concerns will never be resolved as we must communicate to those who can facilitate the change needed to better our future.

Platform: Service Through Music

If elected I hope to bring improvements to the College of the Arts by collaborating with my fellow students. Further, adjustments to the music curriculum by creating a more tailored course load for students in their respective areas of study. Allocating resources that will better equip the music practice rooms with music stands and mirrors. I also hope to further improve the transition process for incoming freshman and transfer students.

During my years of schooling, I continue to notice the importance of communication between students, faculty, and administration. While many of my goals are within the music department, I look forward to getting more familiar with the rest of the College of the Arts to better serve and represent their wants and needs.



Candidate Name: **Seyi Alli**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Business and Economics**

Hey y'all!

I'm Seyi Alli, a third-year entertainment and hospitality management major. I'm dedicated to fostering inclusivity, promoting student engagement, and driving positive change.

During my time here, I have actively contributed to fostering an inclusive environment for underrepresented communities. As President/Chair of the Black Student Union, I've led efforts to amplify black voices, organize impactful events, and foster a sense of belonging. Additionally, my experience has equipped me with the skills to lead, delegate, and collaborate effectively with diverse teams.

Additionally, as Co-Founder and Co-President of the Nigerian Student Association, I have promoted cross-cultural understanding and solidarity among diverse student populations.

I've had the pleasure of working with administration to create strategic initiatives aimed at attracting and retaining black students, which has contributed to the highest incoming rate of black students in CSUF's history.

In my free time, I love hanging out with my friends, going to concerts, and Disneyland, as I am also a Merchandise Cast Member.

With a proven track record of leadership and service, I'm committed to representing the voices and interests of our student body and am dedicated to upholding the values of integrity, collaboration, and student advocacy in every aspect of my leadership journey.

Platform: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers: Vote Seyi for ASI!

As we navigate the complexities of higher education and strive for excellence in our academic pursuits, I am deeply honored to have the opportunity to serve as your advocate, leader, and voice for positive change within our college community.

My candidacy is rooted in a steadfast commitment to fostering an inclusive, supportive, and empowering environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. Throughout my journey at CSUF, I have been privileged to engage in various leadership roles and community initiatives that have deepened my understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing our diverse student body.

If elected to the Board of Directors, I aspire to accomplish the following:

- 1. Enhance Diversity and Inclusion:** I am dedicated to advancing diversity and inclusion initiatives within our college, ensuring that every student, regardless of background or identity, feels valued, respected, and supported. By championing inclusive policies, fostering cultural awareness, and amplifying underrepresented voices, I aim to create a more equitable and welcoming learning environment for all.
- 2. Promote Student Engagement and Empowerment:** I believe that student engagement is essential to a vibrant and dynamic college community. As a passionate advocate for student empowerment, I will continue to create opportunities for meaningful student involvement, leadership development, and collaboration. By fostering dialogue, promoting student-led initiatives, and facilitating open communication channels, I hope to empower students to be active participants in shaping their educational experience.
- 3. Advocate for Academic Excellence and Support Services:** Academic excellence is at the core of our mission as students, and I am committed to advocating for resources and support services that enable every student to achieve their full potential, especially for underrepresented communities. From more academic advisors and to more mental health and



wellness specialists, I will strive to ensure that our college provides comprehensive support systems that address the diverse needs of our student body.

4. Promote Transparency and Accountability: Transparency and accountability are essential principles that uphold the integrity of our college governance. If elected, I will prioritize transparency in decision-making processes, seek input and feedback from students, and hold myself accountable. By fostering a culture of transparency and accountability, I hope to build trust and confidence among students, faculty, and staff in our college leadership.

In conclusion, I am deeply committed to serving as a dedicated advocate and champion for our student community. Together, let us work collaboratively to build a brighter future—one that celebrates diversity, promotes student success, and fosters a culture of excellence and innovation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Candidate Name: **Scott Bunal**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Business and Economics**

Hi, I'm Scott! I transferred to CSUF last fall semester and am majoring in economics at the College of Business and Economics.

I grew up as a military child so I lived and experienced many different lives and cultures worldwide. Before moving to LA in late 2022, for four years I lived on the other side of the globe in South Korea! I graduated high school in a US military base there and have always been involved in the community.

When I was elected President of the American Red Cross Youth Club at my high school in my senior year, I prioritized the importance of community and commitment through several community events that shaped the importance of humanitarian aid within a community. I was honored to be nominated and winner of the Youth Volunteer of the Year in 2020.

Currently, I am actively involved with my local church's Young Adult community as a member sharing a similar mission in local compassion. Recently, I traveled with the church to the rural areas of Baja Mexico to provide shelter aid and infrastructure.

Besides helping a lot in the community, I do enjoy other hobbies. I enjoy traveling for different life and cultural experiences and hopefully have the ambition to visit Switzerland one day. As of right now, I have visited over 10 different countries including Spain, Italy, Japan, and Australia. I also like photography, trying new foods, and running.

Platform: "Be Unique, Not A Loser"

If you vote for me as a board of director chair, I promise to make sure that your voice is heard! I will work hard to ensure the campus can hold sustained growth and innovative success.

As for specifically the projects I want for the College of Business and Economics, I hope to invite more local businesses and major firms to our campus for a wider chance of opportunity for our business students to reach out and network for an internship or job. I know that since everyone has different schedules, some opportunities may be missed out on. I hope to mitigate this by offering as many events and opportunities for business students to utilize their resources here for a chance to meet their transaction.

Now for projects across all of campus, I want to work on building a social-dynamic campus that can stimulate more school-wide spirit. CSUF is growing rapidly and many students are looking for a community, I want to assure students who attend CSUF enjoy being here and are glad they are a Titan! To accomplish this idea, I will work on planning events to boost morale, delegate offers and deals for discounts on practical needs and wants students would enjoy, and highlight more of our student body.



Candidate Name: **Jernail Dhillon**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Business and Economics**

While pursuing my education at CSUF, active involvement in campus life has been a top priority for me. I've dedicated myself to contributing to student organizations, having had the honor of serving as the president of both the Sikh Student Association and the Men's Club Volleyball. These leadership roles have provided me with invaluable experiences, allowing me to develop not only essential organizational and communication skills but also a deep understanding of team dynamics.

In my role as the president of the Sikh Student Association, I actively worked towards fostering a sense of community and understanding among diverse student backgrounds. Simultaneously, leading the Men's Club Volleyball team required effective coordination, strategic planning, and the ability to motivate team members toward shared goals.

These hands-on experiences have not only honed my leadership abilities but have also given me insights into the importance of inclusivity and collaboration in achieving success. I am confident that the skills and perspectives gained from these roles will contribute positively to any future endeavors I undertake, both academically and professionally.



Platform: Jernail for ASI Board of Directors: Uniting Titans, Igniting Change!

I am honored to present myself as a candidate for a position on the ASI Board of Directors. My experiences as the President of the Sikh Student Association Mens Club Volleyball have fueled my passion for advocacy and community engagement, and I am excited about the prospect of contributing to the broader student body through this esteemed role.

If elected, my primary focus will be on enhancing representation and inclusivity across campus. As the head of the Sikh Student Association, I have worked tirelessly to create a welcoming space for individuals from diverse backgrounds. I aim to bring this commitment to inclusivity to the ASI Board, ensuring that the concerns and interests of all students, regardless of their affiliations, are heard and addressed.

Furthermore, my involvement with Mens Club Volleyball, Titan Bhangra, and AICA has equipped me with organizational and leadership skills crucial for effective governance. I understand the importance of setting policies that reflect the needs of the student body and ensuring that funding allocations are aligned with the diverse range of programs and services that contribute to our vibrant campus life. If elected, I will diligently advocate for fair and equitable distribution of resources, fostering an environment where every student initiative has the opportunity to thrive.

One of my key goals is to bridge the gap between different academic colleges on campus. Serving as a liaison between the ASI Board and various student organizations, I will strive to create a more interconnected campus community. By facilitating open communication and collaboration, we can harness the collective strength of our diverse academic disciplines to address common challenges and drive positive change.

In line with the alternating schedule of ASI Board and Committee meetings, I am committed to transparent and accessible governance. I encourage all students to actively participate in these meetings, providing a platform for their voices to be heard and their concerns addressed. I believe in an inclusive decision-making process where students actively shape the policies and initiatives that impact their university experience.

In summary, my candidacy is rooted in a deep commitment to enhancing the student experience at CSUF. I bring a wealth of experience in leadership roles, a dedication to inclusivity, and a passion for collaborative problem-solving. Together, let's

build a stronger, more connected Titan community. Your support will allow me to amplify your voices and work towards a campus that truly represents the diversity and aspirations of all students.

Candidate Name: **Aracely Hernandez-Salazar**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Business and Economics**

As a committed student looking to make a positive impact on campus, I am Aracely, and I am excited for you to get to know me. I am excited to be a junior in fall of 2024 as I pursue Business Administration. My wish to have an engaging university community has led me to run for the ASI Board of Directors. Aside from my academics, I have actively been a member of LBSA's events committee and have tutored students in the past. These experiences have allowed me to enhance my skills to listen with empathy, skillful communication, and work collaboratively towards an objective. During my free time, I enjoy going to the beach with my dog, Simba, and trying new cafes. Some of my hobbies include reading, painting, and listening to music, especially during my favorite season, spring. Moreover, I am committed to making a positive influence on our academic college by creating a warm college community. Most importantly, I hope to connect with our community and ensure that your voices are given to understand.



Platform: Aracely for Unity: Expressing Your Voice and Empowering Our Future!

I am eager to serve as a Board of Director to represent California State University of Fullerton. For this role, I plan to maintain effective communication, collaboration, and support of the university's students. My main focus will consist of encouraging candid conversations with students so that they are able to express their concerns and suggestions. While also collaborating with the Inter-Club Council and the school's administrators to unite for a wise purpose. I hope to engage with other student organizations to provide helpful resources and support from ASI. I also hope to improve student engagement with fun and exciting activities while also having mindful and useful events. As part of the board, I am excited to contribute to the improvement of our university community and with support, I am confident I will be able to accomplish this. All together, we are able to bring our university community closer and inclusive!

Candidate Name: **Samantha Ngo**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Business and Economics**

Samantha Ngo is a third-year student majoring in Business Administration, concentrating in Operations and Supply Chain Management and Finance at California State University, Fullerton, with an expected graduation date in May 2025.

With her passion and dedication to contributing to the College of Business and Economics community, Samantha holds multiple leadership roles. She serves as the President of the Business Inter-Club Council, Chief Operating Officer of the Association for Operations and Supply Chain Management, Recruiting and Success Factors Ambassador for the Women's Leadership Program, Leadership Scholar at the Giles-O-Malley Center for Leadership, and previous Director of Operations for the Finance Association.

Platform: "Elevate, Unite, Thrive: Samantha for CBE BOD -- Nurturing Community, Fueling Growth, Inspiring Personal Development ~"

If elected, Samantha aims to achieve three key objectives: 1) Boost club awareness among CBE students. 2) Strengthen the sense of community within CBE. 3) Ensure accessible resources for CBE students.

Drawing from her extensive experience as a three-year executive board member of the Business Inter-Club Council (BICC) and holding several leadership positions in various CBE organizations and programs throughout her college journey, Samantha understands the significance of early involvement in clubs. She recognizes that participation in clubs is vital in honing leadership skills, fostering personal development, and unlocking endless opportunities through networking. Samantha is committed to boosting club awareness among CBE students, helping them discover their passion and connect with like-minded individuals on campus.

Known for her unwavering dedication to community in the CBE, Samantha strives to create a loving, supportive environment within the college. She sees CBE as a home for lifelong learning, professional development, and forming lasting relationships with aspiring business professionals. Samantha's goal is to further enhance the CBE community, aiding students in finding their path in the world of business while building meaningful relationships.

With a legacy of continuous contribution to the CBE community, Samantha aspires to culminate her undergraduate journey at CSUF with impact. Running for the ASI Board of Directors for the College of Business and Economics, she seeks to serve her community once more before concluding this chapter of her undergraduate journey.



Candidate Name: **Joel Garibay**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Communications**

Hi, my name is Joel Garibay, and I am a second year, majoring in communications with an emphasis in advertising. My current involvements on campus include MSI, M.E.Ch.A, and being a Titan Ambassador. During the summer, I was also an orientation leader, welcoming students to campus in an enthusiastic and delightful manner daily. In the roles that I carry, I've gained a lot of experience, such as communication, leadership, and how to foster community. I am particularly proud of my leadership role in M.E.Ch.A as Historical Director, where I have achieved building a community firsthand. I really enjoy going to sporting events as I am a big baseball fan and look forward to rooting for our Titans this season. Away from classes and student life, I have a couple of hobbies, such as making art, playing bass, and hiking. Hopefully, this helps you get to know me better as a person and understand the type of leader I can be.



Platform: Communicate and Cultivate Connections.

The most important rule I live by is being present and communicating in order to bring a positive change to the environment I'm part of. Over the last two years, I've had the pleasure of meeting many new people and being in spaces that have taught me many new skills and helped me grow professionally. I've learned the importance of being a leader, which is to be of service that benefits all students and allows their voices to be heard. Having the skills of an open mind and being a listener is key for someone who is to be on the board of directors, a quality I know I have. Through experience from a leadership role in my organization, M.E.Ch.A, I learned the importance and value of both community and engagement. Being present as a student leader and fostering communities are tasks that, through ASI hosted events such as Community Chat and open forums, are means that I plan to accomplish. Actively listening and using my voice is crucial to me if elected to understand student concerns. It is only after that, through my initiative in ASI, that I can create events focused on meeting the needs of students and bring changes that are for students by students. As a leader, I value creating connections while being transparent. If elected, I plan to use my platform to foster relationships and create a safe environment for students to be comfortable using their voices. I value creating and making decisions with the students in mind, and inclusivity is something I would continue to use in discussions that deal with decisions affecting students. Many students know ASI is present on campus, but some may not feel comfortable approaching or taking part in ASI-related events or opportunities. As a board member, I want to work on closing the gap between students and the government to bring Titan pride to students and encourage them to get involved. Implementing this early on and through your support, I will bring new ideas and strategies to the board to guarantee improvements in our university.

Candidate Name: **Gavin Ong**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Communications**

My name is Gavin, I am a transfer student, and now a senior double majoring in CTVA - Cinema and Television Arts and Business with a concentration in Marketing. I am also an international student from the land down under, Australia. I am working my way to graduate with two bachelor's in CTVA and Business and hoping to focus on film and TV production and editing, with a goal to get into the Directors Guild of America program to become an accomplished Assistant Director.

Another interesting thing about me is that I took a 10-year gap between graduating high school and coming back to pursue my bachelor's. I spent most of my time working in the entertainment industry in Korea. I can also speak five languages and I'm currently learning a sixth! Learning languages is a big hobby of mine - I love to connect with different people!

This led me to become quite active at CSUF from my first semester. I became a Tambo Ambassador where I am one of the first faces of incoming students - giving them tours and helping them out with all their questions and concerns during orientation. I also work at Titan TV - CSUF's very own award-winning TV station - where I've helped provide and create programming and opportunities for all our students to gain valuable experience that will lead on to their professional careers! I also work at CSUF's own Human Resources department as a Payroll Assistant - welcoming all the new faculty, staff, and student assistant hires.

I currently am also serving as the student representative on the President Search Committee where I am committed to helping find the best permanent President of CSUF.

Platform: Crikey! I sure am far from Australia!

What I hope to work on is spreading the wealth and knowledge of our school, spreading the joy and inclusivity that we offer. I hope to be a strong bridging gap between our current students as well as all prospective incoming and returning students to find a beautiful program and community here at CSUF.

I am also very active in promoting and pushing for more representation for our underprivileged, underserved, as well as our more underrepresented student communities. Such as the international student programs, and all our marginalized communities, and I hope to push for more student visibility within our school, not just the College of Communications - by providing safe spaces for all our diverse communities - creating a sense of belonging, a home-away-from-home.

I hope to bring forth more pathways, and achievable goals in bettering our student bodies, allowing all of those who may not have the access, resources, and opportunities to allow our students to graduate and endeavor on a beautiful and successful path. Such inclusions will be ideas and goals to boost the College of Communication to be at an even higher level of excellence and push toward becoming an accredited college much like the College of Business and Economics, and the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

I hope to expand the wonderful College of Communication through its academic pathways, creating more meaningful courses with broader and experience-driven classes to help students achieve their career goals.

If I were to be elected, I aim to become a strong foundation and voice for our student body, bridging the gap between school and students, guiding, following, and being the strongest advocate I can be. Further creating and moving CSUF to a university known for its rich communities, activities, and resources - help provide more accessibilities, wellness resources, and overall fun campus life!

Finally, one of the first big projects I would love to see conceptualized and completed is the accessibility and equity of all our buildings for our DSS students. Making all our doors (especially in College Park) wheelchair accessible and automatic.



Candidate Name: **Luca Romero** Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Communications**

Hello fellow Titans! My name is Luca Romero, and I am running for the Board of Directors position for the College of Communications. I am a first-year Cinema and Television major, and I am eager and excited to maintain the standard of excellence of Cal State Fullerton and the community surrounding this great university. I am already involved on campus as I currently serve as the Director of Productions for the Communications Inter-Club Council, which helps serve clubs within the communications department and their club activities. My passions include cooking, reading, and spending time with friends and family. I want to continue the excellence of this university by advocating for a safe and secure environment for student's mental health, providing career development opportunities to communication students, and advocate for more inclusive opportunities for students to share their voices and ideas for positive development within our college.

Platform: "On the quest for excellence"

Student Outreach

The most important trait of a leader is being a good listener; if elected to this position, I would advocate for more opportunities for communication students to voice their ideas in their college and gain more knowledge of ideas in which they would like to see be changed or added to their college to better their experience here at CSUF. I will work with our college to hold monthly meetings and seminars for Communication students so not only will they be informed about changes or additions to the college, but they will also be able to advocate for positive changes they would like to see made.



Candidate Name: **Brian Walkley**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Education**

I've been a member of the Cal State Fullerton community since I first moved here from San Diego in August 2019. Although I graduated as a double major in English and Cinema & Television Arts in May 2023, CSUF impacted my life so greatly that I wasn't ready to leave. While I initially sought a career in English education, it was the amazing mentors, supervisors, and members of the CSUF community I interacted with as an Orientation Leader, Housing Office Assistant, and Resident Advisor that inspired me to change career paths. Now, I'm currently a first-year graduate student in CSUF's MS in Higher Education program, aspiring to continue impacting college students in the ways my many mentors impacted me. I currently serve as a Resident Advisor in on-campus housing, as the Graduate Assistant for the Office of Diversity, Inclusion, & Equity Programs, and I was recently appointed to the Board of Directors for the College of Education in December. Supporting other students and my fellow peers has always remained central to my values and work across our campus, and I aspire to continue this next year during my sixth and final chapter as a CSUF student.



Platform: "Walk With Me"

All 800+ College of Education students attend Cal State Fullerton from both near and far, commuting from as far as hours away for their education. Furthermore, as our college's student population solely consists of credential, graduate, and doctoral students, with no undergraduates at the moment, the amount of time these students spend on campus varies as many College of Education students are returning to education after years away while balancing outside work, families, and other personal obligations. I seek to expand accessibility to resources for College of Education students, whether in the form of increased promotion and presentation in varied modalities. Location should not be a limiting factor when it comes to accessing resources. Thus, although I seek to create on-campus opportunities to further connect College of Education students to CSUF's campus culture, I aspire to continue, and maybe perhaps increase, providing virtual activities to COE students, such as informational webinars. Furthermore, as the College of Education expands to incorporate its first undergraduate major, I want to work with staff and the community to promote this major to the masses with the aspiration of increasing our outreach and student body size.

The entire first semester of this academic year, both College of Education seats on the Board of Directors remained vacant. Thus, our college remained largely unrepresented in important campus decisions until my appointment this past December. As the smallest of Cal State Fullerton's eight colleges, I want to ensure the College of Education still has a continued voice in the decisions that are made for the benefit of the entire university population. I have enjoyed being able to represent and advocate on behalf of my College of Education colleagues and peers thus far, and I want to continue to be that voice and ensure through next year that COE students remain represented at the table.

Furthermore, having worked in settings that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice, these values have become central to all aspects of my life, including work. To represent the College of Education is to represent each and every student. I will forever strive to promote these values in everything I do, ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their identities, have their voices heard and contributions as equally considered as those of their peers.

Finally, there is nothing I love more than doing what I do on our campus, and being able to represent the university that has given me so much is gratifying beyond words. I will continue to represent both the College of Education and the Cal State Fullerton community with immense pride.

Candidate Name: **Jonathan Ayala**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors** College: **Engineering and Computer Science**

Hello, my name is Jonathan Ayala. I am a fourth-year Computer Engineering major who is also pursuing a minor in Physics and Computer Science. Aside from academics, I am also the current Board of Director for the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Esports Director for the CSUF Gaming Club, an Engineering Ambassador for CSUF, and I'm in the Honors Program. As an individual, I always want to help others succeed and I believe that everyone should be given a fair chance. I take pride in where I have come from as a first-generation college student. I want to continue to push past boundaries and limitations because I believe that everyone can accomplish what they put their mind to. My role as club esports director and BoD of ECS has helped me build a community and improve the Titan Experience for those involved in gaming and STEM. I treat each day as a new opportunity to achieve new goals and I hope to expand my reach as BoD of ECS.



Platform: Putting Science is about knowing. Engineering is about doing. I will do everything to engineer a better future for ECS.

As a Board of Director, I plan to advocate for the voices of engineers and computer scientists. Throughout my time at CSUF, I have encountered many problems such as outdated or inoperable lab equipment, insufficient number of professors, no tutoring, and more. Due to these issues, students have suffered academically and their quality of education has decreased. There have been attempts to approach administration and advocate for change, however, these students were unsuccessful. I believe that every student's voice should be heard in ECS. I want to have an open-door policy where ECS students can come to me with their concerns, and I can advocate for change. Another goal I have is to continue the development of esports and gaming at CSUF. The club I'm Esports Director of, CSUF Gaming Club, is the largest club on campus with over 2,000 members yet gaming and esports is still severely underrepresented. Within our school, we have many different esports teams who've won competitions yet their accomplishments are not recognized. So far I have been able to advocate and develop the CSUF Esports Lounge, however, I want to grow CSUF esports and gaming even more. I want to develop a permanent esports program on the CSUF campus where students and players can develop skills to earn a career in esports. Additionally, a permanent program can give players the opportunity to earn scholarships, network with industry professionals, and attend in-person competitions across the country. This will give students that don't compete opportunities to learn video production, esports management/marketing, technological skills, team management, and more. I believe that this will overall increase the quality of the ECS and CSUF Students' Titan Experience. As your potential returning Board of Director, I'm determined to engineer a better future for the students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science. A vote for Jonathan Ayala is a vote for change and advocacy.

Candidate Name: **Keshav Daga** Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Engineering and Computer Science**

If elected to the Board of Directors for Computer Science and Engineering, I aim to advocate for initiatives that promote academic excellence, diversity, and innovation within the department. My platform focuses on three key areas: enhancing academic resources, fostering inclusivity, and promoting innovation.

Firstly, I believe in improving academic resources to support student success. I will work to expand access to study materials, textbooks, and online resources, ensuring that all students have the tools they need to excel in their coursework. Additionally, I will advocate for increased funding for research projects and internships, providing students with hands-on experience and networking opportunities in the industry.

Secondly, I am committed to fostering inclusivity within the department. As President of the International Friendship Club and Hindu YUVA, I have experience in organizing events and initiatives that celebrate diversity and cultural exchange. If elected, I will continue to promote diversity and inclusion by organizing cultural awareness workshops, mentorship programs, and networking events that bring together students from diverse backgrounds.

Lastly, I believe in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship among students. I will work to establish partnerships with industry leaders, startup incubators, and entrepreneurship centers to provide students with resources and support for launching their own ventures. Additionally, I will advocate for the integration of entrepreneurship and innovation courses into the curriculum, equipping students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the rapidly evolving tech industry.

Overall, my goal is to create a supportive and inclusive environment where all students can thrive academically and professionally. With my background in leadership, advocacy, and community engagement, I am confident in my ability to represent the interests of students and work collaboratively with faculty and staff to achieve our shared goals. I am excited about the opportunity to serve on the Board of Directors and contribute to the continued success and growth of the Computer Science and Engineering department at CSUF. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Platform: "Empowering Excellence, Fostering Innovation: Your Voice, Your Future."

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Candidate Name: **Hafsa Farooqui**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors** College: **Engineering and Computer Science**

At CSUF, I am the current Internal Vice President of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), where I lead our Programming Council, composed of ICC, Fundraising, Professional Development, Events, and Outreach. Furthermore, I work closely with the chapter President, planning events and reporting our club happenings at the state and national level. As a member of ASCE, I participated in the 2023 Pacific Southwest Symposium as an environmental competitor and am a current mentee for ASCE-OC's Younger Member Forum. I spearhead a K-12 Outreach Program for our schools chapter, reaching out to local schools and organizations to teach them about a career in Civil Engineering. Moreover, I will be competing in this year's Engineering and Social Justice competition. Lastly, I am the ECS-ICC social media coordinator and handle outreach and marketing for our college's council.

Professionally, I work for the Planning, Design and Construction Department on campus, as a Student Assistant, conducting space audits; in summer 2024, I will be working as a Production Intern for Kimley-Horn, Orange. Previously, I conducted research for our school's mechanical engineering department and shadowed a president architect in Newport Beach. Lastly, I've worked at an environmental testing lab as an Air Quality Intern.



Platform: For fresher ideas and looking for a new key, a better ECS awaits if you vote Hafsa Farooqui.

Firstly, I want to offer more programs for engineering students to participate in, namely research. This past summer, though I enjoyed my experience for Mechanical Engineering, it was the only available option and I felt as though I could not benefit from the program as it was comprised of myself, a friend, and the advisor. I hope to spearhead projects that invoke creativity in our engineers by fueling their passions for the sciences.

Secondly, I hope we can work with the facilities department to create a more beautiful department. While the space we are given is adequate to use, it does not maximize our potential. Students of ECS are notoriously known to have to study frequently and I don't feel our space is inviting. While yes, we have outdoor patios with charging stations, it would be nice to have some indoor study spaces as well. As someone who has seen how many of the spaces are used, I can argue that much of our indoor spaces can be repurposed to be study centers, where students are invited to enjoy one another's company, share ideas, and work together.

Next, I hope to encourage our ECS students to be more involved in the college. While it is important to maintain a good GPA and make academia a priority, I believe the way to fuel our future generation is to begin curating leaders now. This means encouraging students to become contributors to large scale projects, participants in university-wide competitions, involved in research programs, and become members or leaders of clubs, fraternities and organizations. Not only will this create more camaraderie among our students, but encourage new ideas. Our generation of professionals that enter the workforce will not only have mastered technical skills from their classes but soft skills, such as communication, collaboration and time management, from their involvement.

After speaking to peers, asking what they want from our ECS department, I drafted a few solutions. To combat registration issues more sections of classes, specifically electives, need to be offered in Fall and Spring. It is unfortunate that students are required to delay their graduation simply on the basis that a section is full or simply not offered. Next, we need to implement mandatory seminars for all 1st and 2nd years so they know what classes to take, and more importantly, which prerequisites. This solution will solve the issue of overbooked advising appointments and students' being clueless about course requirements.

Finally, looking at the institution itself, more frequent facility checks and updates need to occur within ECS, including but not limited to: a lack of charging outlets within classrooms or unkempt bathrooms. For Professors, our administration should host workshops preceding the school year emphasizing the necessity of being timely with email responses, early assignment posting, frequent grade updates and using relevant, current curriculum material. While all of these changes may be time consuming or costly, they will contribute to a healthier ECS environment.

Candidate Name: **Kavil Jain**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Engineering and Computer Science**

Hello, I'm Kavil Jain, an international graduate student at CSUF majoring in computer science. I'm passionate about fostering a welcoming and inclusive community on campus. As a Global Titans Buddy for International Student Services, I help international students transition to campus life. Previously, I served as Treasurer for the International Friendship Club and currently hold the same position for Hindu YUVA, promoting cultural exchange and community engagement. Additionally, I am a Title IX Student Ambassador, advocating for gender equity and a safe campus environment. I've contributed to campus events like ASI's Spring Fest 2023, further enriching my university experience. As a Teaching Associate at the ECS department, I instruct undergraduate students, nurturing their academic growth. I'm dedicated to making a positive academic and social impact at CSUF.



Platform: Empowering Titans Together: Your Voice, Your ASI, Your Future!

I am honored to have the opportunity to share my vision for the future of ASI at CSUF. If elected to a Board of Directors, I am committed to championing initiatives that foster student engagement, empowerment, and inclusivity.

First and foremost, I prioritize student voices and ensure that their concerns are heard and addressed. As a student body representative, I will actively seek input from my peers through open forums, surveys, and regular communication channels. By fostering a culture of transparency and accountability, I hope to build trust between ASI and the student community, ensuring that decisions are made with their best interests in mind.

Furthermore, I am passionate about enhancing campus diversity and inclusivity. Every student should feel welcome and valued at CSUF regardless of their background or identity. To achieve this, I will work to expand resources and support services for underrepresented groups, advocate for inclusive policies and practices, and promote cultural awareness and sensitivity across campus. We can create a more vibrant and inclusive campus community by celebrating our differences and embracing diversity.

In addition, I am committed to supporting student success and well-being. This includes advocating for affordable and accessible educational resources, mental health services, and student support programs. Every student deserves the opportunity to thrive academically, personally, and professionally. I will work tirelessly to ensure that CSUF provides the necessary resources and support to help students reach their full potential.

Moreover, I recognize the importance of sustainability and environmental stewardship. As a member of the Board of Directors, I will advocate for initiatives that promote sustainability on campus, reduce our carbon footprint, and foster a culture of environmental responsibility. We can contribute to a healthier, more sustainable future for our campus and community by implementing eco-friendly practices and policies.

Lastly, I am committed to fostering collaboration and partnership across campus and beyond. By working closely with student organizations, academic departments, faculty, staff, and community stakeholders, we can leverage our collective expertise and resources to address complex challenges, seize opportunities, and achieve our shared goals. Together, we can make a positive and lasting impact on the CSUF community and beyond.

In conclusion, if elected to a Board of Directors at ASI CSUF, I am committed to serving as a dedicated advocate for students, promoting diversity, inclusivity, student success, sustainability, and collaboration. I am passionate about making a difference and empowering my fellow Titans to thrive and succeed. With your support, we can build a stronger, more vibrant, and inclusive CSUF community for all.

Candidate Name: **Jared Brown**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Health and Human Development**

Hi everyone, my name is Jared Brown and I'm running to be your board of director for the college of health and human development. I'm from Northern California and I'm a 4th year Public Health (Nutrition) and Kinesiology double major. I currently sit on the board as ASI's Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer, and am the president of the Pre-Physician Assistant Club, PACT! My other campus involvements in the past have been as a Resident Advisor and Student Ambassador for the College of Health and Human Development. I'm also a NAARE scholar.

Platform: Elevating well-being, empowering future, advocate for all voices at the table. Creating a thriving HHD, together. Vote JB 4 HHD!

As a dedicated candidate for your representative in the College of Health and Human Development (HHD), my foremost goal is to cultivate an inclusive and thriving community where every student feels a deep sense of pride and belonging. I am passionate about using my previous experience and knowledge as CIDO to leverage support in enhancing access, fostering identity, and amplifying every student experience within our college of HHD.

One key aspect of my platform revolves around improving accessibility to the diverse array of resources that our college provides. From our serene zen garden to crucial tutoring services, I want to streamline access to invaluable assets and ensure that every student can benefit from what HHD has to offer. Furthermore, I am committed to enhancing communication about opportunities, such as research initiatives and internships, so that every student is well-informed and empowered to make most of their academic journey.

In addition to resource accessibility, I am eager to build upon the groundwork done by our vibrant student organizations and professional societies/fraternities. These all play a crucial role in shaping our college culture, and I aim to find innovative ways to showcase and elevate them across campus. By providing increased visibility, we can strengthen the sense of community within HHD, fostering connections among students and facilitating collaboration.

One of my key initiatives is to create a supportive environment that promotes financial well-being and overall wellness for all HHD students. College can be hard on students like you and me, however I am dedicated to implementing programs and initiatives that address the holistic needs of our student body. >From financial literacy workshops to mental health resources, I want to ensure that our college is not only academically enriching but also supportive of the overall well-being of each student.

I firmly believe every Health and Human Development student deserves to have their voice heard. As your representative, I am committed to being a strong advocate for student concerns and perspectives. By actively seeking and valuing student input, we can work collaboratively to shape the policies and initiatives that impact our college community. To conclude, my candidacy is centered around a holistic vision for the College of HHD—one that prioritizes accessibility, community, and well-being. I am eager to work tirelessly on your behalf, and champion initiatives that will make HHD a college we are all proud to call home. Together, let us create a vibrant and inclusive community that truly reflects the diverse needs and aspirations of every Health and Human Development student.



Candidate Name: **Andrea Solares**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors** College: **Health and Human Development**

Hi! My name is Andrea Solares I am a third year kinesiology major with a minor in public health. I have been at CSUF for all three years and love the campus. I'm involved in a couple of other organizations and clubs on campus, such as a building manager at the TSU, ADPI, and the women's lacrosse club. Last year, I was also a board member on the HHD Inter- Council and served as the event coordinator. In my free time, I love to do outdoor activities such as snowboarding, surfing, and practicing yoga.

Platform: Andrea Solares: Charting a Healthy Future! Your voice, your choice for the College of Human Health and Development Board of Directors!

If elected to represent the College of Human Health and Development on the Board of Directors Committee, I will seek to ensure the voices of those within the college are heard. Sometimes this college can feel overpowered by colleges that have a larger population. Making sure that we are represented equally is something that is very important to me. Coming from a minority background, it is easy to feel outcast or not prioritized, this is something that I want to ensure does not occur. As a candidate for the position of Human Health and Development Board of Directors representative, my primary goal is to foster a campus environment that prioritizes the well-being of each student. I envision advocating for comprehensive health and wellness that addresses physical, mental, and emotional aspects of student life. By collaborating with the Department of Human Health and Development, HHD Inter-Club Council, and Assistant Dean, I aim to ensure that all voices are heard and relayed over to the ASI Board of Directors. Through transparent communication and collaboration, I hope to create a college community that not only prioritizes academic excellence but also ensures the holistic development and flourishing of each student. Together, let's build a foundation for lifelong well-being and academic success.



Candidate Name: **Deniz Suzer**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Health and Human Development**

My name is Deniz Suzer, and I'm a first-year Public Health Major in the College of Health and Human Development (HHD). I'm on the pre-med track, and my lifelong goal has always been to be a doctor. On campus, I'm involved in ESG (Eta Sigma Gamma), a public health professional organization, and the Women in Stem club. Outside of campus, I enjoy serving my community and spending time with my friends and family. In the past, I have volunteered at a learning center to teach English and with other organizations promoting women's advocacy. One of my motivations for getting involved in organizations like these is my past experiences. I emigrated to the US from Turkey at a young age, not speaking any English. Having gone through the experience of learning how to live in a different world, I have always wanted to help and advocate for those around me who might feel similarly lost. These challenges include teaching myself a new language, integrating with peers, and adapting to a new lifestyle. For this reason, I'd love to be on the Board of Directors for ASI because I want to continue advocating for the members of my college and their success.



Platform: Vote Suzer for student success.

I am a person who thrives best with a detailed checklist and timeline.

Therefore, I can promise that if I am voted in, I have concrete goals of what I plan to accomplish. First off, I have always been a leader who thrives when in direct contact with those I am representing. If I'm being honest, I have had questions about the College of Health and Human Development (HHD), whether they were questions about faculty or inquiries about internship opportunities, that I haven't known who to ask. As the representative for our college, my main plan would be to make a more direct line of communication between board members and our constituents. A way I plan to incorporate this would be by creating a social media platform accessible for individual students to share their thoughts and questions about HHD. I have learned to create an environment where people feel comfortable coming to me, and I believe that there is no better way to advocate for those around me than by understanding their problems like they're my own.

I am currently involved with the CHES program with other members from ASI and other CSU students, which is a program that collects student responses to problems such as tuition increases and brings them up to legislatures in Sacramento. This is one of the ways that I plan to advocate for students' rights actively. I am passionate about issues that affect the CSUF student body. Before becoming a member of the board, I had already taken steps to become a stronger advocate for our student body. Next year, I plan to continue this. As an elected representative, I would have even more information from students, specifically in our college, to bring up to the board.

Other than my main plan to bring more student voices into the conversation, my goal for Titans in all colleges on campus is to find a way to become more inclusive. This is a large campus, and working towards making the students feel part of a community is crucial to promoting student success.

Candidate Name: **Noah Alvarez** Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Humanities and Social Sciences**

Hello everyone! My name is Noah Alvarez, I am a third-year psychology major at CSUF and I currently take on the role of ASI's University Affairs Commission Coordinator. Through my position as UAC coordinator, I've been presented with a crucial opportunity to ensure the perspectives of us students are being considered in university policies and initiatives and in doing so, I've had the privilege to contribute towards the enhancement in student services by providing valuable insight and feedback from myself and other students on campus as well as collaborating with diverse stakeholders such as faculty, admin, and external partners to foster positive relationships and campus development – making me a great fit for the Board of Directors of Humanities and Social Sciences. My position as UAC coordinator focuses on advocacy, which I feel is an important quality to have when addressing student concerns within each department and ensuring our voices are being heard.

Platform: “Promoting wellness, one mind at a time, vote for Noah Alvarez”

Much of what I would hope to work on and accomplish in this role aligns with Cal State Fullerton's mission statement, “We aspire to combine the best qualities of teaching and research universities where actively engaged students, faculty, and staff work in close collaboration to expand knowledge.” If I am elected for Board of Directors for HSS, I would like to encourage faculty and admin to create an environment that is easy for HSS majors to navigate through. For instance, through my own experience as a HSS psychology major, I feel like I've had to navigate a lot on my own even as a third-year student at CSUF. I would like to promote and bring more awareness to resources on campus such as the HSS Student Success Center where students can receive more than just academic advising, but also career advising, leadership development opportunities, scholarship resources, and so much more that the HSS Student Success Center Team has to offer. For many HSS majors, graduate school is often a pathway many students take as a steppingstone into their dream career. I would like to highlight on this fact in particular because for most graduate programs, extensive amount of research and experience is commonly required for admission or to even be considered a “competitive applicant.” Research is an area that I feel has not been emphasized enough within the HSS college and I would like develop ways in which we can provide more research opportunities to our HSS students as well as educating our students on the importance of getting involved in research. I would like to encourage our faculty and our educators to talk about some of their own research experiences that has gotten them into their dream careers and make it appoint to provide their students with research opportunities to ensure all students are being presented with an opportunity to participate. With CSUF being primarily a commuter school, I notice how getting more involved on campus can be hard due to other commitments that commuter students may have. I would like to encourage students to be an active member within their university by creating leadership workshops in partnership with HSS clubs/organizations on campus that focus on developing teamwork, time management, communication, and ethical leadership to foster student engagement and leadership to create a vibrant campus life with diverse perspectives. As a psychology major, I've come to realize the importance of student wellness and what the causes are to student wellness being directly impacted. Being a college student is extremely stressful due to concerns relating to financial hardships, housing, and job security. As Board of Directors for HSS, I would like to create programs on campus that cater to these hardships such as a financial wellness program, peer support programs, and health promotion programs.



Candidate Name: **Somi Nebedum**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors** College: **Humanities and Social Sciences**

Hi everyone, my name is Somi! I'm currently a third-year Psychology major with a minor in Bio! Some fun facts about me are: I'm Nigerian American, I'm a huge fan of Frank Ocean (even after everything he's put us through), and I'm the middle child in my family! On campus, I'm involved in several roles and leadership positions, including being a Resident Advisor (RA) in CSUF Housing, a CSUF I.T. Technician, Treasurer for the Nigerian Student Association Club, and Event Coordinator for the American Medical Student Association Club. Outside of school, I volunteer at the Children's Hospital of Orange County. While I currently aspire to be a pediatrician, I'm also very intrigued by dermatology, so my career aspirations may change! My passion for humanities and social sciences began in high school when I took my first Psych course! I've always been a very curious person, and enjoyed digging deeper and asking why. I've found that humanities and the social sciences hold the answers to a lot of my questions, which is why I find them so fascinating. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all!



Platform: Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers : Vote Somi for ASI Board of Directors!

I am so excited to be running for your representative on the ASI Board of Directors, as a member of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences ! If elected, I plan to vote on initiatives that amplify the voices of all marginalized students, while also fostering inclusivity, and cultivating a bright academic and social environment.

First of all, I plan to meet the needs of every student within our college, making sure no voice goes unheard. I recognize and value the importance of creating spaces where all students feel valued, supported, and represented. To that end, I will actively seek input from diverse audiences such as the DIRC, CAPS, and most importantly, our student body, to address issues ranging from academic support to mental health resources.

I am committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) across our campus. I believe that as an educational institution, we should empower each other to understand and appreciate the complexities of one another as we step into, or continue to walk through, our adulthood journey! If there's one thing I've learned from being a member of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, it is that the better we understand each other, the better we can understand ourselves (and vice versa)!

Additionally, I am passionate about cultivating a sense of community and belonging within our student body. College can be tough, especially for those who may feel disconnected from their peers. As a Black woman in college, I understand the importance of having those spaces where students from all backgrounds can come together, share their experiences, and support one another. Our voices have power!

Last but not least, I am passionate about having a good time! College is all about creating lifelong memories and living our best lives! As someone who values both education and enjoyment, I am dedicated to making the 2024-25 school year as unforgettable as possible for all students. If elected, I will vote favorably on initiatives that bring joy and school spirit back onto our campus. We are so much more than just a "commuter school," we're CSUF!

In conclusion, I hope to serve as a passionate advocate for the students of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences on the CSUF ASI Board of Directors. Through collaboration, empathy, and dedication, I believe that we can create a campus environment where every student can thrive. Thank you for considering me for this role, and I look forward to the opportunity!

Candidate Name: **Arianna Neeki** Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

Hey Titans! My name is Arianna Neeki; I am a third-year Biology major in the Molecular Biology and Biotechnology concentration here at CSU Fullerton. As a first-generation daughter of Iranian immigrants, I bring a unique perspective and a lot of passion.



Why vote for me as your next board director for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics? I have a proven track record of leadership and dedication to our studies. However, I want to make this about more than numbers and titles. I am in your shoes, navigating the challenging journey through NSM and all the opportunities that come with it. I have been in classes and spoken with many of you. I believe in the power of community and making a real impact, so I put the time into my community to raise over \$6,000 for Laura's House, a domestic violence shelter in Orange County. I want to bring this same dedication to NSM and have the organizational skills and time management to do so.

But I'm not just here for the grades. I'm actively engaged in healthcare and research initiatives in San Bernardino County and underserved communities, addressing real needs beyond the classroom. With my experience outside of CSUF, I can bring these aligned opportunities to our college.

Most importantly, I am incredibly passionate about seeing you succeed personally and academically. I want to make NSM a supportive community with more opportunities and a sense of community. Let's turn the college of NSM into an even better space for all of us. Vote for me, and I can lead us to bring impactful initiatives and advocate for our shared goals. Your support will continue to foster growth in our community!

Platform: Vote Arianna Neeki: Innovation, Advocacy, Leadership- Your NSM!

INNOVATION is key in the ever-evolving world of STEM, which is what I am to keep up with by being steady in my initiatives to enhance student success. I want a dedicated NSM canvas page- a one-stop shop for information, contacts, and everything you need. This page means no more hunting around- just quick and easy access to everything NSM right at your fingertips.

I want to level the playing field for our women in STEM by making a dedicated scholarship; because equal opportunity is not just a phrase, but a commitment. On the note of equal opportunity, I want to help our commuter population (above 80%) by increasing the amount of online resources and virtual lectures- because your education should fit your lifestyle, not the other way around. Additionally, I would like to expand our study abroad opportunities in the NSM college, giving STEM students more opportunities to learn worldwide just as our peer colleges do.

I want to introduce resources that serve as post-grad introductions. You don't have to commit to a club to gain insight into your life. I want to highlight workshops where qualified professionals share their career paths, complemented by Q&A sessions. We will widely publicize these workshops to make sure every student can gain valuable perspective and guidance for their future.

Finally, within the college of NSM, I envision **LEADERSHIP** opportunities for anyone interested. I want to create more SI leadership positions (for additional courses), mentoring relationships, and tutoring roles. Not only do these opportunities directly benefit you, but they also improve local employment and support our hardworking student community. We can progress our college's performance based on a shared future of progress and achievement.

To innovate through these ideas, I will collaborate and connect, working hand-in-hand with our departments, student groups, and campus services. I will bridge ASI and NSM, ensuring your interests are represented. I will perform regular check-ins through surveys, meetings, and focus groups as your feedback guides our ever-continuing improvement.

I have always been involved in **ADVOCACY**. My first and foremost objective is to engage with all of you actively. I am here to listen to your concerns, understand them, and do my best to bring meaningful change. I want you to know that as a student, your voice matters.

One of the biggest challenges we face as a student body is the limited availability of lab courses and class sections, often pushing us a year or more behind in our graduation goal. As your representative, I would be committed to tackling this issue head-on. I'll be the advocate pushing for more than just a seat. I pledge to support the expansion of laboratory and lecture seats, increase the number of available sections and push for the hiring of additional faculty to enhance our learning opportunities.

I often see my peers competing for limited opportunities in research, scholarships, and supplemental instruction (SI). I want to change this. I commit to advocating for more funding through ASI and fundraising to bring programs and services that will enhance academic success and contribute to our well-being and personal/professional growth.

I see a future in our college where leadership opportunities aren't sparse and far between- rather diverse in their abilities to cater to a spectrum of NSM-related career paths- from healthcare and teaching to research, engineering, and beyond. I want to make this a reality by bringing this ASI funding to create more scholarships, which will alleviate some financial burden on students and allow you to dedicate more time to academic pursuits and utilize the opportunities within our college.

I believe in forging connections- not just with existing resources but with new ones I plan to implement. Our education isn't a one-size-fits-all approach, and I want our education to fit all of our lifestyles. I can tailor support to match your academic and career aspirations by advocating to personalize our approach.

Candidate Name: **Brian Rubio**

Candidate for: **Board of Directors**

College: **Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

Hello! My name is Brian Rubio, and I am a fourth-year student majoring in biological sciences with a concentration in cellular and developmental biology. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the College of Natural Science and Mathematics 2023-2024.

Some of my experiences also branch to other campus organizations. I am the President of Evolutionary and Genomic Research (EAGR), an outreach organization whose mission is to provide STEM opportunities in minority communities. I do two types of research, one on campus with Dr. Shahrestani and their lab. I also research at the Children's Hospital of Orange County in their gastroenterology department. I am a third-year Resident Advisor for the Housing and Residential Engagement department, supporting residents in connecting to their school and providing an equitable and inclusive living space. During my first year as an RA, I served as the NSM RA, working directly with the College of NSM to provide those students with the most connections to their college, such as advising, tutoring, and scholarships.



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Connecting and feeling supported by our college. One of my main goals for this position is for students to feel as connected to their college as possible. When I first started my higher education, I was not aware of what the college of NSM had to offer. Later in my experience, I got exposed to resources like tutoring and scholarships. I plan to close the bridge between students and their departments so they feel they can utilize it the most. Resources that support all majors in our department, like the Student Success Center. I have worked with the Student Success Center to provide easy access to advising and create step-by-step tutorials on making those appointments. I hope to create an easier way for all our majors to connect to research opportunities. Many students in our NSM field apply to graduate school or medical school. One of those requirements is experience in a research lab, and I plan to provide those opportunities to our students as soon as possible. Another of my goals is to create scholarship opportunities for all students in NSM, make it easier for them to apply, and create workshops for students to join in on and get support when filling them out.

Organizations are the heart of our department, and school is much more than attending classes. I plan to work with our NSM Inter-Club Council to promote and recognize our fabulous groups in our department. We have a wide selection if you are interested in health care, skin care, volunteering, and outreach. As the Board of Directors for NSM, I plan to emphasize the importance of our clubs and highlight their fantastic work. I plan to continue working with our ICC Chair to create recognition of these clubs and provide as many funds as possible for their events. We hosted Fall Fest and would love to continue that in the spring to highlight and encourage students to connect with as many organizations as possible. Involving students with different organizations creates a strong sense of community and belonging.

Wellness is critical for the success of our students. Students are the main focus of this campus, and what is needed is to support our mental health. Mental health is a crucial aspect of our student body, and I plan to follow through with the initial Wellness Initiative. I plan to attend Inter Council Club meetings to promote the Wellness Initiative and let students know we care.

Equity and inclusion is my mission statement for our students. Students need to feel a sense of belonging when coming to campus and attending their courses. For some students, this is their first time stepping away from home, and I plan for our school to be a home away from home. For instance, I plan to work with campus partners, DIRC, to create programs representing our many identities at our institution. Representation is huge, and I want to bring as much awareness to the many identities on campus as possible.