## ASI Student Body Elections: Spring 2022 Official Voter Information Guide

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

## Spring 2022 Dates: Tuesday March 8th - Wedneday March 9th

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

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

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

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

#### **President and Vice President:**

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

## **ASI Board of Directors:**

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

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

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

FROM: Tiffany Cordon, ASI Elections Director

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SUBJECT: ASI Student Body Elections 2022 – Candidates

All candidates below have met the requirements necessary to be officially considered a candidate in the ASI Student Body Elections. As a reminder, the annual elections will take place online March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> at vote.fullerton.edu.

**Board of Directors:** 

## **President and Vice President**

David Velazquez-Zamarripa and Marcus Arnwine Lydia Kelley and Christapor Mikaelian Marcos Zelada-Rodas and Gabriella Antos

**Board of Directors:** 

Arts Health and Human Development

Morgan Diaz

Ramon Aquino

Yasmine Lee

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Emma Way

Isabella Galvan

Jason Vinh

Board of Directors: Madison Cravo

Communications

Colby Severance Board of Directors:

Jeffrey Schneider Humanities and Social Sciences

Maysem Awadalla Alisa Toh-Heng

Nataly Pugh
Victoria Santana

Board of Directors:

College of Business and Economics

Board of Directors:Cooper FoxEducationMason FialaJenna Maree WongMichael Butorac

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Engineering and Computer Science Natural Sciences and Mathematics

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#### 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. <sup>1</sup>

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

Candidate Team: David Velazquez-Zamarripa and Marcus Arnwine

Candidate for: ASI President and ASI Vice President

#### President Candidate: David Velazquez-Zamarripa

David is a fifth-year student at CSUF, majoring in Political Science with a minor in Public Administration. He is also a Brother of Alpha Phi Omega, which has helped him develop his leadership skills, gain lifetime friends, and give back to his community. Being the only child of two immigrants who came to America with almost nothing in their pockets, he has learned what it takes to become a leader.



Born and raised in Dana Point, California, he has taken on multiple leadership positions throughout his academic career. Some of these positions include Fundraising Director for Students of Orange County for Change, a 501(c)3 non-profit, as well as being involved in ASI Street Team his first year of college, and now serves as a member of the ASI Board of Directors for the College of HSS alongside Marcus. On top of that, he was also former Fundraising Chair for his fraternity, as well as former Leadership Vice-President, former Rush Chair, and currently serves as the Chapter President for the Fall '21 - Spring '22 school year. He hopes to bring these leadership skills onto the school administration and bring forth legislation that will put STUDENTS FIRST.

#### **Vice President Candidate: Marcus Arnwine**

I am a 3rd year student majoring in history. I have had the opportunity this semester to serve in the capacity of a director on the ASI executive board. Some personal hobbies of mine are doing aerial photography, golfing, reading, basketball, and playing video games... when I have the time. My desired career path is in the field of aviation as I am currently in the process of obtaining my private pilot's license. Serving the community I am in through my skills has always been a priority for me. Unfortunately with my hectic work/study schedule, I have not been able to serve my communities as much as I would like, but some instances in which I am still able to serve my community have been a good bank that my church runs, and also taking on the mantle as communications director for my church as a whole. Another aspiration of mine is to open an outreach flight program that gives the amazing yet expensive gift of flying to those who would otherwise not be able to afford it!

## Platform: Putting Students' Needs FIRST

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**Financial Transparency:** Our ASI Budget needs to be more transparent, period. Quite frankly, it is insane that we the students have to pay over \$300 per semester towards parking, even when parking is not guaranteed. We deserve better. As your next student leaders, we will fight against tuition increases, advocate alongside the ASI Lobby Corps in order to obtain more funding from the California State Legislature, and ensure a fair and reasonable distribution of funding between all the ICCs. We will also advocate for an expansion of the Titan Student Union and the Student Recreation Center, along with supporting an initiative to build more Emergency Blue Phones around campus to ensure our students stay safe. Ensuring that every single penny from your tuition goes back to you is the most important aspect of this pillar of our campaign.

**Candidate Team:** Lydia Kelley and Christapor Mikaelian **Candidate for:** ASI President and ASI Vice President

#### **President Candidate: Lydia Kelley**

Hey Titans! My name is Lydia Kelley (She/Her/Hers) and I'm running for President of Associated Students Inc. I'm a third year Communications Public Relations major pursuing a career in entertainment PR. Studying Comm has allowed me to freely express who I am and want to encourage others to do the same. Being a Titan for the past three years has allowed me to immerse myself in the campus. I've served in several different leadership positions including Board of Director for the College of Communications, Chapter President for Sigma Kappa Sorority, and a social media editor for the Daily Titan newspaper. These experiences inspired me to develop a passion for the campus. Cal State Fullerton has become a home to me and I can't wait for it to be that for you too!



## Vice President Candidate: Christapor Mikaelian

Hello CSUF! My name is Christapor Mikaelian (He/Him/His) and I am running for Vice President of Associated Students Inc. I am now in my third year as an International Business major with a concentration in global marketing. I have a passion for learning from different cultures, traveling and global markets. Living in dorms my first year at CSUF helped me develop a love for our campus and the community around it. Since my time at the dorms I've found myself giving back to our community by serving as the Inter-fraternity council community service chairman where I promoted community events such as blood drives and volunteering for the homeless. Along with getting involved on campus I am currently employed by the Student recreation center at the Rockwall. My involvement on campus has motivated me to run for Vice President so that I can improve the community I call home.

#### Platform: Count on Chris and Kelley!

**Titan Experience**: As classes are just now returning to campus, quality programing is essential to enhance the daily lives of students. Some students are stepping on campus for their very first time and others have been here for years. One of our goals is to ensure that every student's time at CSUF is filled with memorable experiences. We hope to extend quality programming around campus to celebrate our Titans and their accomplishments. We also want to support the different communities we represent by amplifying the voices of student run organizations and the programs they put on. We want to encourage school spirit by collaborating with DIRC, Athletics, and the colleges through various marketing platforms. We know that by listening to our Titans and hearing their wants we can promote programing events that will enhance school spirit. Our mission with the Titan Experience raises student engagement by collaborating with ASI programming for concerts, carnivals, and town halls.

**Empowerment:** All students deserve the right to a quality education. When it comes to mental health resources on campus, students should be able to have access to a counselor when needed. Mental health is a crucial component when it comes to students balancing day to day tasks. We want to amplify student voices through empowerment when it comes to understanding the needs of the student body. As leaders we want to implement a mentoring program for all students to serve as a hub of resources for students to understand the fundamentals of student government. We realize that coming back to campus, there are still many students who don't know ASI and the resources we provide. It is important to us that each student knows who we are and feels comfortable sharing the challenges each of you face each day as students. We want to empower you by listening to these experiences and advocating for all communities to be a more inclusive space.

Academic Success: As fellow Titans we understand the significance of a valuable education and will strive to promote equitable learning opportunities. Students have voiced concerns of just how hard it is to see an advisor when it comes to scheduling during pivotal moments such as scheduling for classes, graduation, etc. Seeing an advisor is an important component when it comes to navigating college as it provides an outline of the Titan Experience. We want to further extend these academic success resources by advocating for hiring additional advisors and expanding upon more office hours. As we continue to see more of an in-person campus life, we want to host more career fair opportunities where students can network directly within their industry to have increased accessibility to career opportunities. We want students to feel comfortable and be competitive candidates as we become future leaders.

Candidate Team: Marcos Zelada-Rodas and Gabriella Antos

Candidate for: ASI President and ASI Vice President

#### **President Candidate: Marcos Zelada-Rodas**

Hey Titans! My name is Marcos Zelada-Rodas, and I am running to be your next ASI President along with my running mate, Gabriella Antos, for Vice President. I am a first-generation, third-year student majoring in Communications (Public Relations). I am running because I understand the importance of education. My parents immigrated from Central America, so I could have a quality education and a better life. That is why I have always advocated for students of all ages at the state level to bring equal opportunity and



access to education through non-profits and legislative initiatives. Before attending Cal State Fullerton, I served in the United States Army where I worked in operations which taught me to lead with care, be present, and be involved in my community. Responsibility and service to others has always been a part of who I am. I hope to bring that care and experience to our campus. I love our Titan community and putting students above all is the reason I am running. I would be honored to be your voice and advocate.

#### Vice President Candidate: Gabriella Antos

Hey Titans! My name is Gabriella Antos, but feel free to call me Gabbi. I am running for the position of ASI Vice President, alongside my running mate, Marcos Zelada-Rodas. I am a third-year student majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. Funny enough, I have lived in Fullerton my whole life. I have attended both Fullerton Union High School and Fullerton College. Now, I am in my second semester at Cal State Fullerton. As a native of the city, I feel called to make a difference not only in Fullerton but here on our campus. When I am not in class, I work with and for various non-profit organizations. These groups have given me the opportunity to not only give back to the community but to advocate for what's right. My passion for serving and standing up for others has led to my decision to run for student government. I want my fellow students to know that I will make their voices heard.

## **Platform: Students Above All**

**Transformation** - We want to transform Cal State Fullerton into a stronger community and bring activities back to campus. For too long, our university has overlooked creating events and activities that foster a fun, learning environment community. We're here to change that. Cal State Fullerton is in the heart of Orange County. The opportunities for engaging activities that bring students together are important but have been ignored. We will bring the fun back to campus with outdoor events, live music, recreational activities, and more. We love our campus and fellow students. The more reasons to come together the better.

**Involvement** - Student government should be the voice of everyday students. We plan on being involved by listening and making you and your organizations our focus. We will do this by ensuring our university is communicating with students. We will be a direct line for anything students need. Your concerns are our mission. It's about putting students above all.

**Cost Reduction** - As ASI President and Vice President, we will do everything in our power to reduce costs. This means advocating for lower tuition, lower book costs, and lower parking permit fees. We will also advocate for increasing funding for scholarships. Education is crucial, so excessive or unnecessary spending needs to be cut. Money should be spent to make education accessible.

Candidate Name: Morgan Diaz Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Arts

Hi friends! My name is Morgan, I'm a third year Illustration major hoping to become a character designer for video games. I am a student employee within housing as an Office Assistant! I currently serve as a Board of Directors for the College of the Arts and the Board Secretary. Previously, I served as the Arts Inter-Club Council Chair in the 2020-2021 academic year, and an events coordinator from 2019-2020. Oh and fun fact: I used to think butter was a carb because of Regina George when I was 10.

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

Heyaaa Titans! My name is Ramón Aquino and I am a third-year student double majoring in Entertainment Arts & Animation and Computer Animation & Game Art, and minoring in Cinema Television Arts. I was born and raised in Mexico for more than half of my life and I am a proud first-generation student and member of the LGBTQ+ community. I am really excited to re-run as your ASI Board of Directors for the College of the Arts!

During my time at CSUF, I have committed myself to becoming a voice for students and different communities on-campus. As an ASI Board of Director, I currently serve as an ASI liaison for the Arts Inter-Club Council and sit on the Governance and Children's Center committees this year. Aside from ASI, I also direct a big chunk of my schedule to our on-campus housing community as the Director of the National Residence Hall Honorary, love assisting students by working as a Titan Career Ambassador at the Career Center, and contribute to our artist community by serving as an Event Coordinator at the Pencil Mileage Club!



## Platform: F.R.O.G. = Faithfulness | Resourcefulness | Opportunities | Growth If re-elected, my platform would consist of:

**Faithfulness** – Finally, I want to stress the importance of honesty and transparency in student government. As a current member of the Board of Directors, I strive to serve as the voice of students and if reelected, I want to reinforce our means of communication with COTA students in order to better represent and support artists in student affairs as well as making the process of providing feedback to us much more accessible to our constituents in the future.

**Resourcefulness** – As we advance and grow as professionals in the Arts, the importance of having the appropriate resources and opportunities for our field matter more and more. Of course, the tools do not make the artist, but they most certainly allow us to learn and adapt more efficiently to our changing environment and that is why I am committed to facilitate the process of acquiring resources available to COTA students as well as amplifying the opportunities that arise amongst our community.

**Opportunities** – As artists, the ways we present ourselves to the public and the products of our efforts are essential to our growth. Particularly in our academic college, representation is a big factor of our identities. As the ASI representative of COTA, I want to work towards increasing that sense of empowerment more, not only as artists but as members of different and diverse communities.

**Growth** – Due to our current learning environment, I want to assure that COTA students are well versed and prepared both academically and artistically, and for incoming, transfer, and current students to thrive into their fields of expertise whether it be in-person or remotely.

Candidate Name: Yasmine Lee Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Arts

Hey everyone! My name is Yasmine Lee, and I am a fourth-year majoring in Computer Animation and Game Art (CAGA) with a minor in Computer Science. I am an LGBTQ+ Korean-American who proudly stands behind diversity and inclusion at CSUF. I have been highly active on campus ever since I have transferred here in 2020 and have grown to love the Titan community. Born and raised in New Jersey, I moved to California alone when I was 18 to pursue a career in entertainment. Now, I have been fortunate to run as your ASI Board of Directors for the College of the Arts!

My campus involvement started when I became the Social Media Coordinator for the Video Game Development Club. In collaboration with CAGA students and faculty, we created the first CSUF ACM SIGGRAPH Student Chapter, where I serve as Chair. As Chair, I have helped organize the CS Survival Guide and Diversity and Leadership Summit events, focusing on empowering ECS students in their careers. Aside from extracurriculars, I work as a student assistant at COTA. These experiences have allowed me to become diverse and flexible in my approach to leadership while serving many students here on campus.



## Platform: #TitanCCC

My platform aims to serve three purposes (the three C's) if I am elected as your ASI Board of Directors:

**Collaboration** - As someone with a minor in Computer Science whose frequently involved at ECS events on campus, I have seen first-hand how beneficial it is for students to be cross-disciplined. However, barriers may deter COTA and other colleges from collaborating more frequently in events and programs, primarily due to time and communication. Exchanging hard and soft skills between departments can benefit students in their careers and education, making them more competitive and confident candidates. I plan to change this and initiate more opportunities for collaboration between departments by serving as your COTA representative. After all, a collaborative environment makes for a more interconnected campus!

**Communication** - Communication is crucial between ASI leaders and our artists here on campus. Whenever it's related to changes happening in the Visual Arts Department or across campus (such as COVID-19), it is essential to be transparent and have readily available information for students. In that regard, I hope students can trust me to ask questions, provide feedback, and more as their COTA representative, while we work at solving campus issues. It is vital to my platform that I best represent our diverse student body and serve to empower all COTA students in their education and career.

**Contingency** - Because of COVID-19 and the shift to online and hybrid learning, many are concerned about the lack of certainty presented by these challenging times. As campus returns to hybrid and in-person learning, I hope to provide a safe environment for students to thrive while adapting to our current situation alongside our other ASI leaders. By providing as many resources and opportunities as possible, I want to give students the best benefit of their education here at CSUF.

Candidate Name: Colby Severance Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Communications

My name is Colby Severance, and I am a Sophomore studying Cinema and Television Arts. I chose to study Film especially as I have aspirations to be a director of movies. I have been acting since I was 12 years old, and although I still pursue acting, after being exposed to the on-set experience; I want to work my way up to directing. I am actively involved on campus, as I am a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and I hold the chairmen position of Marketing. I plan to graduate, and work over the summer as a production assistant on set of movies. I have worked for multiple productions in front of the camera and behind, and both roles are more than interesting to me.

## **Platform: Count on Colby**

If elected, I would do everything in my power to make sure students have the opportunity to give a say in their wants/needs. It is more than important my specific college and the rest of the colleges within the board are informed. Practically being a liaison between students and their respective colleges is my main goal. Another goal of mine is to familiarize the general students with ASI. I did not hear about Associated Students Incorporated until a current member reached out to me about it, and I was glad he did. There needs to be a more apparent way for students to discover ASI, so



their voices can be heard. Being a Film major, I could create a video for ASI to display on campus/on websites so more students can be educated. I would be more than willing to dedicate my time to build Cal State Fullerton into a better school than it already is, whether its assisting the staff, listening to the students, or just being present at the meetings in case the different colleges on the board need my talents.

Candidate Name: Jeffrey Schneider Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Communications

Hello, name is Jeffrey Schneider and I am a current 3rd year communications public relations student with a minor in marketing. I am a very driven and involved student within campus stemming from my time in high school to expanding my drive for being involved within campus Greeklife. Being involved in campus Greeklife, has helped build who I have become through my leadership skills, as well as becoming a more personable student on campus. Taking what I have learned from my life will guide me to improve the campus in which we learn.

#### Platform: Send it for Schneider

My inspiration for running for this position among ASI for the college of Communications stems from older men I have known who have been on this board before me. After learning so much about the importance of this board within campus life and leadership, has given me the drive to run to help be a deciding factor in improvement on campus. The opportunity this gives an ambitious student like myself will guide me to help fellow students of all ages around me to improve their daily lives and those around them. I hope to work with fellow board members to improve campus life, and the overall dynamic of this very diverse campus. Striving to help improve the lives of those who may not realize



they could use it, will improve the campus comradery within clubs, sports, and student body in everyday life.

Candidate Name: Maysem Awadalla Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Communications

Hello Titans! I'm Maysem Awadalla and I'm a second-year Political Science Major and Journalism Minor!

Wanting to be more a part of the CSUF community but living in a virtual world, I was eager to be involved. After becoming an active member in many cultural organizations that tied me back to my roots, I soon became the Vice President of Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Marketing Chair for Southwest Asian North African (SWANA) organization, AICA Events Coordinator, in addition to my Titan Radio Show! Being a part of these organizations has given me a new perspective on my future goals to become a broadcast journalist and vocal advocate.

These experiences have also provided me with newfound wisdom and a vision of an authentic college experience. As a San Francisco local and daughter of a small business owner, I progressed in an environment surrounded by consistent encouragement to speak my mind, advocate for marginalized communities, and assist others when needed. I would love to serve as your Board of Director for the College of Communications to further enhance your titan experiences, provide more programs to connect you to the college and equip y'all with the tools needed for your successes.



#### Platform: Awadalla Advocates!

As somebody who started their college career virtually, I understand how daunting the transition from online to in-person learning can be. I want to provide smooth sailing conditions to those who may still be adjusting to our ever-changing environment, while also keeping spirits high through these times through my main goals.

My first goal is Mental health. I will work with the Student Health Center and CAPS (Counseling and Psychological Services) to provide and promote resources needed for students that may be experiencing difficulties in their everyday lives. The quality of how you learn lies greatly in how sound your mind is.

My second goal is to debunk any stereotypes and myths associated with the College of Communications. As we are paving the way for our futures, I aim to create a positive working environment while encouraging self-expression, unity, and self-improvement.

My third goal is to help students who are searching for a post-graduate career which can be daunting to many students. I want to make the process easier for students by connecting them with Communication ICC's to allow you all to connect with Communications Majors and organizations to enhance students experiences. This will further students' confidence and skillsets, to make their college and post-graduate experience more secure.

I want to uplift creativity, amplify your voices, and spread encouragement throughout the CSUF campus. Be sure to vote and remember, Awadalla Advocates!

Candidate Name: Nataly Pugh Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Communications

Hello, my name is Nataly and I plan to graduate in Spring 23. I work as a literacy tutor for a school district and I hope to work in a School district once I get my degree Speech-Language Pathology. I'm currently involved in research with Augmentative Alternative Communication users with literacy issues. My research involves a systematic review that will gain insight on better ways to educate these children with reading/spelling difficulties. It's critical to stress the importance of early intervention which is why I'm interested in youth education. However, I do prioritize education among all because growth is stagnant without education. I hope to listen to the concerns of the CSUF student body and serve this community the best I can.

# Platform: Committed To Lifelong Learning in a Caring Environment, Strive for Progress, not Perfection.

I would like to think of myself as an open slate to the student body. My interest is in early childhood education however if the CSUF students would like my attention elsewhere I will go towards that. A problem I see within the Communicative



Disorders major is the lack of alternate career options presented. Not every person in my major can become a Speech Language Pathologist yet all the wonderful alternatives like Literacy & Reading educators, elementary and post-secondary educators aren't explored. I would ideally like to bring awareness to different majors, not just com. Disorders, of the alternatives careers they might not have known about otherwise. These students can make a difference and still help the population they were passionate about, however, in a different capacity.

Candidate Name: Victoria Santana Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Communications

I am a senior double majoring in Communicative Disorders and Child and Adolescent Development, with a concentration in Family and Community Contexts. I have had the great opportunity to serve with ASI Spring 2022 as a Board Director for the College of Communications on campus. I am also an active member of multiple communications clubs on campus including National Students Speech Language and Hearing Association (NSSLHA), Student Speech Therapists and Audiologists Nurturing Cultural Enrichment (STANCE), and Augmentative and Alternative Communication Club (AAC). In addition to this, I currently work for local government as a supervisor overseeing and coordinating city-wide special events, community participation programs, and developing leadership trainings. I have a passion for inclusivity and community service. My goal is to give everyone at CSUF the opportunity to have their voices heard.

## Platform: Slogan: Putting Students' Needs FIRST

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Candidate Name: Jenna Maree Wong Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Education

Hi Titans! My name is Jenna Wong (she/her) and I'm a third year undergraduate student. I am majoring in Communicative Disorders, minoring in Literacy Education, and pursuing a certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). I have been involved with ASI since my freshman year starting as a delegate to the California Higher Education Student Summit. In the 2020-2021 academic year, I served as the Presidential Appointee Commission Coordinator working to appoint students to the various university-wide committees. In this current academic year, I serve as the Chief Communications Officer where I lead ASI's connection with students through virtual and in-person means. Outside of ASI, I have previously worked for CSUF GEAR UP as a Success Ambassador and as an intern for the Center for Research on Educational Access and Leadership (C-REAL). I also currently serve as the president of Student Speech Therapists and Audiologists Nurturing Cultural Enrichment (STANCE).



#### Platform: Together We Reach Higher

As a literacy education minor, I want to implement the College of Education's values of a Just, Equitable, and Inclusive Education within our university. Recognizing the transformative power of the university, I want to ensure students have access to services that will allow them to focus on their education. If elected, I will advocate for expanded services to CAPS and the Pantry. In addition, I want to increase the connection between students and the greater campus community. To continue my work this past year, I will be attentive to the student concerns and questions, taking into consideration that each student brings valuable insight to the campus community. Through this, I hope to elevate student voices thus allowing ASI to respond and advocate appropriately. I also plan on continuing to promote campus and community events so students can enjoy the entirety of the student experience through campus life activities. In addition to campus events, I want to increase student awareness of the various resources and supports our university and college offer to promote student success. With this vision in progress, I hope to now focus my work on the students within the College of Education.

Candidate Name: Braulio Martin

Greetings Titans! My name is Braulio Martin and I am currently in my 3rd year at Cal State Fullerton. I am planning to receive my bachelors of science degree in Computer Science. Coming from a smaller school in Northern California, I would have never believed that I would run for a leadership position at a big school like CSUF until I met leaders who inspired me to help our university succeed. This semester I have had the opportunity to hold the External Vice President and Philanthropy position for my fraternity on campus, Pi Kappa Alpha. During this time, I was able to host and plan events to raise money for Blood Cancer Research. I realized how beneficial and exciting it is to help others in our community. Outside of school and clubs, I enjoy trying new foods all over Orange County and also love to explore the cities nearby! After graduation, I hope to become a Software Engineer and I hope to start my own company in the future. My goal is to give back to those who have given me so much already. With the knowledge I've gained from past leadership opportunities and the skills that I have learned to be an organized individual, I know I will put forth my hardest effort to help my fellow classmates succeed.



## Platform: "We Make Everything Possible"

In my past 3 years in the College of ECS, there have been some issues I wanted to focus on if I was elected to be on the Board of Directors. Coming to Fullerton at first, I did not know many of the clubs offered on campus which made it hard for me to get involved. My initial goal is to bring a bigger social media presence, to let incoming students know the great opportunities that they could be involved in. Showcasing our clubs and their accomplishments is just a start to help the ECS college spread what they have to offer to the rest of CSUF. I believe reaching out to other clubs on campus would be beneficial to gain students outside of ECS to join our clubs.

In addition, I also wanted to work on gaining a higher budget for both in-class activities and club activities. I have noticed that many of the ECS clubs on campus are involved in competitions whether it is robotics, rover building, etc. I believe those resources should be aided by our college. This would allow students to learn on how to work with modern equipment that would benefit them in learning real world skills. Not only increase the budget for clubs, but also increase the amount used to provide ECS students with up to date software and technologies. As we head into a more technological world, providing students these tools would help them perform better in their future careers.

Finally, I wanted to focus on creating a larger community within the ECS college. I would like to help to plan/host events that would be offered to all students. Starting with reaching out to speakers who could come on campus to explain their experiences on succeeding in the Engineering/Computer Science industry. I have grown the most in my career path from getting help and listening to older people in the industry which I believe can translate to help ECS students. I can ensure our students will gain a better experience academically and socially if I am elected, and I will strive to help every one of you succeed in our program. I am open to concerns and ideas which I would love to implement in the coming year.

Candidate Name: Berenice Vences Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Health and Human Development

Hello everyone! My name is Berenice Vences. I use (she/her/hers) pronouns. I am a first-generation college student and I am currently in my third year of undergrad. My major is Public Health with a concentration in Health Education and Promotion. I have been a member of the Associated Students, Inc. Programming team for two years and that experience has provided so many great opportunities for me. Being a part of this amazing team that is devoted to enhancing the Titan Experience by hosting large production events for all CSUF students to enjoy has brought me great joy.I currently hold a position as a residential advisor for housing at Cal State Fullerton. I'm the RA for Pine and get the opportunity to mentor and support a resident hall of first year undeclared students. I was an undeclared major my freshman year but soon found a passion for Public Health and health promotion. As a first generation college student I am very proud to be a McNair Scholar and have an opportunity to break generational cycles and showcase representation in higher education.



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Candidate Name: Emma Way Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Health and Human Development

Hello!!! My name is Emma Way, and I am a third-year here at Cal State Fullerton majoring in Public Health and a member of the faith-based club Intervarsity. I love to be able to help people and hope I can be given the opportunity to be used as a resource for you and your needs!

## Platform: Emma Way- The Right Way for Board Representative!!!

If elected, I want to be able to work more on representation. As a Black person attending this college, I want this space we create to be inviting despite any negative or pre-existing portrayals that may mislead or discourage any from attending the space. I would also like for information to be easily accessible. Plenty of times had occurred when information was not broadcasted, and those interested could not do something about their interest due to the lack of time or not knowing where to find said information. Instances like this are what I wish to change.



Candidate Name: Isabella Galvan Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Health and Human Development

Hi! My name is Isabella, and I am a 3rd year Public Health Major. I have been a part of ASI for about two years. I served as the 2021 Elections Director where I lead an Elections team and handled the ASI Elections. Currently, I am the Chair of the Association of Intercultural Awareness (AICA) and I focus on creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all CSUF students by hosting events, like Social Justice Week, and learning about all of the council's cultures. I also serve as the Vice President of Ballet Folklorico de CSUF while practicing and celebrating my Mexican Heritage through the art of dance. I really love working with all the students on campus and making new friends. When not at school, I spend my time dancing Folklorico, taking naps, and getting boba with friends.

## Platform: A commitment to the community

My mission is to construct an environment for Health and Human Development students that consists of communication, relationships, and success in the college. I plan to connect the various organizations in the HHD college to the ASI level. Connection allows all students to benefit from these resources and thrive in their



designated fields. Secondly, I want to continue living out the mission statement of HHD, which is to "prepare students to thrive in a globalized era in their chosen field." I aim for first and second-year students to learn more about what our college offers to find success in their future professions. Lastly, I want to be a representative for all students! I hope to be a source that all students can rely on to express concerns, ideas, and questions. I intend to continue learning and adapting my leadership skills to make the CSUF campus a place to strive.

Candidate Name: Jason Vinh Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Health and Human Development

Hello everyone! My name is Jason Vinh and I am currently a 3rd year Kinesiology major with a concentration in Physical Education. In my spare time I enjoy going to the beach, golfing, and spending time with my brothers. CSUF has given me the chance to step out of my comfort zone as well as being involved in organizations such as Pi Kappa Alpha where I am currently part of the executive board. I believe my drive to be the best I can be and willingness to learn has led me to become a better leader and person for my peers and community. My time at CSUF has taught me many different aspects of student life and I believe that I can use my experience to create the best atmosphere possible for all students.

#### Platform: Win with Vinh!

If elected to the Board of Directors for the College of Health and Human Development, I would like to create a more welcoming community within our college. I believe that our college is very diverse so in order to create more of a community, we must work together to include everyone. Having a more inclusive environment within our college will allow for students to be more comfortable when creating



different connections. I believe we can achieve this goal by bringing more attention to all clubs connected to the Health and Human Development College. If elected, I would also like to give graduating students more opportunities to find jobs and internships post-graduation. I believe doing this will give everyone better chances of establishing an efficient plan they could follow in order to reach their career goals. Being able to connect with more students in our college will also allow for me to be a liaison between our student body and the school. I know that many students in the Health and Human Development college have various issues that can be solved if they are given a voice and that is what I am hoping to be for them. Providing this type of platform for students in our college will bring more attention to issues and concerns that have restricted us from reaching our goals.

Candidate Name: Madison Cravo Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Health and Human Development

Hello! My name is Madison Cravo and I am a Public Health student in my third year at Cal State Fullerton. I have a strong passion of wanting to help others, which has led me to pursuing an education and career in this field. During my time at CSUF, I have been a member of the sorority Alpha Chi Omega where I currently serve on the Risk Management board. I am an organized, motivated, and caring individual who wants to use this opportunity to make a positive impact on a university that has given me so much. In my free time, I love to paint, bake, and spend time with my friends!

#### Platform: If you want to shout bravo, vote for Cravo!

If elected to the Board of Directors, I plan to collaborate with fellow Titans to ensure that all students are having the best college experience possible. Being a Public Health major, I truly understand the importance of finding a healthy balance



between school life and personal interests. I will work to ensure that ASI prioritizes programs and makes decisions that will help promote this balance. An example of this would be making sure that the SRC offers a variety of programs that interest all students and keeps our Titan community healthy not only physically, but also mentally. Something that has made me fall in love with CSUF is how diverse and unique our student body is. If elected, I will work to ensure that all of these different opinions, needs, and values are taken into account when decisions are being made.

Candidate Name: Alisa Toh-Heng Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Humanities and Social Sciences

Hello everyone, my name is Alisa. I am currently majoring in Political Science and double-minors in Anthropology, Geography, and Environment. I am Secretary of the Anthropology Students Association and a member of the Pre-Law Society. Also, I am a transferred student from Fullerton College. I was a part of Associated Students as a student senator, and I was the vice-chair of the Committee of the Environment. My goal is to get my master's degree in Environmental Studies at CSUF and get into law school. Before I transferred to CSUF, I always dreamed of being a part of ASI because I wanted to put students' needs first.

#### **Platform: Putting Students' Needs FIRST**

If I get elected, I want to promote sustainability, inclusivity, and financial transparency. CSUF campus continually affected by COVID - 19. Many issues have increased unexpectedly and impacted many students for years. One big problem at CSUF is food insecurity. While things are transitioning back to normal, we want to address and solve all the issues that students face as much as possible. As your next student leaders, we will do more than just address issues regarding Titan Student Union and Student Recreation Center. We promise to advocate and emphasize



Tuffy's Basic Needs and overall food donations. Our primary mission is to help our community to have a better life and convenience. The main task is to ensure that all students feel secure and complete with resources returning to study on campus.

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Candidate Name: Cooper Fox Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Business and Economics

I am a results-driven leader with a proven track record of organizational management and continuous improvement. I am in my third year at CSUF and am studying decision science. Currently I am the president of the fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha and have served on the executive board for three years. After graduation I plan to pursue a career in business analytics possibly in the fields of sports, marketing, or real estate. Outside of school in my free time I enjoy staying active and spending time outside. Some of my favorite ways to do this are snowboarding, surfing, and hiking.

## Platform: Check the box for Cooper Fox!

If given the opportunity to serve on the board of directors I would work to ensure that all student's opinions and voices would not



only be heard, but truly valued. I would accomplish this by pushing for more awareness of ASI's role on campus and educating students about the organization. I also plan to ensure that the programming and budgeting decisions ASI votes on align with CSUF's Master Plan. This means prioritizing projects that move away from the stigma of a commuter school and help foster student life. Some ways that this will be done are by increasing the amount of places for students to study, recreate, and relax on campus. Ensuring the TSU and SRC are equipped with the necessary technology, materials, as well as being open when students need it the most are very important to me. As our campus continues to grow and evolve, I will make decisions that not only benefit current students, but set CSUF for a promising future.

Candidate Name: Mason Fiala Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Business and Economics

Hello everyone! I'm Mason Fiala and I am currently a sophomore majoring in business with plans to emphasize in entrepreneurship. I was born and raised in Southern California in the city of Lancaster. I plan on starting my on business once I graduate college. I currently am an active member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity here on campus. Within the chapter, I participate in many community service and philanthropic events. Also, I currently hold the continued education chair position where I reach out to people in our community to come and speak at our meetings to tell our members about internships and job opportunities at their respective companies. On my free time, I enjoy to workout, hangout with friends, and to go camping.

#### Platform:

As a member of the Board of Directors, one of my primary responsibilities would be to serve as a liaison between the students at the Business College and ASI governance. Many students within the Business College struggle in their accounting, finance, and economics classes. If elected, I would work with faculty, deans, and department members to increase awareness of the many academic resources we have on campus.



Resources like SI (Supplemental Instruction), the Writing Center, the Tutoring Center, and the Math Tutoring Center are underutilized every year and greater awareness of these programs would increase pass rates and allow students to graduate in a timely manner. I will also work the Alumni Association to increase the internship and job placement opportunities for our students. Many of our graduates go onto to work in industries within Orange County and throughout California, therefore I would utilize these connections to provide opportunities between alumni and current students. Another major concern within the Business College is student access to academic advising. Often students have trouble registering for classes that they need for graduation. By working with academic advising I intend to increase the availability of advisors during the enrollment season which will help students within the college to get the classes they need. I will always have the student's best interests in mind while serving on the board. During board meetings, I will vote for the things that provide the most benefit to students.

Candidate Name: Michael Butorac Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Business and Economics

Michael is a second-year student at CSUF, majoring in business with a concentration in marketing. He is actively involved with the ASI programming and Events board, media chair on the Honors Student Advisory council, and is a member of the Center for Leadership Marketing and Development boards. In these roles, he gets to use his love for creativity and bringing the Titan community together to make exciting events and programs that make campus feel like a home away from home. More than anything, he wants to be sure everyone takes full advantage of their four years here. Whether you commute, work full time, or play an integral role supporting family, he wants to find new ways for everyone to feel included.

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Candidate Name: Mark Zavalkov Candidate for: Board of Directors College: Natural Sciences and Mathematics

I am majoring in molecular biology with a concentration in biotechnology along with playing for the men's soccer team here at CSUF. Throughout my life I have always been in positions of leadership such as being captain of my soccer team or leading the student section at my high school. These small examples highlight something much greater which is that being a leader requires the utmost responsibility as well as communication. On campus I have been involved in SAAC (Student Athlete Advisory Committee) and have been a part of meetings that hear the needs of our student athletes. I want to utilize my past experiences and work with the students within my college department by hearing their needs and working along with the elected ASI members to make their student experience more beneficial.



## Platform: It is more than just being an athlete, being a student always comes first.

If elected, I wish to improve upon the foundations already set on campus and be a true representation of how much of an impact a student can make for others. I plan to look into improving and cleaning up McCarthy Hall as well as Dan Black Hall, through the collaboration of the President and Vice President elected into ASI as well as the coordinator of those facilities. I strive to have better accommodations for those with disabilities such as possibly building a separate handicapped elevator, making more space for students on the staircases, and also increasing the resources for professors whether it be better tech setups or more markers for whiteboards. I also believe that all students need to see more technology charging stations as seen on the main floor of McCarthy Hall since much of our learning has utilized more tech than ever before. These are just potential goals in mind, however I plan to take on the position in ambitious fashion and bring about positive changes that will benefit the students who work hard to achieve their goals.