

## ASI Student Body Elections: Spring 2020

### Official Voter Information Guide

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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 2020 Dates: Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>**

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, ASI Board of Directors, and TSC Board of Trustees.

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, Director candidates, and Trustees 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.

#### **Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees:**

The winners shall be the ten (10) candidates who receive the most votes. If multiple candidates tie for tenth place, the candidate(s) with the fewest votes shall be eliminated and an instant runoff will occur, as defined by the Instant Run-Off 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.

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Elections Director

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SUBJECT: **ASI Student Body Elections 2020 – Candidates**

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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 10<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> at [vote.fullerton.edu](https://vote.fullerton.edu).

**President and Vice President**

Isaac Gonzalez and Amaya Gregory  
Marcus Reveles and Skylar Soria

**Board of Directors: Arts**

Ramon Aquino  
Tina Thomas

**Board of Directors:  
Communications**

Janica Michelle Torres  
Jakob Wright  
Seleena Mukbel

**Board of Directors: Education**

Jarrod Ventura  
Monique Lynch  
Rodolfo Calderon

**Board of Directors:  
Engineering and Computer Science**

Austin Murrell  
Radhika Sharma

**Board of Directors:  
Health and Human Development**

Adriana Fernandez

**Board of Directors:**

**Humanities and Social Sciences**

Erick Murillo  
Derek Zamudio  
Halima Baba  
Maria Linares  
Rianna Juliet Abesamis

**Board of Directors:**

**Mihaylo College of Business and  
Economics**

Aaron Perez  
George Hannawi  
Mary Chammas  
Salim Tarzi  
Shamane Bodinayake  
Selene Hanna  
William Martin  
Qiao Duan

**Board of Directors:**

**Natural Sciences and Mathematics**

Andrea Cortes  
Carl Zarate  
Theodore Malepeai

**Titan Student Centers Board of  
Trustees**

Ali Parandi  
Alison Sanchez  
Brandon Wong  
Christopher Carlsen  
David Estephanian  
Delilah Sadat  
George Rico  
Heather Solis  
Ido Brem  
Jose Castillo  
Joseph Herrera  
Matthew Garcia  
Nima Nikopour  
Shayan Shabak  
Yeon Lee  
Zachary Zirzow

**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.



**Candidate Name:** Isaac Gonzalez

**Candidate for:** ASI President

**Running Mate:** Amaya Gregory

**Biography:**

Hey Titans! I am Isaac Gonzalez and I am running to be your next ASI President! My two years at CSUF have been incredible. As a commuter from Corona during my first year, I spent my extra time trying to get involved on campus. I have always cared about ensuring other people's voices are heard, so I began my involvement by volunteering for ASI's Lobby Corps Commission registering students to vote. I was also selected to take part in Mihaylo's Student Advisory Board where I've had the opportunity to make sure students are heard while discussing new initiatives for the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics. I have also had the opportunity to attend several Cal State Student Association plenary meetings where representatives from all 23 CSU campuses gather to advocate for system-wide student needs. This year, I serve as ASI's Chief Communications Officer where I am improving how students are kept up to date with ASI and how ASI listens to students. With my background, I am confident in my understanding of the university needs, where we could better improve, and how to continue uplifting student voices to ensure students get the most out of their experience at CSUF.

**Platform:**

Our platform consists of three main pillars: communication, inclusion, and advocacy. Making sure that we are constantly communicating with you all will be a main priority for us. In order to accurately represent students, we need to make sure that we are always keeping you all in the loop so that you give us feedback on how we are doing. Communication is a two-way street. We need to make sure what ASI is doing is communicated to you all and what you all want is communicated back to ASI. We will ensure we do so with events such as town halls and roundtables, but also by visiting classes, centers, and other gatherings throughout the year to interact with you all. We also want to ensure that you are up to date with all the campaign promises that motivated you to vote for elected students. We will have the organization regularly update you all with the progress on campaign promises and the progress on resolutions that still haven't been fully implemented. We will also work with the next ASI Board of Directors Chair to pass a policy change that will require Board of Directors members to be evaluated by their colleges every semester to ensure you can voice how they are representing you. Our next pillar is inclusion. By building collaborations with different communities, we will make sure all students feel included on campus. We will be asking communities across campus to evaluate how they feel ASI is listening to them. We want to have discussions with students that have felt ignored so that we could have their top priorities be our top priorities as well. Our third pillar is advocacy. To maximize how innovative we are on campus, we need to continuously advocate alongside students. By working directly with you all, we will bring your needs and concerns to meetings with campus administration. We will also actively participate at Cal State Student Association meetings to collaborate with other campuses to push for system-wide change. We will also set plans with students to travel to Long Beach for CSU Board of Trustees meetings to advocate alongside you all. While this is what we currently have planned, our platform will continue to expand throughout the campaign as we interact with you all and listen to what else you'd like to see from us. We are firmly dedicated to serving students and are very excited to work with you all throughout the next year. Be sure to follow our campaign for more updates! #IsaacAmaya2020

**Slogan:**

United with 40,000 students



**Candidate Name:** Amaya Gregory

**Candidate for:** ASI Vice President

**Running Mate:** Isaac Gonzalez

**Biography:**

Hello Titans! My name is Amaya Gregory and I'm so excited to run to be your next ASI Vice President! I'm a Biological Sciences major with a Kinesiology minor, hoping to one day work as an ER Physician to engage in my passion for helping others! My time at CSUF has been busy so far. I've served in several different capacities including Supplemental Instruction, American Medical Student Association, Student Health Professions Association, Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, Women's Club Soccer, Vice President for the Honors Student Advisory Council, Social Chair for the President's Scholar Student Association, STAR-Status Coordinator for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, and an intern for UCLA's Executive Programs in Health Policy & Management. I am currently the University Affairs Coordinator in ASI where I serve to be a voice for students regarding significant topics. Higher education wasn't always a guarantee, so coming to CSUF had an extreme impact on my life, allowing me to develop a passion for this campus. I am striving to ensure that every Titan gets the opportunity to have those life-changing experiences. A vote for me is a vote to enact change, a vote for opportunity, and a vote to be heard!

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**Candidate Name:** Marcus Reveles

**Candidate for:** ASI President

**Running Mate:** Skylar Soria

**Biography:**

Marcus is a 3rd year History major with a triple minor in Teaching Elementary Mathematics, American Studies, and Geography so that he may continue giving back to the community to help future generations reach their full potential. Marcus has held various leadership positions and is currently on the ASI Board of Directors, a delegate for the TSC Board of Trustees and a delegate for Residential Student Association in which he advocates for students needs and works to bridge the gap within the various communities on campus. Marcus has also been a part of ASI's philanthropy, Camp Titan, in which he had the opportunity to work with disadvantaged youth and become a role model for them. Through these various roles, Marcus has seen first-hand, the gaps within the system, such as non-inclusive opportunities and unjust treatment for marginalized communities. Therefore, as ASI President, he will work to create the more unified campus that the students of CSUF deserve. He will do so by including and sharing spaces with several student organizations that can be reached through the Diversity Initiative Resource Centers, InterClub Councils, as well as various other student organizations around campus.

**Platform:**

If elected we will accomplish the following three major goals: Advocacy, Enhancing the Titan Experience, and Visibility.

**ADVOCACY:**

Throughout this past year, it has been more apparent than ever that students need to know they have an ally on campus that will listen to their concerns and advocate on their behalf on a committee, to the campus, and even at the CSU level. If elected, we will continue to push for student issues and help construct feasible solutions to these hard hitting issues so that current and future students feel like they are apart of the Titan Family. Some specific issues that we will be addressing include: AB 1460 Bill, a SWANA resource center, and more faculty/staff of color.

**TITAN EXPERIENCE:**

Each student has their own story as to how they got to CSUF and, depending on their proximity to campus, will have a different experience once they arrive. What we hope to do is bridge the gap between the commuters and local residents so that the university can start to form these long lasting traditions. This is more than student participation at different events held around campus, but stems from the lack of belonging that commuter students face throughout their time here. We want all our students to feel like this is their home from their first day till their last. This starts when they enter Pavilions on their orientation day and ends once they walk across the stage. By having a larger presence at orientation, students can have a better understanding of ASI and have the opportunity to get involved earlier.

**VISIBILITY:**

For some students, it takes time to find their place on campus. There seems to be a disconnect between all students and involvement within our student government. A larger outreach effort for targeting all students will result in increasing student leadership campus wide, thus influencing more students to become further educated on campus issues and increase in visibility of advocating.

If elected, we would strive to better market opportunities, such as scholarships and student leader positions, that benefit the student body. Congruently, we would work towards better marketing of all campus resources since utilization of these resources can lead to an overall betterment in student experience.

**Slogan:**

We'll Reach High, Vote Marcus and Sky!





**Candidate Name:** Skylar Soria  
**Candidate for:** ASI Vice President  
**Running Mate:** Marcus Reveles

**Biography:**

Sky is a 4th year Communication Studies major with an emphasis in Organizational Communications and a minor in Marketing. These past four years at CSUF have allowed Sky to grow into the student leader that she is today. Starting her freshman year as a first generation college student, she found that her true passion was in helping others when she became an orientation leader. Sky extended these skills by becoming a current member of the ASI Board of Directors for the College of Communications. Within this role, she has been involved in the process of establishing a permanent food pantry on campus, conducted a visibility campaign to create an open environment for students to reach student leaders and has joined in efforts to advocate for students. Sky's other experiences as a Titan Ambassador, a member of the Society of Excellence in Human Resource Task Force, a College of Communications representative for the IRA committee, a P.E.E.R consultant and a member of Alpha Delta Pi have driven Sky towards her mission to create a sense of community on campus for all students so that they may look to CSUF as their home.

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**Candidate Name:** Ramon Aquino  
**Candidate for:** Board of Directors  
**College:** Arts

**Biography:**

Heya Titans! My name is Ramon Aquino and I am a first-year majoring in Visual Arts with intents of double-focusing in both Animation and Illustration, and with plans on minoring in Linguistics or Musical Theater later on during college. I am a proud former immigrant, LGBT+ and first-generation student who was born and raised in Mexico for more than half of his life and I am really excited to run as your ASI Board of Directors for the College of the Arts. During high school, I served as one of the Visual and Performing Arts representatives in our student council and I now strive to continue my path of representing people, particularly those engaging in the Arts at CSUF. Furthermore, I am an active member of the Resident Student Association and now serve as the Administration and Finance Chair and Vice President in the National Residence Hall Honorary organization, both located within the housing community, which combined with my involvement in the collegiate service organization Circle K International, has fueled my passion for service and community and now intend on expanding my reach into the whole campus, starting with becoming a voice for visual and performing art students.

**Platform:**

As your Board of Director for COTA, my platform would revolve around the four pillars and core tenets that I consider essential for a bright and successful future for our college: Leadership, Fellowship, Service, and Recognition.

**Leadership-** As someone who was raised in a rough environment and who is now striving for success, I understand the struggles that come in life, especially those within the industry of the Arts and that is why one of my main priorities as your Board of Directors would be to ensure the success and welfare of every COTA student. I believe that anybody can and deserves to be a leader, and together with ASI, I will strive to offer all the necessary resources and development opportunities in order to guarantee every single COTA student's dreams and artistic goals throughout their college career.

**Fellowship-** We are all students, but as members of COTA, that makes us students whose lives revolve around the Arts. Be it the visual or performing arts, that makes us more united with each other on a new level. As a campus that promotes diversity and inclusivity, I consider both to be vital components to our college and therefore, it is of my best interest to pursue collaboration and intercommunication between each department and between other colleges as well. By encouraging fellowship within our community, COTA students would be able to engage with other scholars within their and other fields of study, alongside with making connections and coming in contact with professionals that can help them seek their passions and dreams.

**Service-** Communication and speech have always been two things I value the most in life and that I regard as building blocks towards creating a community. If elected as your Board of Director for COTA, I desire to serve as the liaison between students and ASI: I want to become your voice. It does not matter if it is any concern related to the Arts, allocating funding to programs and clubs, student feedback, or the development of opportunities and campus resources that would benefit the greater good of the student body. After all, students would be my top priority and I am sure that through advocacy and persistence, I will be able to serve COTA.

**Recognition-** "Artists supporting artists" is a trend that has come forth into the limelight recently and if there's something I have noticed in my time at COTA, it would be that talent is overflowing within our art departments. As a Board of Director, I would like to recognize both those individuals who have shown outstanding abilities in their fields as well as those that make our lives as artists in the making a bit more bearable. I hold the belief that everybody deserves to be applauded for in life dear to my heart, and through recognition, we inspire people to reach higher and strive for more in life, therefore the success of students should be enough reason to do so.

**Slogan:**

We are not here by mere coincidence. We are here because we are artists and art runs through our veins.



**Candidate Name:** Tina Thomas  
**Candidate for:** Board of Directors  
**College:** Arts

**Biography:**

I am a 7th year student studying biological science with an emphasis in marine biology as well as Dance. I have had many experiences with working in a lab setting as well as performing in fall and spring dance concerts. I started off with joining Dance Association, an organization geared toward college of the arts students. This pathway led me to becoming the Arts Inter-Club Council representative for dance association. From this I was able to grow as a leader in becoming the director of administration to becoming the Chair of the council for this school year. I have had many opportunities forcing the concerns of the college of the arts and sharing the joy of art at many events including, but not limited to Arts Week, Pizza with the Dean, commencement ceremonies, and Welcome to CSUF Day. I hope to become a professional dancer as well as working with animals in the future.

**Platform:** If elected to the Board of Directors, I hope to bring more awareness to our college to the student body and surrounding community. I hope to bring more funding to the college through IRA for more theater performances, music performances, as well as the art galleries. I hope to be able to be an advocate for increased funding to our Arts Inter-Club Council, so our council can gather more high-quality guest speakers and to send our art students to more conferences. I also hope to gather more guest artists through ASI that can increase the awareness of the importance of the College of the Arts.

**Slogan:** Support the Arts by electing Tina Thomas as Board of Directors





**Candidate Name:** Janica Michelle Torres

**Candidate for:** Board of Directors

**College:** Communications

**Biography:**

I am a queer, Pinay (Pilipina-American), double major and double minor, nontraditional student activist journalist who is the Managing Editor for Tusk magazine and DJ Soulboogie hosting Soul-Deep Digs for Titan Radio. I am also the vice president, treasurer, and secretary for Queer Straight Alliance (QSA), president of the Women & Gender and Queer Studies Student Association (WGQSSA), a Peer Educator for the Violence Prevention Program at the Women's & Adult Re-Entry Center, and a research assistant to Dr. Mendez on Transformative Justice. I also serve as part of the Lavender Graduation planning committee for this spring semester and for spring of 2019.

**Platform:**

I hope to be an ally and advocate who will fight to ensure quality education that is affordable and accessible to all students. I want to make sure there is full transparency about the use of funds and bureaucracy, and be a voice for those students whose voices need to be heard and acknowledged. I am willing to fight for student rights and work toward making the campus a welcoming environment that supports students academically, professionally, and in all-around mental and physical wellness in order to thrive, grow, and be successful. My goal is to try to get more resources for students on campus to ensure their safety, well-being, and success.

**Slogan:**

Running to sincerely serve students and work toward change together in community



**Candidate Name:** Jakob Wright  
**Candidate for:** Board of Directors  
**College:** Communications

**Biography:** Hello fellow Communication Students!!

My name is Jakob Wright and I am re-running to represent the College of Communications on the ASI Board of Directors! Here's a little about me:

I am a third year, Human Communication Studies Major, minoring in Business Administration. For the past two years, I have spread Titan Pride working for CSUF as a Titan Ambassador (tour guide). Through my on-campus experiences, I have amassed a vast knowledge of University personnel and operations. I plan on using this knowledge to continue being an agent of positive change for the College of Communications and in ASI!

**Platform:**

If re-elected, I would continue upon the advancements I made this year representing the College of Communications in ASI. My main goals are focused around visibility and Comm Pride.

Every student deserves not only the right for their voices to be heard, but also to be recognized for their great work. An initiative that I started this year was a takeover of the COMMSCUF instagram page. This will be a great way to share information about the College and ASI to students, as well as student spotlights to recognize our high-achieving peers. Each club in the Communications Inter-club Council will also have the opportunity to takeover the instagram to highlight their great events and members!

I am genuinely proud of all of the great opportunities that the College of Communications has to offer, and I want to show that through Comm Pride initiatives. I plan on getting more comm-specific gear/swag made for our students, such as stickers, bottle openers, etc.. If re-elected, I would like to continue working on my T-Shirt contest idea for CommWeek. This would be an opportunity for students to submit designs for a shirt to be given away at CommWeek. These are some of the ways I plan on continuing the overall pride and gear for our College.

I look forward to hitting the ground running and implementing these goals if given the opportunity to represent the College of Communications again!

**Slogan:** Vote Jakob, it's the Wright Choice!



**Candidate Name:** Seleena Mukbel

**Candidate for:** Board of Directors

**College:** Communications

**Biography:**

Hey ya'll! My name is Seleena Mukbel. I am a third-year Communications major and Business Entertainment and Hospitality Management minor. I am currently Vice President of Students for Justice in Palestine and Public Relations Representative for the new SWANA student organization. I am also a former Titan Radio DJ. I love hosting events that bring folks together to enjoy and empower one another. What I love even more is connecting with these individuals and learning about everyone's different paths and experiences. I express myself through slam poetry and cracking jokes that may not be funny. I have a passion for being involved in environments that make a positive impact in the lives of others. I am currently pursuing that passion by attempting to give SWANA students the home they are looking for at CSUF. Being an ally to all identities is also a major priority to me. I believe it is key to embrace the intersectionality of one another while lifting each other up in times where our voices should be heard to leave our footprint in the institution. I hope to use this platform to echo your powerful voices and lead a progressive movement through student ambition and activism.

**Platform:** Our mission is committed to 4 specific pillars:

**Real Diversity:** We are tired of our institution exhibiting performative diversity and capitalizing off of the backs of our students, and we are tired of the institutional and colorblind racism that is tolerated here on campus. Rather than just "saying" we are diverse due to our school-wide demographics and statistics, we understand that our campus is still a historically eurocentric institution, just as most of our society is. And in order to exhibit REAL DIVERSITY, one must navigate these spaces and have specific policies, programs, and initiatives that are intentionally built to bring about anti-racism, inclusivity, and equity.

**Authenticity/Transparency:** We are not politicians, so we are not going to act like it. We are not happy nor "peppy" all the time, so we will not act like it. We are not going to tell you we know something if we don't, nor will we fall into respectability politics and classism. Basically, we are not going to fake the funk, and we will not act like anybody we are not. We are not your saviors, none of us have that savior complex, for true change happens through organizing the people. We do not deserve your unbridled devotion, rather we are here to SERVE YOU ALL and should be challenged. We are here to give the power to the people, not to build resumes and sit in our ivory towers. We are here to mobilize the wills of the masses and allow ourselves to serve as the instruments that shall amplify the voices of our people. WE ARE YOU, we are true.

**Sexual Assault and Mental Health Awareness:** We are here to bring awareness to the stigmatized and taboo topics surrounding mental health and sexual assault on campus. We want to financially empower CAPS, Title IX, the Health Center, and the Women's and Adult Re-Entry Center on campus in hopes of increasing the hours of operation so that non-traditional students can use these resources, in hopes of increasing staffing and diversity within these agencies, and in hopes of keeping our students safe. In addition to these reactionary resources, we'd also like to change the climate of our campus, strive to rework rape culture on campus, help abolish the patriarchy, and engage students so that folks do not feel alone or isolated when dealing with their everyday struggles. We feel we need to do a better job of helping the students who feel disconnected and encourage a culture of community-based safety.

**Needs not Numbers:** Housing and food insecurity are one of our biggest issues on campus yet our administration continuously pushes for aesthetically-driven initiatives. Our hopes are to bridge the gap between the administration and to stand firmly with our students in addressing our needs, without tolerating any decisions that are made without the student's consent or permission. We are here to fight for our student's needs, as opposed to allowing our institution to capitalize off the glamour of our numbers.

**Slogan:** DAMN: Diversity  
Accessibility/Authenticity/Awareness/Accountability  
Mental-Health/Mobilization  
Needs Not Numbers



**Candidate Name:** Jarrod Ventura

**Candidate for:** Board of Directors

**College:** Education

**Biography:**

I earned my B.A. in Education Sciences (with a specialization in Digital Media and Learning) and a B.A. in Film and Media Studies from the University of California, Irvine. I am currently pursuing my Master's in Higher Education here at California State University, Fullerton. I am also a Graduate Assistant for the Educational Leadership Department for the College of Education, helping develop materials and resources that will support students from the application process to graduation.

I served on an executive board for an education organization at UCIrvine for over three years as Secretary, Co-President, and President. This previous leadership experience has not only allowed me to be a representative of the student's voice, but it also allowed me to see the strengths that each student brings to Higher Education, regardless of major. I also served as a Research Assistant for the School of Education for over 2.5 years in my undergraduate career and believe that research can be used to inform, but also to take action. I always encourage other colleagues to have confidence in yourself because a little bit of confidence can take you farther than you think.

**Platform:**

The College of Education has core values of a Just, Equitable, and Inclusive Education. I plan to use these values as guiding principles in my work. As a board of directors, I will always build relationships with students using an equity-minded mindset and not from a deficit approach. Using empathy to connect with others is an important tool in my work and relationships. I recognize that I am a part-time graduate student working part-time while some of my colleagues are full-time employees, parents, and have other familial obligations. I want to be the student voice for those who are not able to voice their concerns.

I want to address the mental health crisis on campus and note that the average student to counselor ratio on college campuses is about 1:3500. I hope to collaborate with the Student Health Center to host Open Student Forums to empower students to educate themselves on available resources for mental health while navigating a complex landscape that is Higher Education. I also would like to work with the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) in order to push for more programming regarding how to start therapy, what to look for in therapists, and cost-effective interventions that can be available for all students.

I also want to work with the various departments in the College of Education to further develop relationships with faculty in order to build a stronger sense of community. I've met faculty and staff members who have been at Cal State Fullerton for over thirty years and their love and dedication for our campus is an important relationship that often goes unnoticed. Building community and representation is an important value and reflects the wealth of social capital that our campus offers. This social capital can be used to help created change.

I would also like to build relationships with our students outside of my proposed one hour office hours in order to better assess the needs of our students. Although our campus has a lot of accomplishments, there is still much to work on. As a prospective board of directors, my job is to serve and listen to the students. I hope to be a strong communicator, listener, confidant, educator, fighter, risk-taker, optimist, trustworthy, and adaptable board of directors for the Associated Students Inc. for California State University, Fullerton.

The qualities listed above are not only about me, but they are also qualities of all of our students at Cal State Fullerton. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Titans Reach Higher!

**Slogan:** Jarrod's the name, and equity's the game



**Candidate Name: Monique Lynch**

**Candidate for:** Board of Directors

**College:** Education

**Biography:**

I am currently a first-year graduate student in the MS. Higher Education program in the College of Education. I graduated in 2018 from CSU East Bay with a B.A. in Ethnic Studies and an option in African American Studies. The scope of my experience with ASI is being on two committee's in undergrad including the Elections committee and the Programming committee. I like to be involved on-campus and I am looking forward to the possibility of connecting with other students on-campus.

**Slogan:** Representation is key.



**Candidate Name:** Rodolfo Calderon

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Education

**Biography:**

I am an undergraduate in my third year as a history major, and I am also an aspiring high school social science teacher. I sat on the Board of Directors for the College of Education this past academic year, and this experience has taught me a tremendous amount. I have joined clubs/organizations like Titan Future Teachers and Men of Color in Education which help me see the viewpoint of many undergraduates aspiring to be future teachers. As a board member, I have also sat on our college's inter-club council meetings which connects me to the clubs and students who are truly a part of the College of Education. Through this position, I have been able to connect the members of the ICC with ASI Programming and the Center for Careers in Teaching. Additionally, with the board, we all passed the resolution that established the groundwork for a permanent food pantry on our campus. I have also sat on our Social Justice and Equity Commission which has taught me a lot, as well as helped me grow exponentially as a person. The work I have done as a Director for the College of Education has helped me grow an infinite amount.

**Platform:**

What I hope to accomplish as a Director, if reelected, is to help connect the bridge between undergraduate students and the College of Education. Rather this is through Eat 'n Greet, informing students of the college's events, or even ASI events in general. I believe the College of Education is often left out of the conversation when talked about amongst the other academic colleges, and I believe that is attributed to the fact that it is split into two. With half of the college in the Education Classroom building and the other half in College Park, the College of Education lacks a central point of contact. I hope to bring more awareness to the college so future educators know where to look. Having worked with the Center for Careers in Teaching and the Education Inter-Club Council in the past, I feel that there is an abundance of opportunity to bring awareness to the college.

Additionally, I hope to reach the already busy students part of the College of Education. With mostly all students of the college having work in the mornings, being in the classroom all day, and/or being parents at home, I hope to inform students of the resources available on campus. As I will inform students, I will also listen to them as well. As a Director, I realize it is my job to be the voice of the students from my academic college. With every vote I take, I will not neglect the needs of my college. Considering that most of the college is busy during the day, I will try to work on events that will allow students to attend them without going out of their way. An example of this would be movies in Titan Theater for the College of Education such as "The Hate U Give." Other things like this could include asking for resource centers to have late hours if possible for night students. I am also open to any ideas that may help.

**Slogan:** I Got You, You Got Me, We Got Us.



**Candidate Name:** Austin Murrell

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Engineering & Computer Science

**Biography:**

I am Austin Murrell, 5th computer engineering student. I am also the current president of NSBE.

**Platform:**

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**Candidate Name:** Radhika Sharma

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Engineering & Computer Science

**Biography:**

My name is Radhika Sharma and I am a sophomore here at California State University, Fullerton majoring in Electrical Engineering. Throughout my academic career, whether that be in high school or college, I have always wanted to be more than just a student. Therefore, I decided to take my college experience a step further these two past years by involving myself with several student organizations. The following opportunities speak to both my social and academic sides.

I am currently on the Executive Board of the CSUF Indian Student Association as an Undergraduate Representative, and serve as the Marketing Director of the Association of Computing Machinery. These two positions have broadened my professional and personal qualities. I have learned how to work effectively in a large organization and how to work with diverse age groups. These experiences have strengthened my leadership skills and have prepared me to take the next step with ASI.

**Platform:**

If I were to be elected as the Director of College of Engineering and Computer Science, I would be given the opportunity to understand and speak on behalf of my fellow engineers. All students and engineers deserve fair representation, and that starts with advocating for a population that is not always served in the STEM field.

Therefore, after looking at the male to female ratio in the STEM field, it is evident that women do not often get equal representation or sometimes even the chance to voice their opinions. I believe that taking on this position will allow me to make overdue changes with how our college recruits and retains women. This can be addressed by working with my college administrators to increase our recruitment of women from high schools. We can retain women by providing necessary resources, such as more female restrooms, and having career expos and events catered specifically towards women. For that reason, I would like to work alongside the campus Women's Center and Career Center to make these goals a reality.



**Candidate Name:** Adriana Fernandez

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Health and Human Development

**Biography:**

Hello everyone! My name is Adriana Fernandez and I am a first-generation undergraduate student currently in my third year as a pre-med student pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology with a concentration in general studies. I currently serve as a Lobby Corps coordinator, where I have worked for two years now helping register students to vote through advocacy efforts in events. I have helped inform students on the candidates and propositions on the ballot. I have also had experience advocating for students' needs by attending CHESS, where I was able to learn about the bills affecting students and advocate by lobbying with legislators to make sure that our stories as students are heard and that we make an effort to increase our financial aid budget in order to be able to give more money to students and provide opportunities to allow our DACA community to also be able to receive financial aid. I am also involved in pre-health clubs. Where I help provide students with resources for their ideal health profession and also teach Spanish medical terminology. In my spare time, I enjoy volunteering at a free medical clinic, translating for doctors, coaching soccer, and volunteering at my local hospital.

**Platform:**

As the Board of Director for the College of Health and Human Development, I hope to be able to continue to help elevate the voices of our students. To do this, I will first work to make sure that our students are informed of not only the resources that are offered within their major to help them succeed, but also of legislations and bills that can affect them as students, employees, and citizens. My next goal is to start conversations, in order to be able to create good change, we need student voices and opinions. I hope to do this by collaborating with ASI Lobby Corps so that our ICCs and students are better informed of CSSA plenaries so that students can hear what is being discussed within all 23 CSU campuses and start discussions on how we can bring in better ideas to Cal State Fullerton. My third goal is to be able to create events with professionals that are in fields that we are currently studying as HHD college majors. But most importantly have professionals that are involved in health and politics so that they can stress the importance of being involved politically as it ultimately changes the way we practice in our field and our lives.

**Candidate Name:** Erick Murillo

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Humanities and Social Sciences

**Biography:** I'm a double major in criminal justice and philosophy. I am trying to get more involved on campus, passionate about representing and giving individuals a voice in local government. In high school I was in charge of representing 30 schools across first district in Riverside County, each school had about 500-3000 students, and giving them a voice in our local government. From this we were able to address certain issues in our community.

**Platform:** I want to give everyone a voice and make sure no one is unheard. Get the most benefits possible for the college of humanities and social sciences.

**Slogan:** Vote Erick for college of humanities and social sciences.





**Candidate Name:** Derek Zamudio

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Humanities and Social Sciences

**Biography:**

Hello, my name is Derek Zamudio. I am currently a second year Psychology major at CSUF. I have worked tirelessly to devote my time to things I'm passionate about on campus. I devote much of my time to help others in any way I can. I was able to accomplish this through being a camp counselor for Camp Titan for CSUF. Luckily, I was able to take a step forward and become a staff member for camp titan. I look forward to improving the lives of the kids that come to camp. Furthermore, I am a member of Sigma Pi Fraternity. Within the fraternity I served as the philanthropy chairman. While being the chair, I was able to raise over \$3000 for the center for autism on campus. Additionally, I hold a position in campus engagement in order to connect my members within CSUF. I work to make sure my members expand their interests and give back to the university that has provided many valuable opportunities for myself.

**Platform:**

I am a Mexican-American student who commutes from Tustin. I come from a single parent household and have worked relentlessly in order to get to the position I am today. I understand the struggles it takes to come to a university, and then finding a way to feel in touch. I struggled but I fortunately was greeted with opportunities I would never have imagined. Now I want to work tirelessly in order to provide the same opportunities for my peers on campus. I want opportunities to be readily available and noticed by students within my college. I want to make not just my constituents, but other students feel visible. It's difficult to feel seen, heard, and understood in our large university. I don't want students to feel this way anymore. I want to reach out to as many clubs and classes within my college in order to reach out to students. I want to be able to adhere to the needs of as many students as possible. Because I want this university to feel as much of a home as it has felt for me. I not only want to make the necessary changes within buildings associated with my college. But I also want to work to improve the culture. Inclusion and diversity are highly valued to me. I was able to brace an environment with unique individuals. People who I look up to and learn from everyday. It's important to connect students within my college. In order to help students reach their max potential through exposure. Enthralling everyone with new ideas, point of views, and cultures. No one should feel unimportant. Because everyone matters. And they should feel like they matter in some way. Whether it's in class, walking through campus, or in their involvements. I want to help my peers feel valued. Everyone should understand their ideas, voice, and who they are, will be acknowledged. That is my goal for this position and I look forward to going more in depth in the future.

**Slogan:**

Get psyched to vote for Derek!



**Candidate Name:** Halima Baba

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Humanities and Social Sciences

**Biography:**

My name is Halima Baba and I'm a junior. This is my second semester at CSUF, and I must attest to the fact that CSUF is a very wonderful campus that is a sight to behold. The staff and students are very relentless in their achievements and the ongoing effort to constantly make CSUF a welcoming campus to all is remarkable. However, despite all its wonderful accomplishments, CSUF is still imperfect with many shortcomings. Prior to being a student at CSUF, I've participated in multiple clubs and activities which put me in a leadership position (president, vice-president, secretary) countless times. During my academic career, I graduated high school and College at the same time with high honors and distinction from both institutions. I have also made it to the dean list of both my former college (multiple times) and CSUF. These accomplishments that I've been able to garner should prove to you that I am a person of determination and zeal. When I set my mind to a goal then I make sure to achieve it. Despite my successes, I have also faced many challenges but stood determined and committed until I attained my goals.

**Platform:**

If elected, my foremost priority would be to serve the students of Humanities and Social Sciences. I will accomplish this by attending events that will be in the best interest of the departments and students. Furthermore, I shall attend the board of directors meeting consecutively in order to advocate for policies that will positively impact HSS. If elected, I also hope to implement previously passed resolutions in a way they'll be effective. In addition to that, I will also carefully examine proposals, bylaws, and policies that may negatively impact any student activity or freedoms. I'll also serve the students of HSS by always being available to discuss pending issues and address questions or concerns that they may have. In the previous semester and also this semester, there have been unfortunate incidents where individuals felt it was okay to be racist and many felt frustrated with the university's response to these incidents because it felt insincere and that not enough was being done to prevent such situations from happening again. If elected, I will see to it that more policies are passed so that such situations are dealt with properly and that the parties who were victimized or felt affected will also be a part of the process. I will also see to it that there are more discussions happening regarding why such incidents are not okay and how such an incident could affect the mental stability of students who are involved. Lastly, if elected, I will make sure that programs, organizations and clubs associated with HSS receive proper funding for their programs and activities that will be in the best interest of HSS.

**Slogan:**

Your vote, your voice.



**Candidate Name:** Maria Linares

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Humanities and Social Sciences

**Biography:**

Maria Linares is a Latinx student raised in the city of Santa Ana. She holds a bachelor's in Sociology with a minor in Political Science. She is in her second semester of graduate school studying Public Administration with an emphasis in Public Policy. She is running for reelection for the ASI Board of Directors to continue her advocacy efforts for historically marginalized communities and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. She is a lifetime member of Psi Beta National Honor Society and in the past, has had the honor of serving as the Marketing Coordinator for Latinx Student Psychological Association and Abled Advocators. She has been a member of M.E.Ch.A, Students for Quality Education (SQE) and in 2018/2019 was the President of the Children's Center Parents and PALS club. Maria is an ASI liaison for the H&SS Inter-club Council, Black Student Union, and has served in MESA Cooperativa.

She is currently the ASI Board Vice-Chair and chairs the Governance Committee. The role of the Governance Committee is to discuss and approve bylaws, resolutions, articles of incorporation, and policies. She always makes sure she is knowledgeable before voting on any item that may impact students, their safety, finances, and well-being.

**Platform:**

Maria Linares has made herself available to students and their needs and is loved by several communities. She is an ally to many and has consistently been active on campus but also transparent on her social media. This past year, the culture within ASI improved and conversations have been geared more towards helping underrepresented students. This was one goal Maria had promised to work towards when campaigning the past two years. The goals Maria is currently focusing on, are Funding, Accessibility, Transparency, and Social Justice. Within funding, she is advocating so students at large can continue to attend the Cal State Student Association meetings without having to pay out of pocket. She is currently advocating to increase the number of scholarships for undocumented students. She has also been advocating and will continue to advocate so multicultural councils and college councils do not have their funds decreased. She will continuously lobby and mobilize with other student organizations to address tuition and fees. Within accessibility, she wrote a resolution (along with one student at large and one Board of Director) to provide a space for students with disabilities and is currently advocating to make sure there is a President's reception for this population as they deserve to be celebrated. She would love to include a space for students with disabilities under DIRC. Along with this goal, she is going to continue advocating so the office of Disability Support Services assists and facilitates workshops regarding disability stigmas and will encourage implementation of sensitivity training for faculty, staff, and students. For the purpose of transparency, she will continue to advocate for Board of Directors meetings to be recorded and/or live streamed. The purpose is so students can access the meetings, without having to attend them in person. This will help the campus communities be informed about the issues that are occurring on our campus, how our student government representatives are addressing these issues, and the action items being voted on. Addressing social injustice is fundamentally important because it includes various forms of oppression through racism, homophobia, xenophobia, etc. Maria promises to continuously focus on social justice by checking her privilege and keeping herself accountable. She will ALWAYS be transparent in everything she does and will always keep you informed. She wants to advocate not only for racial and gender diversity, but also for the differently abled communities. If elected, her primary job is to work with the students. Without YOU the STUDENTS, Cal State Fullerton would not thrive, let alone exist. Her goal is to listen to your concerns and bring those up to administration. Student leaders need to think long and hard before making decisions that will affect the student body. Especially, decisions that affect historically marginalized communities. She is well known within several communities because she has been consistent and available. If you don't believe her, just ask around.

**Slogan:** The ethical voice in town, because students deserve to be heard. We are the college of change!

Resilient & Determined.



**Candidate Name:** Rianna Juliet Abesamis

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Humanities and Social Sciences

**Biography:**

Salutations folx! My name is RJ Abesamis, and I use she/her and they/them pronouns. I am a double major in Cinema & Television Arts and Asian American Studies. As of now, I serve as the Social Justice Educator Lead at the LGBT Queer Resource Center within the Diversity Initiative Resource Centers on campus, as well as the photo director for Tusk Magazine. In the past Fall semester, I served as the Community Advocacy Cultural Chair for PASA (the Pilipinx American Student Association), and I am now serving on the head organizing committee for Bayanihan Kollektive (social justice Pilipinx-based community organization). If y'all tune in to my radio show "Gays of the Week" (8pm on Fridays) on Titan Radio, it's more than clear that I'm all about cultural work and art activism that advocates for intersectional identities in marginalized communities. Whether the artistic medium be spoken word, photography, or music, I strive to create cultural work that is pro-people. I aim to build a culture of resistance that is mass-oriented, so that the masses have just as much education as the educator.

I can't wait to share space with y'all. Let's learn together, let's grow together. Sincerely, RJ

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**Candidate Name:** Aaron Perez

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Mihaylo College of Business and Economics

**Biography:**

My name is Aaron Perez and I am a Business Administration major with a concentration in Legal Studies. I'm a Junior and this is my second semester here at CSUF.

I transferred from MSJC this past Fall with a few Student Government notches under my belt. I served as President as well as a Public Relations officer, so I am privy to listening to student voices and enacting change!

I work on campus at the University Learning Center as a tutor, and most likely tutored many of you, so my experience in understanding your goals, helping you execute them, and relating to your struggles is unparalleled.

**Platform:**

When elected, my goal is to increase funding for our college's clubs so they're financially feasible to join and to bring more scholarships to each concentration. 22% of students at CSUF are Business Majors, and by default, it's the largest group of all majors. It is important to increase opportunities and awareness of those opportunities for us all.

What I would love to foster, and what I believe will grow our college exponentially, is a focus on the Sports Business realm, in particular, reaching out to the plethora of local professional sports teams for job opportunities. This will expand our school into a larger post-graduation job pool including Operations, Supply Chain Management, Accounting, General Management, and many more opportunities.

I would also like to promote our college to incoming freshmen to further build our reputation across Orange County as the finest college for studying business. Furthermore, I would like to extend a hand to other colleges for partnering opportunities and recruitment.

We will all have our own direction in business one day (whether it be finance, accounting, or marketing), but what we will forever share is our determination and teamwork. I've had the pleasure of working together with you all, especially through the dreaded Math 135 (Business Calculus), and your work ethics are inspiring to me! You've all taught me so much and welcomed me into your college, now it's time I return the favor. Vote for me so I may represent you all as Director of Mihaylo!

Thank you for your time and consideration, and Go Titans!

**Slogan:** Cut the adversity, enjoy university! Vote for Perez!





**Candidate Name:** George Hannawi

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Mihaylo College of Business and Economics

**Biography:**

I am currently a sophomore and a Mihaylo business major looking towards an emphasis in Entrepreneurship. I am very excited to get more involved on campus whether it be through sports, social groups, or student government. I spend most of my time playing basketball at the SRC, writing rap lyrics, and hanging out around campus. In high school, I participated in student government and was elected ASB President of Santa Susana High School. During my freshman year, I stayed in the residence halls on the MCBE floor, Elm 3. From there, I learned about the networking opportunities that Mihaylo offers through career fairs and on-campus events. Over the summer, I interned at Keller-Williams Commercial Real Estate, and I plan on receiving my real estate license in the near future. I currently work at the Mihaylo Tutoring Center as a Front Desk Coordinator where I have the pleasure to meet many of my fellow peers in Mihaylo. I hope to one day use what I've learned from CSUF to become a real estate agent and eventually go into real estate investment.

**Platform:**

As Mihaylo students, we take pride in our college and our academic ability. The Mihaylo College of Business and Economics provides a wide range of opportunities for students that I believe can be showcased on a greater scale. For example, Cal State Fullerton offers many study-abroad programs that are available for all types of students. As the world becomes more globally connected, it is important for the current and future generations to obtain more experience on an international level. Studying abroad is a great experience for students to participate in, and I would like to be able to promote study abroad programs more for Mihaylo students. Another resource I am advocating for is the Mihaylo Tutoring Center. Currently, the Tutoring Center offers assistance in "bottleneck" and core major courses. By further publicizing its resources, the Tutoring Center will be able to benefit students and offer them the assistance they may need. I hope to provide more advertising towards the Tutoring Center so that we will be able to offer more subjects and assist a larger number of students in the future. Furthermore, I am a strong supporter of the events and activities that Mihaylo hosts such as Business Madness, Fall Bazaar, and other opportunities for students to come together and network. I plan to work on these events to expand their abilities, as well as work with ASI and the Business Inter-Club Council to construct more creative ideas. This will allow CSUF students to further promote their organizations and get more involved on campus. If elected, I plan on being a direct voice for Mihaylo students by being open to what my fellow peers may be interested in seeing more of the college. I find student representation to be very important, and I plan on taking my potential role of Board of Directors to a new level by connecting with my peers directly.



**Candidate Name:** Mary Chammas

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Mihaylo College of Business and Economics

**Biography:**

Hey Titans! My name is Mary Chammas. I am a second-year International Business major running for your ASI Board of Directors to represent the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics. I am currently the founder and president of the Lebanese Social Club (LSC) as well as the South West Asian North African (SWANA) Organization on campus. Both of these organizations promote culture and heritage. Coming to school everyday teaches me that there is so much to learn and do outside of the classroom. I love learning and connecting with students who want to make the most out of their college experience. I was an active member on both SWANA Week planning committees, which was CSUs first representation of the Middle Eastern North African communities. I am ready to fight for every unrepresented community, and hope to enhance your Titan Experiences by building a strong foundation to achieve student success.

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**Candidate Name:** Salim Tarzi

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Mihaylo College of Business and Economics

**Biography:**

A transfer student from Irvine Valley College who is in pursuit of a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Marketing. Going to community college allowed me to view college in a different perspective. I was able to appreciate a higher level of education that we are receiving. Transferring to CSUF in Fall 2019, I knew that I did not just want to be a commuter who goes to class then back home on a repeated schedule; I wanted to get involved. I knew that I wanted to be the voice that represents the community that is Mihaylo College of Business and Economics. Being involved in Greek Life in CSUF has also helped with my leadership skills. I have the privilege to have the Public Relations Chairman position which allows me to delegate with my committee, balance my budget, and represent the fraternity on a weekly basis. To add onto this, I am also a Greek Week representative for the fraternity and act as a voice when there are questions, comments, and concerns in regards to upcoming dates and activities. I am taking the next step and wanting to represent all of Mihaylo.

**Platform:**

In this position, I want to ensure that all facilities and academic colleges in the area of Board of Directors are suited for the use by students, faculty and staff. To provide the best experience possible to all by approving and allocating funds to programs and services that will benefit the most in the pursuit of their educational goals. Our business clubs are our foundation and stepping stone into real-world jobs and applications. All the clubs that are within Mihaylo are the ways that we network with recruiters, business', and other students. It is how we are able to receive internship opportunities and potential job offers after graduation. Not only do I want to motivate more students to join any club of their interest, but to also create new clubs if they are unable to find one that does not fit their interests. However, all of the clubs do require funding. I want to be able to understand each club that is with Mihaylo and approve funding accordingly. To make it as financially easy for students to join clubs and stay within the club without having to worry about any financial issue in this department is my goal. To be able to accomplish this, there must be communication with every department that is involved with ASI, Mihaylo, and its students. I will pursue to improve communication with students, professors, staff, and Board of Directors. Keeping it transparent throughout the semesters will result in a better functioning board and a clear understanding amongst the community. This will allow us to do a better job in serving Mihaylo and understand what is needed amongst the students, faculty and staff. The overall relationship between all members is highly important for successful semesters and I will strive to be able to improve the relationships amongst all. I hope to be the voice that will represent all of Mihaylo College of Business and Economics.

**Slogan:** You want something done, Salim is the one!



**Candidate Name:** Shamanee Bodinayake

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Mihaylo College of Business and Economics

**Biography:**

My name is Shamanee Bodinayake, and I am currently a junior studying Business Marketing at CSUF. I am a newly transferred student, and this will be my second semester as a Titan! I have lived in Fullerton nearly all my life and want to give back to my community by representing students here on campus. My leadership experience currently is as a Marketing Director for the Society of Excellence in Human Resources (SEHR) club on campus. As a leader for SEHR, I have gained so much knowledge and practice in communicating and leading effectively. As a Board of Directors candidate, I want to bring my unique and diverse background into ASI and help find unique solutions to issues regarding the campus and students.

**Platform:**

As a Board of Directors, I would like to tackle issues regarding diversity and inclusion on campus. Because the student population is incredibly vibrant and diverse, I want to be able to help create a space where students can voice their concerns/opinions and see results. The way that I would accomplish this would be by having more frequent meetings and discussions with students on campus and make it easier for them to see the types of actions we are taking to solve their concerns.

**Slogan:**

Shamanees like "Show me the money!"



**Candidate Name:** Selene Hanna

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Mihaylo College of Business and Economics

**Biography:**

Hi Titans!

My name is Selene Hanna and I am a third-year business major concentrating in Finance and Entrepreneurship. My father inspired me to study finance and entrepreneurship after teaching me about his real estate/mortgage brokerage, Alt Financial Network. I became a licensed realtor one day before moving to Elm 3rd, the business-themed floor in CSUF Housing. The Elm 3rd experience set the foundation for my on-campus involvement. To continue the on-campus experience, I applied and had the opportunity to be a Resident Advisor (RA) during my second year. While being an RA, I worked with Assistant Dean Yong as Front Desk Coordinator at the Mihaylo College Tutoring Center. Although it sounds cliché, being an RA and working in Mihaylo taught me the importance of embracing different communities. Both positions helped prepare me for the MCBE ASI Board of Directors (BoD) position for 2019-20. I am passionate about holding a BoD position and would be grateful to continue as an MCBE representative during my last year at CSUF. Please read my candidate statement to know more about my hopes as a returning BoD. Thank you for having an interest in knowing the ASI Board of Director candidates.

**Platform:**

3,827 out of 40, 9.5% of CSUF students participated in last year's ASI Election. In the Mihaylo College specifically, only 748 out of 9,000 potential voters participated in the election. Seeing only 8% of business students voted, my goal is to continue increasing student awareness, so students feel more connected on campus. This semester I worked towards this goal by giving classroom announcements, tabling in the Mihaylo courtyard, and posting information on social media. If re-elected, my goal is to more strategically and effectively spread information through technology and social media platforms. One way I plan on improving student awareness is by collaborating with @csufmihaylo to spread information about campus-wide resources (i.e., CAPS and DIRC).

Another goal I have is to continue building student and faculty relationships. Students have expressed a closer connection to professors who use alternative communication methods such as Slack or Remind, so I hope to increase the number of professors using third-party apps. To measure this goal, I plan on meeting with department chairs and collecting data on how many professors currently use third-party apps. I will also continuously gather feedback from students to assess their relationships with professors. The purpose of building student and faculty relationships is to ensure students feel comfortable seeking faculty assistance.

In addition to building student and faculty relationships, I aim to grow night/Graduate student engagement. A substantial number of students have personal responsibilities that prevent them from enjoying on-campus resources. To help night/Grad students feel included, I plan on encouraging more night events such as the BICC Bazaar. As well as more night events, I hope to spread resource information to night students effectively through professors.

Please note, I want to work on what Mihaylo students want. The three goals mentioned above are continuous goals from this year. My ultimate goal is to make Mihaylo students' lives easier. Join the team, vote Selene!

**Slogan:**

Join the Team, Vote Selene





**Candidate Name:** William Martin

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Mihaylo College of Business and Economics

**Biography:**

My name is William Martin Jr., a fourth-year senior majoring in Business Administration, 3.46 GPA, with a concentration in Supply Chain and Operations management. I am currently the Polemarch (president) of the Lambda Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated as well as the province strategus. I am also the co-discussion chair for the Afro-Ethnic Student Association. Outside of school, I am a premium club supervisor for Legends at the Anaheim Angels stadium. I hope to make real change on my campus and create an actual diverse environment that represents and appreciates the cultures of all the students at our University.

**Platform:**

Our mission is committed to 4 specific pillars:

**Real Diversity:** We are tired of our institution exhibiting performative diversity and capitalizing off of the backs of our students, and we are tired of the institutional and colorblind racism that is tolerated here on campus. Rather than just “saying” we are diverse due to our school-wide demographics and statistics, we understand that our campus is still a historically eurocentric institution, just as most of our society is. And in order to exhibit REAL DIVERSITY, one must navigate these spaces and have specific policies, programs, and initiatives that are intentionally built to bring about anti-racism, inclusivity, and equity.

**Authenticity/Transparency:** We are not politicians, so we are not going to act like it. We are not happy nor “peppy” all the time, so we will not act like it. We are not going to tell you we know something if we don’t, nor will we fall into respectability politics and classism. Basically, we are not going to fake the funk, and we will not act like anybody we are not. We are not your saviors, none of us have that savior complex, for true change happens through organizing the people. We do not deserve your unbridled devotion, rather we are here to SERVE YOU ALL and should be challenged. We are here to give the power to the people, not to build resumes and sit in our ivory towers. We are here to mobilize the wills of the masses and allow ourselves to serve as the instruments that shall amplify the voices of our people. WE ARE YOU, we are true.

**Sexual Assault and Mental Health Awareness:** We are here to bring awareness to the stigmatized and taboo topics surrounding mental health and sexual assault on campus. We want to financially empower CAPS, Title IX, the Health Center, and the Women’s and Adult Re-Entry Center on campus in hopes of increasing the hours of operation so that non-traditional students can use these resources, in hopes of increasing staffing and diversity within these agencies, and in hopes of keeping our students safe. In addition to these reactionary resources, we’d also like to change the climate of our campus, strive to rework rape culture on campus, help abolish the patriarchy, and engage students so that folks do not feel alone or isolated when dealing with their everyday struggles. We feel we need to do a better job of helping the students who feel disconnected and encourage a culture of community-based safety.

**Needs not Numbers:** Housing and food insecurity are one of our biggest issues on campus yet our administration continuously pushes for aesthetically-driven initiatives. Our hopes are to bridge the gap between the administration and to stand firmly with our students in addressing our needs, without tolerating any decisions that are made without the student’s consent or permission. We are here to fight for our student’s needs, as opposed to allowing our institution to capitalize off the glamour of our numbers.

**Slogan:** DAMN:

Diversity

Accessibility/Authenticity/Awareness/Accountability

Mental-Health/Mobilization

Needs Not Numbers



**Candidate Name:** Qiao Duan

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Mihaylo College of Business and Economics

**Biography:**

I am a transfer student from Santa Ana College. When I was a student there, I participated in the Associated Student Government in Santa Ana College for almost three years. I served several positions, such as treasurer, associate justice and senator of sciences. While I was the treasurer in ASG, I volunteer at least 5 hours a week in the office of student life to record all the transactions that have been occurred. At the end of the month, I was able to generate monthly reports to Cabinet and ASG senates regarding the current status of the budget. In addition, I motioned to create a new position, international student commissioner and talked about the idea to our president. Because as an international student, I felt we were less represented on the campus. I am really glad that this motion got approved and now there will be more students in SAC who will know about international students, and our whole student body gets even stronger than before.

**Platform:**

First, I want to create more events to bring student awareness about what happening on campus. For example, we have a career fair for the business student, but there are only a few students attend the workshop called "how to succeed at a career fair" in the career center and the drop-in hours in mihaylo career center. I think by tabling and give out free stuff to the student, there will be more students to be encouraged to go to those types of workshops.

Also, I know it is tough to be a business student especially major in accounting. If I get selected I want to create more events to build their confidence, tell them not give up themselves and work harder to get their degrees. First, for freshman business students, it is pretty hard to find out which area of business they want to major in. So it is necessary to create workshops for them to get them exposed and learn the difference between those majors. Second, I want them to many students just I want to build a connection between students and faculties. Before every exam, there could be several professors to hold review sessions to help a student. If there find the class is difficult for them, they could know where they could go to looking for help. Or if they suffering certain issues in class, they could email me and let me know how they feel about the class. Then I could bring those feedback to professors and discuss the best solution for them. It is always good for students to know that they are not facing those problems on their own and there is always someone to be there for them and want to help them out.

**Slogan:**

Tell me everything you have in your mind and believe in me, together, we will be stronger and find solutions.



**Candidate Name:** Andrea Cortes

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Natural Sciences and Mathematics

**Biography:**

Hello, my name is Andrea Cortes and I am a second-year biology student. Over the past two years, my love for California State University, Fullerton and the McCarthy Hall have expanded and became my second home. As of right now, I commute from Hawthorne, California, but that does not mean I am not always on campus. On the days I do not have lectures, I drive from Hawthorne to Fullerton because I am more than willing to help out students. In the past two years, I joined an academic co-ed fraternity named, Beta Psi Omega and I was elected as one of the ASI Board of Directors for the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics for the year of 2019-2020. As a student and a student leader, I have learned to become patient and understand the various difficulties each student faces. Without the leadership opportunities that have been presented, I would not be the fierce and hardworking person I am today. I may be shy at times, but I am a hardworking person and I will not rest until I have completed my tasks. Aside from my roles, I enjoy watching The Office or Parks and Recreation or Harry Potter.

**Platform:**

If elected, I plan on improving the SI sessions available for students. As a student who has attended multiple SI sessions, I noticed there is a lack of space and oftentimes, students cannot sit in and receive help. Given that biology is an impacted major, it is important to assure every student is receiving the appropriate amount of help and that is why there needs to be an increase in tutoring opportunities. When attending lectures, students often do not reach out to their professors unless they are forced to do so. Thus being said, I plan to improve the student and faculty relationships because it is important students establish connections and gain insight on the experiences their professors had as an undergraduate or as a graduate student. Not only do I want to improve student and professor connections, but I also want students to be aware of the NSM faculty available to them. It is understandable that CSU Fullerton is a commuter school and students are often in a rush to head back home. It may seem like it is a rational idea to head home after a lecture, but it is important to assure you are on track on graduating and are enrolled in the appropriate classes. Nothing hurts more than discovering you have been taking the wrong courses when that problem could have been resolved earlier on. Our specialists can be located in the NSM Student Success Center, but unfortunately, students are not aware of this amazing free resources available to them. My plan is to spread awareness of the NSM Student Success Center because it is not just a place to study, but you can receive tutoring, you can communicate with our retention and graduate specialist, and you can converse with our Assistant Dean. Within our NSM Student Success Center, I want everyone to feel as if they are a part of a welcoming community, disregarding your race and sexual orientation because every life matters on this campus. I want to assure students feel safe and comfortable within the McCarthy Hall. For a long time, I assumed academic advising was an issue within our college, but after investigating the problem this past semester, I was wrong. It has come to my attention that students are not having issues with academic advising, but with career advising. Whether you are a biology, chemistry, physics, or math major, it can be confusing and stressful on deciding what you plan on doing after graduation. Perhaps you do not want to attend medical school or enroll in a graduate program, and that is acceptable, but it is important to ensure your future. As a student myself, there have been times where I do not know what I can do with a degree in biology and other students feel the same way. I hope to improve the awareness of the career center we have by collaborating with the Student Success Center because no student should feel confused or lost after graduating CSU Fullerton.

**Slogan:**

Without the students and resources on campus, I would be nothing. This is my way of giving back to y'all.

**Candidate Name:** Carl Zarate

**Candidate for:**

**College:**

**Biography:**

My name is Carl Zarate, a third-year biology student who was born and raised in the San Gabriel Valley region. Once I stepped foot onto campus during my first year, I knew I always wanted to make a name for myself. I began the journey of student leadership by joining a professional biology fraternity, Beta Psi Omega. This was the first step of involvement on campus as I was reluctant at first with the overwhelming obstacle that is school. Soon after, I was able to become an Orientation Leader for the summer of 2018. The position allowed me to demonstrate the passion to guide others onto the right path of CSUF. I did not want to leave my leadership in the summer, so to continue what I wanted to do I became a Lead Peer Mentor for first year Natural Science and Mathematics students. Walking up at 6 in the morning on Fridays to facilitate the new first year program was well worth to see those same students let me know that I was able to help them in their own journey at CSUF.

**Platform:**

Throughout my 2 and a half years on campus as a biology major, I've seen various changes throughout the campus. I found most of the changes on campus beneficial to the general population of students such as Tuffy's Basic Needs or change of scenery in the quad. I've also seen the improvement with the NSM success center. The changes and addition of tutoring I have noticed is well implemented with the center. If elected, I want to improve on the resources they offer such as adding individual tutoring. Tutors there are intelligent and helpful to helping students from biology 151 to organic chemistry. Individual tutoring would be beneficial to us students as it may increase the likelihood of student success. With the addition of these improvements on campus, I will work on the NSM community itself if I get elected. I believe we have an amazing community here at CSUF, but there's always room for improvement and growth. I believe a way to start improvement in the NSM department would be to encourage more communication between each other. Not just between students who are in your class and major, but with students who are within another NSM major. With the world of social media and technology, I believe a way to encourage communication will be through online forums. Online forums provide a voice for anyone that would want to discuss something about themselves and NSM. Providing a voice to students is important to me as it allows me to understand what students want and need. Everyone should feel welcome and believe they too have the power to change something for the better in our NSM and overall campus community.

**Slogan:**

Don't vote for me, vote for us. Vote for Carl.

**Candidate Name:** Theodore Malepeai

**Candidate for:**

**College:** Natural Sciences and Mathematics

**Biography:**

Born in Samoa and raised in Los Angeles, California. I am studying Biochemistry and aspiring to become a surgeon and inspire individuals to rise from their circumstances and defy their odds.

For God. Through God. With God.

**Platform:**

If elected, I would push for student and faculty engagement within the department and throughout the campus. NSM has many opportunities for many students to explore as an NSM student and even for other students to peak their interest(s). Altogether, I would like to coordinate more seminars and panels that encompass different opportunities for NSM majors. The opportunities will be diverse and optimize the applications of our studies no matter the purpose or intent -- dentistry, medicine, research, pharmacy, zoology, botany, etc. The STEM field presents a myriad of avenues for employment and professional growth and development. In addition, I would like to promote the already existing resources of the NSM department. Throughout my time here, I have continuously learned about the vast resources (NSM Opportunity Center, CBC Center, Project Raise Center, etc.). There is also organizations that can be better promoted that can be a valuable resource and network for many students.



**Candidate Name:** Ali Parandi

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

A confident active volunteer, Ali Parandi, a third-year child and adolescent studies major with a psychology and gerontology minor, has been involved in his Irvine community by volunteering yearly in Orange Great Park events. Ali is very passionate about working with children and families. He transferred with an Associate's Degree in Teaching Behavioral Sciences from IVC and has also completed many observations at Saddleback College for Childhood Education. He has completed four credential courses for Special education at Whittier College and California State University, Fullerton in pursuit of his passion. His educational background includes early childhood education and experience working with children at private preschools and elementary schools for half a year where he also worked as a tour guide for parents and students at Whittier College in Los Angeles County. Ali has served as a committee member of the Asian/Pacific Islander Graduate Celebration for Whittier College of Spring 2018 which he helped assist with budgeting, dining, hospitality, and creative design. In his free time, Ali enjoys participating and immersing himself in clubs that promote community service hours, student life, and leadership mentorship. During the summer, Ali enjoys volunteering as a student camp counselor for the youth in his community.

**Platform:**

I have participated in ASI art workshops and ASI Street meetings in 2019. I have been favored and grateful to have been posted on the Daily Titan for my participation in an arts and craft event at Cal State University, Fullerton. I hope to collaborate with other individuals in CSUF and work or accomplish if I am elected to bring what I have to offer in helping to prepare budgets to ensure that the financial and budgeting for CSU campus and ASI to distribute finances and funds for scholarships. I want to help assist in calculating costs and finance for ASI in helping the President and Vice-President. I wish to represent the financial costs and conduct business and accounting standards. I want to help assist in budgeting events on-campus and behind the scenes. I wish to help make a timeline portfolio of the background previous works CSUF has done, and I hope to help emphasize and improve them. My main focus would be to help increase budgeting and teach students of other organizations how to budget for their events and how to finance as I would be a representative for that for ASI if I am elected. I will help and support groups that do advocacy for social justice on campus in CSUF. I will bring enthusiasm and confident both personally and professionally, I will see myself as a trainer in ASI and to help other organizations in budgeting that help advocate. I can represent the student's concern because I want to be a role model and spokesperson for CSUF students. I would be happy to answer people's questions and get people to come and join the meetings. Nevertheless, I want the meetings to be respectful and active like real City Council Meetings that I have attended before. I want to bring that same atmosphere here at CSUF. I really want students to have their voices heard and to hear theirs as we talk about important topics. I want to assist in affairs responsibly and devote my time towards to helping and gaining valuable experience in a student body government. I want to help lead important events for student's safety and events for awareness that students could focus on CSUF's campus on events that ASI can help fundraise budgets for. I would start plans and events to fundraise for in the Fullerton community. I would include friends, and CSUF students, and colleagues to help me on my journey of providing the necessary equity to benefit CSUF students as a whole. I will persuade and help increase people and advocacy for anyone interested in participating. I will get CSUF students and ASI student body members to help me in this process discussing tasks as a group. I would also equip people with experience in designing graphic design for posters to spread awareness of the events. I will include the right people, the right supporters, and the right message that will help me serve the duties to be a CSUF Trustee Board member.

**Slogan:**

Do you believe in achievable changes? I'm determined and confident in representing your voice, your concerns, and your creative interests





**Candidate Name:** Alison Sanchez

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

Hello Titans! My name is Alison Sanchez and I'm currently a sophomore studying Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. I'm currently an active member of the University Honors and Business Honors programs. I chose to attend CSUF because of all the great opportunities that this campus offers which is why I would like to become more involved to create more opportunities for students during their time here at CSUF. Outside of school, I volunteer as a mentee with an organization called the Abigail Barraza Foundation that has helped encourage and support students from minority communities to continue their studies at a college or university. As a mentee, I have gained a perspective on how important it is to provide resources for others and to hear people's stories. With the experience that I have gained as a student and a volunteer, I have learned many qualities such as leadership, compassion, and dependability. It would be my pleasure to serve as a leader to my CSUF community.

**Platform:**

If elected, I will pursue the best interest of students and make sure that the TSU and SRC are well taken care of and properly managed.

My main goal and what I would like to accomplish is to make sure that the student's and faculty's voices are heard in order to create a comfortable and accommodating environment when using our facilities. I want to make sure that students are aware of the various resources that the Titan Student Centers offer and also for students to be open about addressing their concerns and ideas to the Board of Trustees.

**Slogan:**

For our tomorrow, we take action today



**Candidate Name:** Brandon Wong

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

Hi, my name is Brandon Wong and I was born and raised in Walnut, California. I currently am a second-year Business major and looking to work in the Operations Management or Finance field upon graduation. As a server at Red Lobster, I've learned to love interacting and meeting new people. My passion for music, watching/playing sports, and going out to try new foods have made it easy for me to adjust to the college setting and make new friends. In my past four semesters here at Cal State Fullerton, I have been actively involved in Turning Point USA and the Finance Association that have allowed me to increase my skill sets and teach me important information I could use in different situations such as time management and problem-solving. As a former soccer player, I feel as if I am a natural leader and I will be more than capable of handling situations that the Board of Trustees comes across by using the skills that I have acquired throughout my life experiences

**Platform:**

Hi everyone, my name is Brandon Wong, and I am a second-year Business major. I am eager to introduce myself to you and the ideas I have to bring to the Board of Trustees. Within my four semesters here, I noticed the lack of involvement from the commuter population around school. More than 60% of our student population are commuters and I strongly believe that we should make a more conscious effort in planning events and activities so they can participate in them as well. My main goal includes adding a zen area within the TSU that is welcoming for all CSUF students to hang out in between classes or even just to pass time before commuting home. This would allow students who have had a long day or simply need to take a break in between classes to relax. The reason I chose a zen area and not another dining area is because this location will be isolated creating a very calming environment where students can escape reality and get back into actuality. When visiting my sister at Princeton, she took me to their garden area and I found it very easy for myself to unwind. Since then, I have always thought about how beneficial an environment similar to theirs can help students at CSUF. My goal for this area is to promote the wellbeing of this campus and for students to consider it a second home rather than a school. I believe our campus is one of the best campuses in Southern California, and with a new set of ideas, we can make it more welcoming for everyone to feel at home. If elected to this position, not only will I do everything I can to assist, but I will be a team player as well. I believe that a team is as strong its weakest link, and that means a lot to me because the decisions made by the board are a team decision and should not only reflect one member. I understand that this position is re-elected each year, however, I hope to make a lasting impact on the Student Board of Directors and lay the foundations for a more involved student-led campus.

**Slogan:**

A Day Without Brandon Wong Is Like A Day Without Sunshine



**Candidate Name:** Christopher Carlsen

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

Hey Titans! My name is Chris Carlsen and I'm a second-year studying Business Administration, also minoring in Political Science. Since coming to Cal State Fullerton, I have pursued many opportunities to get involved in campus. During my freshman year I attended ASI Street Team meetings where students learn about the ins and outs of ASI and volunteer at events around campus. This past year I have served as the Programs Director of the Resident Student Association (RSA), where I design programs working with many vendors and campus partners such as CAPS and Titan Well. As Programs Director, I have planned and managed a budget of \$30,000 for RSA. I also serve as the Treasurer of CSUF Hillel, a Jewish organization that seeks to enrich the lives of Jewish students on campus.

Finally, I'm currently a member of the Board of Trustees, serving on the Facilities Committee. During my time on the Board, I have had firsthand experience in voting on proposals, fee increases, capital improvements, and office space allocation. I have also been involved with planning projects by co-leading the remodel for the Titan Theater and leading an effort to create more light sources around the TSU and SRC.

**Platform:**

If elected, my primary role as a student trustee is to represent the best interest of students at Cal State Fullerton. The SRC and TSU are some of the most used buildings by students and play an important role in someone's experience at CSUF. It is essential that these buildings are well maintained and funded appropriately.

The TSU is one of the largest buildings on campus, and many students use it every day as a community space to interact with fellow Titans. This past year I have co-led a proposal to remodel and update the Titan Theater. As this project will continue into next year, I would like to see this project to completion and provide context to next year's Board when discussions involving the Theater remodel come up. Another project the Board has worked on but not completed is creating Pop-Up Pub located on the main level. This space would consist of TSU room 129 and the South Patio on the main level. The South Patio furniture is outdated and made of concrete. This space would be better utilized as a part of a Pop-Up Pub. Many other universities have pubs as part of their student union, and if executed correctly, a pub in the TSU would be a hit among current students and alumni. Much of the furniture in the TSU is still from the first building remodel in 1992. They are old-fashioned and clash with the new furniture from the 2016 TSU expansion. Two years ago, the Board of Trustees passed a proposal about renovating the second floor of the TSU, which would include new office spaces, meeting rooms and furniture. If elected, I would advocate for new furniture be purchased for the rest of the building during the second-floor renovation. Although these are some of the ideas I would like to see implemented in the TSU, most of all I want students to feel included in this space and reach out to Board members like myself if they want to see specific changes.

The Board of Trustees also manages the operation of the SRC. The SRC is not only used by students, but also faculty, staff and alumni. The SRC was built in 2008 and most of the equipment being used is from the initial opening of the facility. When the SRC was first designed and opened, it was to accommodate a student population of around 30,000 students, while we now have a population of 40,000 students. The building was simply not designed for a campus enrollment that large. A solution to this challenge is to begin a conversation of a multi-year process to expand the SRC.

As a Trustee, my interests rest with the students and doing what is best for all Titans. I will be available to all students that want to discuss improving our facilities by holding office hours or corresponding by email/phone. I would be honored to continue my work on the Board and serve the students of CSUF.

**Slogan:**

Count on Experience. Count on Carlsen.



**Candidate Name:** David Estephanian

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

I am currently on the Spring 2021 graduate path with a degree in Computer Science. I chose that field of study because I have always been interested in coding as well as not being afraid to challenge myself with a difficult and time-consuming subject. I am proud of my ability to persevere and overcome challenges by learning new personal and technical skills every day. This semester, I am taking three upper-division computer science classes which take up a great portion of my time. However, I make sure to meet up with my teachers outside of class to gain a better insight into the course material and to demonstrate that I am extremely dedicated to my field of work. My main goal is to learn and expand my knowledge of cyber-security and increase my coding skills better than they already are.

Outside of school and coding, I love being in a social environment and connecting with as many people as possible. I am a huge soccer fanatic and enjoy working out. My real tenacity is my attention to detail and my reputation for following through. When I dedicate myself to doing something, I make sure it gets done, and on time.

**Platform:**

In addition to getting to know the board and entirely up to speed with the position, there is a lot I want to accomplish, if elected, during my first semester on the Board of Trustees.

I will reach out to faculty and student members in the Titan Student Union and the Student Recreation Center to learn as much as possible about the roles that everyone plays within the community, as well as what can be improved on campus. I will go through all the information the school has provided on policies and procedures, and after my school classes, I will continue reading everything I can find about the Titan Student Union and the Student Recreation Center to get an accurate idea of what needs to be improved or worked upon. Since the Associated Students emphasizes the importance of student activity, campus organizations, and athletics, I will advertise better about the Titan Student Union and the Student Recreation Center for more people to get involved. Furthermore, coming from a computer science background, I can voice my opinions on CSUF's mobile application, Titan Rec and iFullerton, and discuss what can be improved for greater student and faculty members to utilize it. Also, I am able to improve the applications since I have a decent background with iOS development.

Not only will I be helping the Associated Students organization improve the Titan Student Union and the Student Recreation Center, but I will also be able to accomplish personal goals. If elected, over the first couple weeks of the position, I will compose a record of questions that can not be answered through conversations with student and faculty members and address them with my supervisor when we meet to stay goal-oriented and well-organized. The Associated Students emphasizes the importance of "student development through leadership, volunteer, and employment experiences" and building those leadership qualities will personally benefit me in the future outside of CSUF. Also, one of the best ways to make new friends/partners and grow existing relationships is to dedicate time to a shared activity together. Volunteering is an amazing way to meet new people. It will strengthen my ties to the CSUF community and will expand my networks, exposing myself to people with common interests, neighbourhood resources, and fun and fulfilling activities. Focusing on improving and advertising the Titan Student Union and Student Recreation Center, in the end, will help bring more people together in the California State University, Fullerton community.

**Slogan:**

Open your mind, Improve the school.



**Candidate Name:** Delilah Sadat

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

I am a third-year philosophy major with a minor in law, politics, and society as well as women's studies. I'm a first-generation student originally from Santa Maria, California and I intend on pursuing a law degree after completing my undergrad. Within my time here at CSUF, I have become a member of Zeta Tau Alpha as well as I hold a position on the executive board for the nonprofit organization TitanThon. I have a deep interest in serving my community and enhancing the experience of my peers in order to foster a progressive and encompassing journey for all.

**Platform:**

If elected I would work to improve the inclusivity within the community. This would include brainstorming and pursuing different avenues in which programming and the usage of our facilities could collaborate. I believe this collaboration would allow for a myriad of voices to not only be heard but to have an active hand in creating the desired atmosphere on campus. Ideally, these programs would target underrepresented minorities on campus thus specifically addressing not only their needs but also their interest. Additionally, I would continue to ensure that the needs and desires of students concerning the SRC and TSU are being reflected within not only the financial decisions being made by the board but also the policy-related decisions as well.

**Slogan:**





**Candidate Name:** George Rico

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

Reflecting on my life as a first-generation college student at CSUF, I recall a large range of emotions that defined my youth since I am the first of my whole family not just immediate. It's like opening the door for a new generation of family. Being a first-generation student means taking risk, jumping barriers. It's doing something that hasn't been seen or done before by anyone in their family. You take fuerza, pride, and determination into being the first in the family to make it to college and make yourself see that failure is not an option. What's up everybody I'm George Rico pronouns He/Him/His and I'm a second year. My majors are Sociology and Chicanx Studies. I am currently the president of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity Inc., Outside of campus I Box/train at risk youth how to Box/ do outreach with Advance on to College a non-profit organization. It's a program where we offer people assistance in the whole college process. I want to help campus grow, and understand that as a student we have more power than we think. I'm all for equity, among each other, acquiring accommodations for communities that are marginalized/unserved.

**Platform:** Our mission is committed to 4 specific pillars:

**Real Diversity:** We are tired of our institution exhibiting performative diversity and capitalizing off of the backs of our students, and we are tired of the institutional and colorblind racism that is tolerated here on campus. Rather than just "saying" we are diverse due to our school-wide demographics and statistics, we understand that our campus is still a historically eurocentric institution, just as most of our society is. And in order to exhibit REAL DIVERSITY, one must navigate these spaces and have specific policies, programs, and initiatives that are intentionally built to bring about anti-racism, inclusivity, and equity.

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**Slogan:** DAMN: Diversity  
Accessibility/Authenticity/Awareness/Accountability  
Mental-Health/Mobilization  
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**Candidate Name:** Heather Solis

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

I am a first-generation low-income Latina and the youngest of seven siblings. I am the first in my family to attend a four-year university; none of my siblings have gone beyond community college. My concentration is journalism and I am also minoring in Political Science. Hopefully what I learn in those classes will help me become a better broadcast journalist to hopefully work in prestigious companies like CNN, ABC, KTLA, or any Spanish companies like Univision. I like to get involved with many clubs and organizations because I am a woman of many passions and I love doing the things I join, by the end of high school I was involved with over ten clubs. I have also joined many of the clubs and organizations here but overall, at the end of the day, I just enjoy being part of a community. I love trying new things like baking, sewing, drawing, trying other culture foods and learning new things like how to play an instrument, and knowing what resources this college has to offer me.

**Platform:**

If elected, I will put more input in what other resources the students here would like and need in order to create a more secure environment where students can feel supported. I aim to accomplish so many things while being in this position like connecting Titans to resources they would need to maximize their personal growth or bringing more resources to help them in their major. I know college is the time when we as students grow and in order to maximize our potential we need the resources to do this, which is why it would be one of my main focuses. As a board member, I will be in the lookout to bring programs and services to our campus. I will also strive to look at problems through many perspectives and find a solution that will serve the students of CSUF in a more substantial way. It will be my duty to serve on committees and work on special projects and programs that fill the needs of the students. Some of these operations include the SRC, TSU, and the CSUF Irvine Campus. As a leader, I vow to put the students and campus interest before anything else. My goal is to make sure that CSUF has excellent service and have the students needs be addressed to continue improving our Titan family.

**Candidate Name:** Ido Brem

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

Biography:

Platform:

Slogan:

**Candidate Name:** Jose Castillo

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

My name Jose Castillo, and I will "running" for Board of Trustees. I am a son, an uncle, and person with limitations, including a Gnarly motor wheelchair. I am also undocumented and feel in a time where individuals freely spite hate. Because of having no thought of repercussions. As the President of Abled Advocators it is my job to bring out awareness and education everyone about erroneous and outdated stigmas about disabilities. A disability can physical, invisible or both. Whenever I witness someone being shamed on the elevator going up or down floor. Most individuals express negative remarks, but how do any of us know, what they are going. As a society that judges with first impressions and not making an effort to empathize and relate to the person. We will loose out on, "what could have been." As Trustee I will listen and enforce change with a smile on my face. We all live on earth, we should think about the future generation. -My two cents

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**Candidate Name:** Joseph Herrera

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

Throughout my past 2 and a half years here at CSUF, I have had so many amazing experiences on campus such as being a resident advisor, going to ASI events like Spring Concert, being involved in clubs like the Real Estate Association and the Music Industry club, and much much more. As my college career starts coming to a close, I would love to give back and hopefully contribute to younger student's potentially amazing college experience as well.

**Platform:**

This year, ASI has put a lot of work into student outreach and they've done an excellent job, BUT I know there is still a large percentage of students who don't utilize the SRC and TSU. As a big marketing guy, I would love to come up with new ways to promote the SRC and TSU.

**Slogan:**

Joey for BOT, give him a shot.



**Candidate Name:** Matthew Garcia

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

I am a Computer Science Major in my third year. I have served two years on the IFC Executive Board. I have served one year as the External Vice President for PIKE. I am excited to bring the leadership skills I have learned through my various positions to enrich the quality of life for students at CSUF.

**Platform:**

I want to extend the hours of the SRC, so that more students can use the experiences their fees are paying for. I will do this while keeping in consideration the needs of the student employees that work at the SRC, and plan on finding the happy medium between these two grounds. I want to ensure that we collect feedback from as many students as possible through surveys, and through my office hours, to make sure that each student is heard and represented on campus.

**Slogan:**

Vote Matt G for Board of Trustees

**Candidate Name:** Nima Nikopour

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

I am a third year Economics Student and I have served on the Board of Trustees since the second semester of my freshman year. Throughout my time on the Board, I've been able to work on many projects and make many important decisions for the Titan Student Centers. I am excited to use my years of experience on the Board towards another year representing my peers

**Platform:**

I plan on ensuring that the TSU's pub concept is completed by Fall 2020, installing school supply vending machines in the TSU, and extending the SRC's hours of operation. In addition to these specific projects I intend on collecting more student feedback through surveys so the Board can better represent student interests





**Candidate Name:** Shayan Shabak

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

Hello everyone! My name is Shayan Shabak, and I am a Sophomore here at Cal State Fullerton. I currently hold a position on the Board of Trustees where I have had a great time working alongside other student leaders. I have been fortunate enough to give back to the community where I grew up in various ways. I volunteered for an organization called Breakthrough Collaborative, which helps low-income students receive an exceptional education. This really helped changed my perspective on many aspects of my life as I was hearing the struggles that some of these students' families were enduring on a daily basis. I did this in an effort to better my community and help those who are less fortunate than myself. This past year on the Board has given me a lot of insight into the daily efforts of ASI and how they operate so efficiently. Working alongside the other trustees on the board has shown me the true meaning of teamwork and leadership.

**Platform:**

Hi everyone! I am thrilled to introduce myself to you. I am Shayan Shabak, and I would be humbled to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees for my second term in the upcoming school year.

I would like to use this position to continue to promote wellness and self-care within our community and to create awareness about mental illness and physical disabilities as I have many ideas that I hope will inspire important and meaningful change in our community. My primary goal in this position is to uplift every member of our community to help make Cal State Fullerton a second home for every single one of our students. I plan on doing this by creating another social area within the TSU for our students where we will have weekly events with food and beverage available for purchase. This space can serve as a great place to bring your friends between classes or if you are just waiting for the traffic to calm down. My goal is to help foster and contribute to a more inclusive, engaged, and healthy campus community. If I get this position, I fully intend to be a team player above all else, to promote health and wellness in every way possible through engaging with academics, programming, and risk management. I believe that the key to tackling issues of health and wellness within our community requires a holistic approach, examining health and wellness through as many different perspectives as possible. I hope to bring awareness to this issue within the community, to reduce the stigma and fear that comes with acknowledging issues with physical and mental health, and to lay the groundwork for creating a community where these issues can be addressed openly and conquered together. I realize these issues will outlive my time here at Cal State Fullerton, but I would be honored to serve my community in laying the groundwork for a healthier future.

**Slogan:**

Shoot for Shayan!



**Candidate Name: Yeon Lee**

**Candidate for: Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees**

**Biography:**

Hello! My name is Jinny, and I am a second-year Business Accounting/ISDS major. Currently being in housing and holding a position as NCC in RSA (Resident Student Association), I've realized I wanted to continue my work helping the campus which led me to run for the Board of Trustees. I am also the Website Chair for our Regional Business Conference hosted in February 2020, and I am a President Scholar, Business Honors Student, and part of University Honors. Outside of my school work, I really enjoy reading, art, and creating music. I recently finished an album I cannot wait to release! Being part of ASI will allow me to continually contribute to the students on campus, and I cannot wait to hopefully join the board next year

**Platform:**

Being part of the Board of Trustees, I would like to implement new and better changes to both the TSU and the SRC. Some of the changes that would assist the students would be to increase the diversity of foods given in the food court. As we are a diverse campus of students who come from a variety of backgrounds, many have different dietary needs that are often looked over. I believe increasing not only the foods but the types of food we offer would be crucial in increasing advocacy for our students.

In addition, the public study areas within the TSU should also be updated such as the couches. Many people use the place to study and eat, but they often get very dirty. It would be great to get new sitting couches for places where it has gotten excessively dirty or is simply old. The study booths are something that I would also want to expand on. Many students go to these booths to do group projects but are often filled most of the time. Increasing the amount of these booths would benefit our campus. The TSU is a great place for students to rest and study, and then it is the Board of Trustees who helps to make this happen.

The SRC is something that should also be expanded on in terms of programs. Many of the programs are heavily used by students such as the rock climbing wall. Increasing the hours for the wall would help the students who are unable to go during specific hours due to the time constraint. By allowing more flexible time hours, it would increase the number of students who can use not only the rock climbing wall but other services given in the SRC.

With my experience in serving the campus as a leader, I truly wish to continue making a difference on campus as I continue to grow in CSUF. I believe my driving passion to help students and facilitate change makes me the best candidate to represent you. Together, we can make your wishes become reality.

**Slogan:**

Down to business. Up to the Task



**Candidate Name:** Zachary Zirzow

**Candidate for:** Titan Student Centers Board of Trustees

**Biography:**

Hello! My name is Zachary Zirzow and I'm a first year student who's currently studying psychology. I am an extremely passionate individual who is always looking to get involved in as many impactful organizations as possible. I have extensive experience in leadership, mentorship, teamwork, teaching, and public speaking through the various activities I participated in while I was in high school and in my time at CSUF as well. While at CSUF I have tried to get as involved in the community as possible. I am currently a building representative for the housing organization RSA, in which I advocate for changes that my building would like implemented. Additionally, I'm on the executive board for NRHH, in which I create events and catalyze recognition of the incredible people in housing. I also currently sit on the Board of Trustees as the RSA representative. I have really grown to be infatuated by the inner workings of the board through my time as a participant. I feel that if I am given the training and attend the committee meetings I will be much more informed on the current state of the topics we are discussing and can contribute in an extremely positive fashion.

**Platform:**

My main goal is not focused on grandeur innovation or unrealistic ideas cannot be achieved within the restraints of the financial limits the Board is restricted to. My main goal is to enhance the experience of every student who walks into the TSU or SRC, and we do not need to expand the TSU to add an additional floor in order to bolster the experience given to the students on a daily basis. I would love to run a student response based Board. I would like to gather empirical information that is relayed from the students in order to cater the Boards proceedings to align with the data. Receiving information from the students can come in the form of surveys, but it can also be a much easier process. The SRC already has a program in place that counts the number of students that are in the weight room, basketball courts, or any other facility at any given time. I believe we can expand that program to include the tallying of which machines are being utilized the most. If we implement this program and notice a specific machine or area of the SRC is being used more frequently than others then we can look into adding additional machines of the same kind in order to satisfy the higher demand. This could aid the Board in ensuring that the money it uses to expand the gym will not go to waste, it has significantly less chance involved since we have taken the behavior directly from the student body. There is plenty to be learned from other Universities success and blunders as well. I would love to attend the various trips the Board takes to other Universities to get a more comprehensive understanding of the other Universities programs and practices. If we utilize the data and information that other institutions have gathered then we will be able to accumulate a wide array of ideas that can then be implemented seamlessly at CSUF. Making the most of the space that we have in the TSU is a project I would enjoy pursuing as well. Renovating and reenergizing the first floor of the TSU would be a top priority of mine. The current billiards area does not attract substantial attention, I believe transforming that into a sports centered "hang out" area could be beneficial to the area's success. Furthermore, upgrading the theatre would be one of the first projects I would like to see through. We have incredible facilities in place at CSUF. I am not currently under the belief system that we must begin several incredibly large and expensive projects to increase the satisfaction of the student body. If we cater our actions to their displayed likings and continue to upgrade and innovate our facilities we can continue to offer high level amenities to coincide with our high level institution.

**Slogan:**

The pathway to thriving facilities is simple: innovation and utilization.