



Student Voter Guide

2026

Election and Candidate Information for Student Senate, Clubs & Event Board, and Districtwide Student Trustee

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Introduction

About Student Elections

The Los Rios Community College District and its four colleges – American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake, and Sacramento City – host student elections each spring. Students are encouraged to learn more, run for a position, attend candidate forums, and vote. Candidate statements are published as submitted by the candidate.

Get Involved

Our colleges are always looking for students interested in leadership development. If you are open to learning and working with others, then consider joining your college's student association.

How to Vote

There are no voting stations on campus. Students will be able to vote from any computer or mobile device with internet access on April 21 and April 22, from 8:00 am to 11:30 pm each day. For more information please visit: losrios.edu/elections. To cast your vote:

1. Go to your eServices account.
2. Click on the Elections & Surveys tab. **Elections tab is only available during voting period.**
3. Read the Voter Guide. *The guide includes each candidate's Statement of Intent that includes their interest in serving in a specific position, issues or concerns they plan to address while in the position, and their leadership qualifications. The statements are presented without grammatical edits.*
4. Proceed to the Voting Site and **vote!**

Why You Should Vote

Voting in the student elections is a privilege available only to Los Rios students who are currently enrolled. Voting only takes a few minutes of your time, and elected student leaders make lasting changes to the campus environment and student experience.

Role of the Student Association

The student association is the official organization that represents students and consists of the Clubs and Events Board (CAEB) and Student Senate. Student leaders from each board are committed to advocating for students' rights, improving the campus culture, and developing transferable leadership skills. Specifically, the CAEB functions to promote student involvement and activities, while the Student Senate functions to advocate for the common interests of students. The student trustee provides his/her perspective to ensure that students are served through service on the District's Board of Trustees. For more information, please see the Student Trustee Handbook.

American River College

Candidate statements are published as submitted by the candidate.

Student Senate Candidates

ASB Student Senate President

Haniyah Saeedi

Hi, my name is Haniyah, and I currently serve as ARC's Director of Legislative Affairs. I am running for President because I want to continue strengthening the connection between student voices and real action on campus and build upon the efforts from the current board. In my current role, I have focused on issues that directly affect students' daily lives. For Lobby Day, I helped organize ARC's advocacy efforts by coordinating students, supporting legislative outreach, and contributing to conversations around bills that mattered to our campus. That included helping students prepare to meet with legislators and advocate for bills such as SB 961 which will increase eligibility for Cal-Fresh and also make the application process easier, so ARC students were represented in conversations that can affect accessibility and affordability. That work gave me the chance to speak up for student basic needs and make sure ARC students were included in important policy discussions and were represented in conversations that can affect support services. I have also been involved in improving food access on campus, because having reliable options throughout the day matters. I pushed for stronger support for both day and evening students, including ideas like extended cafeteria hours and food trucks. Food access plays a real role in student well-being, and I want to keep working on solutions that make campus more supportive and practical for everyone, especially for students taking evening courses, balancing long class days, work, and other responsibilities. These experiences have taught me that effective leadership is not just about having ideas, but about listening closely, communicating honestly, and making sure student concerns lead to meaningful action. Through my work in senate, I have come to understand that real progress requires transparency, consistency, and a strong commitment to the needs of the students we serve. As President, I hope to build on that foundation by continuing to advocate for students and ensure their voices remain central to the decisions that shape our campus, whether that means improving access to resources, making it easier for students to connect with counselors and access the support services they need, or continuing to push for practical changes that students can feel in their everyday experience at ARC. I am running because I want to continue building a campus where students feel included and supported in ways that are tangible and lasting. I would be honored to earn your vote.

ASB Student Senate Vice-President

Dunya Attallah

My name is Dunya Attallah, and I am excited to run for VP of the Associated Student Body at ARC. As a dedicated student, I believe that every student deserves to feel represented, supported, and included in campus life. I am passionate about helping students succeed both academically and personally. Throughout

my time at ARC, I have learned how important it is for students to have strong leadership that listens to their ideas and advocates for their needs. This is one of the main reasons I decided to run for VP. If elected, my goal is to strengthen communication between students and student leadership so that every voice has the opportunity to be heard. I also want to encourage more student involvement in campus events, clubs, and activities, helping create a more connected and supportive community. In addition, I would like to support initiatives that promote diversity, inclusion, and equal opportunities for all students. College should be a place where everyone feels welcome and empowered to achieve their goals. As VP, I will work hard, listen carefully, and collaborate with student leaders and college administration to represent the interests of our diverse student body. Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

Sahar Hafiz

Hi, my name is Sahar Hafiz. I am the current ASB Clubs and Events Board President, and I am running for Student Senate VP. Being a first-generation Afghan immigrant, I don't take the opportunity to be here lightly. I still remember what it feels like to walk into a space and not fully see yourself reflected, and to feel unsure if you truly belong. That experience has shaped how I see education and leadership. For me, education isn't just something I'm doing, it's something I value deeply because I know how much it can shape a life. Over the past two years, I have been deeply involved in student leadership. I previously served as VP of the CAEB and now serve as President. In this role, I've worked to improve campus life by increasing student engagement, supporting clubs, and creating events that bring students together. I also strengthened the relationship between CAEB and student clubs, helping us achieve one of the highest numbers of club charters in the district this year. In addition, I serve on the Student Senate as the CAEB Representative. I've worked to improve communication between the Student Senate and CAEB, and I currently chair the Student Voices Committee, where I created a space for students to share their concerns and have them brought directly to the Senate. That's something I want to continue building next year by expanding these spaces and making sure more students feel comfortable speaking up. Many students don't know what Student Senate does or how to get involved, and I want to change that. I want to make student government more visible and approachable so students feel connected to the decisions that affect them. That's something I've already worked on in CAEB by hosting more Club Days and creating a social media account to better connect with students. Through these experiences, I've learned that leadership isn't just about holding a position, it's about listening, showing up, and turning students' voices into real action. If I am elected as Student Senate VP, I will strengthen the connection between students and the Student Senate. I will continue creating spaces where students feel heard and supported, and ensure that every decision we make reflects their REAL NEEDS and experiences. Our campus says, "You belong here." I believe every student deserves to truly feel that not just see it on a sign, but experience it every day.

David Loghin

I want to make parking free for all ARC students. Parking is not a limited resource here and it should not be treated as one. We need to be uplifting our students, not burdening ourselves with more unnecessary fees. As your VP, I will END BIG PARKING!!! DOWN WITH BIG PARKING

ASB Student Senate Director of Legislative Affairs

Seerat Batth

Hi, I'm Seerat (See-rith), and it's my second year as a Political Science and English major here at ARC! I currently serve as the Director of Media Relations on the Clubs and Events Board, where I help plan events and share them with students through social media. Being part of ASB has honestly been one of my favorite experiences; it's allowed me to meet so many people and be part of creating a more connected campus. I'm also the treasurer for Model United Nations, where I worked with ASB to advocate for and secure funding for our upcoming conference in April. That experience gave me a better understanding of how to navigate ASB processes and speak up for student needs. I'm running for Director of Legislative Affairs because I feel like this role really matches both my interests and my experience. As a poli sci major, I'm interested in how policy works and how decisions at the local, state, and federal levels impact students. I was also part of the Legislative Affairs Committee, where we helped prepare for this year's Lobby Day. Attending Lobby Day for the first time was really exciting and made me realize how much I enjoy being directly involved in advocacy. I think I'd be a good fit for this position because I already have experience communicating with students, working within ASB, and advocating for funding and support. I genuinely care about making sure students are informed about what's going on and have opportunities to get involved if they want to. If elected, I want to make legislative issues feel more accessible and relevant while creating more chances for students to connect with policymakers and have their voices heard. ASB has already given me so much, and I'd love the chance to give back by serving as your Director of Legislative Affairs!

Leta Mim-Montgomery

Hello! My name is Leta Mim-Montgomery and I am excited to be running for Director of Legislative Affairs. I am currently a first year Political Science major and I plan to transfer to a UC in 2027. At ARC, I currently serve as Director of Communications for the Associated Student Body. As Director of Communications, I document Senate meetings and track the bills we discuss and pass. Through this position, I actively see how decisions are made and why student input is important. I also serve as the VP for Model United Nations where I assist in organizing meetings and preparing for conferences. The Associated Student Body has provided me with many great opportunities, and I think every ARC student should have the same chance. I was able to attend Lobby Day, where I advocated for legislation related to basic needs, directly impacting college students. My experience at Lobby Day reminded me that when students advocate for themselves and get involved in legislation, they can drive real change for their campus and community. Because of this experience, I am committed to creating more advocacy opportunities so every student can make an impact. If elected Director of Legislative Affairs, I will focus on making legislative issues more accessible and understandable. I will also ensure that student voices are heard and represented. I plan to hold meetings that break down complex bills so students can understand how they are being impacted and partner with local representatives to bring awareness to community and campus concerns. I want students to know that they can be involved in making real change within their community, big or small. Vote Leta Mim-Montgomery for Director of Legislative Affairs. I would be honored to represent you.

ASB Student Senate Legislative Analyst

Oleksii Tkachenko

Hi everyone! My name is Oleksii Tkachenko, and I'm running to be your next Student Senate Legislative Analyst. As a current Senator and an honors student working toward transferring to a UC, I know firsthand that navigating college is about more than just studying. It is about having the right support systems. My goal is to be the bridge between complex policy and the resources you actually need to succeed. This past year, I had the chance to join our college's Lobby Day at the Legislative Office Building in Sacramento. I met directly with legislators and their staff to advocate for SB 961, the CalFresh for Students Act, and fought for student block grants that fund our basic needs. I believe that no student at ARC should have to choose between buying a meal and buying a textbook, and I want to keep that same energy in the Senate to make sure our voices are heard by the people in charge of the state budget. In my role as the VP of Finance for our Phi Theta Kappa chapter, I've worked behind the scenes to organize events like our Honors Summit, and that experience taught me how to manage resources to create meaningful community events. If elected, I also want to focus on making the transfer process less of a headache. I'll advocate for clearer, more accurate paths on Assist.org so that none of us waste time or money on units that don't count. I also want to push for better access to the expensive technology we need for our classes, especially for those of us in tech or data-heavy majors. Ultimately, I want to make sure you know exactly where your student fees are going and how to easily find the tutoring and resources you're already paying for. Leadership is about listening, and I want to use my experience in advocacy to make ARC a true launchpad for every student. I'd be honored to have your vote so we can build a more transparent, supportive campus together.

ASB Student Senate Director of Finance

Kiki Mbugua

I've served as Director of Finance for the CAEB board for a year now and it had been the most rewarding experience ever. I have learned so much serving on the CAEB board and I feel confident and ready that I take that knowledge and apply it for the Senate board for the new semester! My goal next semester is to listen to club wants and desires when it comes to finances and helping their club thrive as much as possible! Thank you :)

Carlos Mondragon

Hello, my name is Carlos Mondragon. I am currently a sophomore at ARC studying Mathematics and Economics. I currently hold an accounting internship at California's Housing and Community Development Agency where I assist the Travel Unit with credit card analysis and reconciliation along with reimbursement auditing. Moreover, I assist the Federal Accounts Payable Unit in entering and validating RFFs and other financial data within state financial systems. Additionally, I support the preparation and review of internal documents for both accounting units. Additionally, I have had two prior internships at elementary afterschool programs where I assisted afterschool teams in facilitating, organizing and supporting students in academic and enrichment related activities. With these valuable experiences I have gained not only valuable analytical accounting skills but also constructive coordination, teamwork, organizational, and accountability skills. My

goal as Director of Finance at ASB is to ensure that our ASB budget is used responsibly and effectively. I prioritize the accuracy and integrity of our financial planning. Additionally, I am also interested in identifying opportunities to expand and optimize our funding resources. As Director of Finance, I don't just want to ensure that our numbers are "managed" within their limits; I want to ensure that those resources are allocated in the most effective way possible. I want the ARC community to have the resources it deserves, delivered in a way that allows everyone to achieve the highest possible marginal benefit within our financial constraints. To accomplish this, I recognize the importance of collaboration and collaborative decision-making to best serve the ARC community. That is why as Director of Finance I am committed to responsibly managing student funds, to ensure that we efficiently and sustainably use our funds to maximize the beneficial impact across the ARC community.

Student Senate Senators (Up to 15 Positions Total)

Demetrius Kash

Hey everyone! My name is Demetrius Kash. Fall 2026 is going to be my second semester at ARC. I am a U.S. Army veteran and am now coming back to school to pursue a higher education. I plan to major in electrical engineering or computer science. I am still somewhat deciding between the two, but I am leaning more towards electrical engineering. In the Spring 2026 semester, I served as a Director of Activities for the Club and Events Board. I really enjoyed it, and we got a lot done this semester. I want to continue to be involved in the Associated Student Body next academic year. I want to get to know the students and help out where I can. That's why I decided to run for a Senator position in the Student Senate. I am excited to try something new. I know that I have a lot of experience that I bring to the table, and I know that I will make meaningful contributions to ARC during my time in the Student Senate.

Inaya Sajid

One waitlisted class. That's all it takes to lose an entire year as a transfer. Hi, I'm Inaya Sajid, and I'm running for Student Senate because that shouldn't be what holds students back. Whether you're juggling work, family, transferring, or just trying to pass chemistry, I want to make sure ARC is actually working for you.

If you're a STEM student with plans to transfer, you already know how fragile that timeline can be. A single scheduling setback can throw off your entire plan, pile on stress you didn't sign up for, and sometimes force you to rethink a major or career path you've been working toward. I've felt that pressure myself, and I don't think students should have to choose between their goals and their timeline. That's why one of the first things I'll push for is more STEM course sections, because your future shouldn't depend on whether you got lucky on registration day. At the end of the day, no student should have to reroute their future because the classes they need aren't available. I'm a STEM student on the pre-med track, currently training as an EMT at UC Davis, so I know what it means to stay calm under pressure and advocate for someone when it counts. I've spent years tutoring students in chemistry and calculus, and have logged over 800 hours teaching, mentoring, and volunteering, because showing up for people isn't something I do halfway. I promise to listen, follow through, and yes, actually respond to emails. Thank you for your time, and hopefully your vote :)

Jayden Velasquez

Hello! My name is Jayden Velasquez, and I am a Pre-Health Occupations major with the goal of becoming a Registered Nurse. I am currently in my third semester at ARC and plan to transfer into a nursing program to continue my education. During my time here, I've had the opportunity to meet a wide range of students, which has been truly inspiring. I've been amazed by the diversity of backgrounds and life experiences represented on campus. This campus is filled with people from all walks of life, each at different stages in their journeys, yet all united by a shared commitment to learning. As a full-time student and full-time worker, I understand firsthand the challenges of balancing school, work, and personal responsibilities, and I hope to advocate for others facing similar demands as a Senator. I am passionate about strengthening communication between students and campus leadership so that every voice feels heard and valued. I want to help expand access to academic resources and support services that empower students to succeed both inside and outside the classroom. I also hope to encourage greater student involvement in campus activities and decision-making processes. Above all, I aim to be a reliable and approachable representative who listens carefully and takes meaningful action. I believe strongly in student advocacy, and I promise to represent the needs and concerns of the student body with integrity and dedication.

Luwinna Wu

Hi Beavers, my name is Luwinna Wu and I am a dual enrollment student here at ARC. I am pursuing my AA in Social Science and I am planning on transferring to a UC or CSU for political science. I am running for Student Senator. Since I believe every student (dual enrollment, part time or full time) here deserves to be heard and represented. Additionally, I want to bridge the connection between our dual enrollment students and ARC. By serving as a liaison. Since dual enrollment students are often left out and don't know what's going on. So because of this I plan on combatting this by hosting discussion sessions. Where dual enrollment students can speak about their experiences and what they need to feel supported and empowered. A little about me is, I am in 11th grade and have been taking classes here at ARC since my sophomore year. My leadership experience includes, being Student Board Representatives for my school. I represent over 100+ 9-12th grade students. I have advocated for partnerships between my school and other organization. I am hoping to do that too here at ARC, if elected. Additionally, I am an ambassador to my local councilwomen. I am the only youth neighborhood ambassador. Lastly, I have interned at the Sacramento City Hall twice. This February, I was awarded Lobbyist of the Year, out of 80 youth lobbyist at a California YMCA Youth Government conference. By the legislative house program area staff. With all my experiences, above I will ensure that I will turn your ideas into actions. I am your candidate for representation and advocacy. Remember a vote for Wu is a Win for you. I will be honored to have your vote. Thank you!

Anna Zalozhnykh

I am a student with an immense interest in political science and law. My journey is unique in that I moved to the United States from Russia, where I experienced firsthand the necessity of adapting to a new linguistic, cultural, and educational environment. Rather than serving as an obstacle, this experience served as a reminder of what I am striving for. By observing how laws and initiatives impact the lives of ordinary people, particularly immigrants, I have defined a clear objective for myself, to dedicate my professional career to the fields of law and public service. In the long term, I aspire to become a legal professional and contribute to the shaping of a just, transparent, and accountable legal system. Despite the challenges associated with studying

in a non-native language, I view this as an advantage, as it fosters mental flexibility and broadens one's horizons. Beyond my academic pursuits, I strive to cultivate leadership skills by actively participating in community life and volunteer initiatives. Currently, I am exploring the possibility of launching my own small-scale project aimed at assisting people with everyday tasks. Ranging from supporting the elderly to helping families with children. For me, it is essential not merely to speak of serving society, but to put that commitment into practice, starting with simple yet meaningful actions. I am convinced that a leader is not someone who speaks the right words, but rather someone who once found themselves in a situation where there was no obvious choice, yet still made a decision and bore the responsibility for it. It is precisely these moments that shape character and a genuine readiness to serve others.

Vacant Student Senate Positions

These positions will be filled through appointment.

- Director of Communications
- Director of Activities
- Director of Public Relations
- Senators (up to 11 positions available)

Clubs and Events Board Candidates (CAEB)

Clubs and Events Board President

Aila Faiz

My name is Aila Faiz, and I am running for CAEB President. During my term as the Director of Finance on the Senate board, I have gained valuable insight into how student government operates and how resources are distributed to support student life on campus. In this role, I reviewed financial requests and budgets, which gave me the opportunity to see how student events and initiatives become possible. This experience allowed me to better understand the process behind funding campus activities and the ways student government can support meaningful opportunities for students. In addition to this role, I serve as the Vice Chair of the Student Voice Committee, where I work to ensure that student perspectives are heard and represented within our student government. Being part of this committee has shown me that one of the most important things a leader can do is listen. Every student has ideas, experiences, and concerns that deserve to be acknowledged. As CAEB President, my goal is to help create a campus environment that is full of joy, connection and opportunity. I want students to feel excited about being here, not only for their classes, but also for the experiences, friendships, and memories they create outside of the classroom. For example, I would love to expand events that bring students together, such as celebrations, creative showcases, and community-building activities that highlight the talents and identities of our students. I also hope to encourage more collaboration between student organizations so clubs can work together in order to host larger events that bring more people together and strengthen our sense of community. It would be an honor to have your vote and start the next semester with a brand-new feeling.

April Starr

My name is April Starr and I am running for the 2026-2027 Club and Events Board President position. I was the 2025-2026 CAEB VP and 2024-2025 CAEB Director of Communications. During my time as these two roles, I was able to: Provide adequate minutes/notes of each meeting (2024-2025). Establish a sense of communication with Clubs and have the most turnout of Club representatives in a meeting. Completely revamp and get the Bylaws approved for the first time in a decade and helped host events like Club Day. I am hoping to bring these experiences into the position I am running for, for the 2026–2027-year, Club and Events Board President. Outside of my duties during the last two school years, I was the presidential chair of the CAEB Bylaws Committee (both years), presidential chair of the Scrapbooking Committee (2024-2025), presidential chair of the CAEB Rep committee (2025-2026), and a member of the Club Day/Event Committee (both years). During this time, I was able to successfully help change outdated bylaws and through many emails, meetings, and the help provide a Yearbook of events and clubs on campus. I was also able to help create activities for Club Days. Most notably, the scavenger hunt that students seemed to enjoy. Lastly, I was able to start and revive the loss of communications between Clubs and CAEB. My other extracurricular activities include Creative Writing and Wellness Club where I was the President. I was also President of Arts and Crafts Club where we hosted fun creative activities. The other positions and clubs I was in were Treasurer of DND Club (Fall 2024 Semester), Treasurer of Circle K (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025), Treasurer of Videogame Club (Spring 2025), VP of Higher Self-Empowerment (Fall 2025), Director of Outreach and Events (Fall 2025), VP of Circle K (Fall 2025), and the Institutional Effectiveness Council Student Representative. I believe I would best be suited for the CAEB President because of my vast experiences with CAEB, its bylaws, and with how active I am. I have never missed any meeting and have always completed my job to the best of my abilities. My goals if I were to be elected as President is to: 1. Lead with Equity and create a safe space, 2. Establish one-on-one check ins with Clubs and Executive Board members, 3. Continue to promote communication between clubs and its members, 4. Charter and Encourage New Clubs, 5. Better communication of events on campus and holding more events, 6. Promoting and maintaining diverse clubs Vote April this April!

ASB Clubs and Events Board Vice-President

Abdul Amin

My name is Abdul Majid Amin, and I will be a freshman in college during the 2026–2027 academic year. For the past year, I have been a dual enrollment student at ARC. This gave me the chance to get to know the campus and become familiar with student life. I plan to study civil engineering and mathematics. I also care a lot about helping build a stronger campus community. I am excited to run for VP of the Clubs and Events Board because I have seen ARC's student life grow over the past two years. As a dual enrollment student, I have been able to see how much clubs and events shape the student experience. That growth is a result of the fresh ideas and hard work of the past two boards. Their efforts have made campus life more active and engaging. They have inspired me to continue that progress by bringing in new ideas and stronger outreach. Through my work with the Youth Leadership Council, I have gained experience speaking to different communities and working with others in meaningful ways. That experience helped me become more confident and more prepared to serve students. If elected, I want to help clubs connect with more people on campus. I also want to make events feel more welcoming for students. I hope to plan culture days and community fairs. I would also like to organize food-centered events that help bring students together. I want

these events to reflect the diversity of ARC and help students feel more connected to campus life. I also want to improve the way clubs and events are promoted so more students know what opportunities are available to them. ARC is a diverse and active school. I want to help create a campus environment where students feel included and heard. My goal is to support student voices and help make campus life stronger for everyone. I would be honored to earn your vote and the opportunity to serve the ARC community.

ASB Clubs and Events Board Director of Public Relations

Emily Calderon

Hello everyone! My name is Emily Calderon, and I am excited to be running for the position of Director of Public Relations for the Club and Events Board. I am a first-year student at ARC, now in my second semester, currently working as the President's Office Student Assistant. I love being a part of this community and want to get further involved. When I'm not on campus, you'll find me going to concerts, finding new things to bake or craft, and hanging out with my friends. Before coming to ARC, I had the amazing opportunity to serve in my high school ASB for all four years, where I created eye-catching posters and promotional materials. Serving in ASB allowed me to further develop my communication and leadership skills. I believe that effective communication can bring our community together, and I'm excited to use my experiences to promote events here at ARC. With my graphic design background I can design engaging posters and ads that will grab your attention. My goal is to keep everyone informed and excited about what's happening on campus! Inclusivity and Diversity are really important to me. I want every student to feel welcome and included at our events, so I'll design programming that highlights the wide range of interests and backgrounds on campus. I'm dedicated to fulfilling all responsibilities of the Director of Public Relations with enthusiasm and commitment. I hope to have your vote in April so I can bring my creativity and passion to this role! Thank you for your support!!!

ASB Clubs and Events Board Director of Events

Elijah Carter

My name is Elijah Carter, and I am electrical engineering student at ARC that wants to improve our community. When I first came to ARC I wanted to get involved but I wasn't sure where to start. I'm sure many students feel the same and as a result never engage in any of the amazing events and opportunities at ARC. It's not out of disinterest—they just aren't aware of the opportunities available or where to start. That's why I'm running for the Director of Events on the Clubs and Events Board. I want to help fellow students learn about all the amazing opportunities available at ARC and build a strong student community. I will do this by improving promotion for events and clubs, making sure that clubs receive adequate funding for their events, and helping clubs reach students who might have otherwise been unaware of their existence. I also want to ensure that students don't feel intimidated to participate. I know from personal experiences that getting involved in school events, activities, or clubs can feel intimidating at first. You might worry that you won't fit in or are nervous for one reason or another. I'm going to make events feel as inviting as possible and welcome anyone to get involved in. I want to build a stronger community through shared experiences, more engagement, and having a welcoming environment. If that sounds good to you then I would appreciate your vote for Director of Events.

ASB Clubs and Events Board Director of Media Relations

Jade Brill

Hi everyone, my name is Jade. Fall 2026 is going to be my second semester at ARC. I recently retired from the Army. I plan to major in biology to become a veterinarian. My goals are to help with clubs and events, specifically media relations. I enjoy working with others and want to help out as much as I can.

Vacant CAEB Positions

These positions will be filled through appointment.

- CAEB Director of Finance
- CAEB Director of Communications
- CAEB Director of Activities
- CAEB Director of Club Relations

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Cosumnes River College

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Student Senate Candidates

Student Senate President

Emaan Qamar

Hello! My name is Emaan Qamar, and I am running for ASCRC President for the 2026–2027 school year! I currently serve as the ASCRC President for the 2025–2026 school year, and I would love to continue in this role, as it has been one of the most fulfilling experiences in my academic and personal career. A little about myself: I am a first-generation Pakistani STEM student with a dual interest in advocacy and medicine. In addition to my role in Student Senate, I am a mental health advocate representing youth in Northern California through MAS-SSF's TAY Youth Program. I also serve as the Region II Delegate for SSCCC (Student Senate for California Community Colleges), representing CRC at the state level. Additionally, I work at a local clinic, providing care to a wide range of our community. Outside of this, I enjoy wakesurfing, traveling, and house music! In my current role, I have focused on expanding student resources. Over the past year, I have worked to increase STEM course availability through meetings, data analysis, and collaboration. With the help of President Dr. Bush, I was the main contributor to the increase of Biology course sections, including Botany and Zoology for Spring 2026. I have also raised concerns about the need for more specialized counselors and ongoing scheduling conflicts within STEM courses—work I am continuing through meetings with our VPI and Dean of Science & Engineering. Beyond this, I am committed to ensuring that ALL students at CRC can enroll in the courses they need and transfer without setbacks. If re-elected, I will continue advocating for these priorities while addressing other areas where students may be underserved. As a mental health advocate, I understand the importance of accessibility and a safe campus environment. I will work to amplify student voices, collaborate with campus organizations, and support resources that promote both academic success and student's overall well-being. This past year has equipped me with the experience, relationships, and determination to continue creating meaningful change. I am passionate about serving our student body and ensuring every student feels supported, heard, and empowered. I would be honored to continue serving as your ASCRC President for the 2026–2027 school year. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Zainab Shakeel

Hello everyone! My name is Zainab Shakeel, a first-year pre-med enthusiast majoring in Biology, and I will be running for your President for the academic year 2026 to 2027. Moving from Dubai to California, I bring with me over four years of leadership experience managing various student bodies and performing various student government roles. I plan on bringing a more diverse and goal-driven approach to our Senate. I prioritize student health and wellness, innovation and strategic planning, and righteous decision-making. Vote for

Zainab as your President to improve your community college experience. Together, let's lead our campus to success!

Chris Teodoro

Hello, Hawks! I'm Chris, your candidate for Student Senate President. As a Biology Pre-Nursing major, I am dedicated to fostering an inclusive atmosphere where every student feels welcome. My experience and passion for service drive me to advocate for your needs and ensure your voices are heard. Together, we can build a stronger community. I ask for your vote to lead and represent you all.

Student Senate Vice President

Kim My Do

I want to represent students and help build a more supportive and engaging campus community. As a student leader and founder of a club, I've turned ideas into real events and impact. I'm committed to actively listening, advocating for students, and creating opportunities that bring people together and strengthen our campus.

Annie Ng

I was the former VP and will be dedicated to my efforts in helping students and empowering our Student Senate. I hope to work on communication, work with campus organizations, and assist in making the campus environment more inclusive and engaging to all students.

Student Senate Secretary

Caleb Liu

Hello students of CRC! My name is Caleb Liu, and I'm a freshman currently majoring in Economics running for the Secretary role in Student Senate. To start, I care about CRC and its students because of how much they've helped me. Whether it's the various Tutoring Centers in the LRC or the diverse student body I greet every day of the week, I've made many friends I can go through this college journey together with. As a fellow student, I care deeply about making sure students feel supported and informed. Let's be honest, community college students are sometimes viewed as non-traditional. Everyone comes from a unique path, and each one comes with its own struggles. I firmly believe that community college is an amazing resource that can help students move forward in powerful ways, and I want to help make those opportunities more visible and accessible. Some of my concrete missions are: - Increasing resources like counselor access or basic needs; -Allocating budget for events related to Student Wellness and Advocacy; -Listen to student concerns that are raised throughout the year so they can be clearly communicated to Student Senate and college leadership. A little more background about me personally: In high school, I led my speech and debate club and helped younger students build confidence in public speaking. Throughout the years, I've volunteered miscellaneously through the Red Cross, soup kitchens, my local church, and other organizations. As a current Student Senator at CRC,

I have helped organize a blood drive and lobbied at the Capitol for greater equity and access. I would be honored to represent you and make CRC more connected for everyone!

Student Senate Treasurer

Keira Moeckly

I am a current second year student at CRC and I've been in the senate for almost two years, holding the position of treasurer for the last year. I've loved advocacy for years and I believe it's so important for students to have a voice. My goals for the next year are to create a STEM club to generate more opportunities for STEM students and to discuss how to find pathways/ jobs that will lead into our career paths. Outside of school, I love games, theater, and traveling!

Student Senate Director of Legislative Affairs

Catharine James

Hello CRC students! I would be honored to represent all of you as CRC's director of legislative affairs. My current role as student senator, a member of the legislative committee, and a participant in lobbying for easier student access to CALFresh have given me an understanding of how the student government in the Los Rios Community College system functions and has prepared me to be an effective advocate for the students of CRC. Additionally, my background knowledge as a Political Science major assists me in navigating local and state government politics. Community advocacy has long been my passion and I hope you will give me the authority to continue serving the CRC community

Student Senate Senator (Up to 11 Positions Total)

Ali Dang

Hi! I'm Ali. I am running for Senator because I'm passionate about building a connected campus where every student feels they belong. My goal is to directly support our student organizations, bridge cultural gaps, and ensure that every voice is heard and valued. I'm dedicated to helping our community grow together and would be honored to have your vote!

Heidi Nunez

What's up Hawks?! My name is Heidi Nunez, and I am beyond excited to run to serve as one of your senators. Woo-Hoo! CRC is one of the most diverse colleges in the NATION, and my goal is to make sure you feel recognized and heard. I'll advocate for more cultural events, student surveys to hear YOUR input, and work diligently to turn your concerns into action. Let's make this term unforgettable!

Numa Rashid

I am a first-year student at CRC studying Economics and Mathematics. I plan to continue my education at a 4-year university pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Mathematics/Economics and Data Science. I currently serve as Senator on the Associated Students of CRC Student Senate and I am the Co-founder, Chief Financial, and Development Executive of Delta Business Collective at CRC. Additionally, on-campus I am involved as a MESA Scholar, APIDA Hawks member, AANHPI Heritage Month Culture Committee, and Honors student. Beyond CRC, I have contributed to non-profit missions through the Brighter Futures Organization and The Reclamation Project. My recognitions include the President Volunteer Service Award – Gold, the AP Capstone Diploma, and the Madeira Fund Scholarship. I am running for Student Senate again to continue advocating for the diverse voices and needs of our student body. Building on my previous experience as a senator, I am committed to strengthening campus programs and resources, with a particular focus on supporting students in STEM courses. I recognize that STEM fields can be challenging and require not only academic guidance but also access to mentorship, tutoring, and research opportunities. My goal is to work closely with administration and fellow senators to expand these resources, ensuring that all students, regardless of background, have the tools they need to succeed in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. I am deeply passionate about higher education and believe that every student deserves an environment where they can thrive academically and personally. By fostering stronger communication between students and administration, promoting transparency, and creating initiatives that support academic success, I aim to make the college experience more equitable and engaging for everyone. Through my continued leadership, I hope to build an inclusive campus community that encourages curiosity, innovation, and excellence in STEM while empowering all students to achieve their academic and career goals

Vacant Student Senate Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

- Senators (up to 11 positions total)

Clubs and Events Board Candidates (CAEB)

Clubs and Events Board Commissioner

Tatianna Mercado

Hello Voters! :) My name is Tatianna, and I am a Business major here at CRC. I have served on CAEB as an At-Large Representative since January 2026. During this time, I have worked alongside the Events Coordinator and Club Officers to create a banner for our recent Spring Club Rush, which was such a fun experience and helped me develop new ideas and skills. The initiative I've taken to network, find new opportunities, and bring ideas to life is exactly what I hope to continue doing as your Student Commissioner. My goal is to support CAEB, clubs, and faculty in helping student life reach its full potential. I would love to partner with local businesses to create opportunities for students such as collaborations with Pinot's Palette for the Art Club or

offering discounted professional haircuts through The Grove Barbershop at campus events. I also hope to create an annual academic calendar filled with events and ideas generated by club members. If we come together, so much is possible. Overall, I aim to help turn student ideas into action while strengthening our campus community. Happy voting!

Angelina Miller

Hello everyone! My name is Angelina Miller, and I am one of the candidates running for the position of CAEB Commissioner. I am currently in my 2nd year at CRC majoring in Architecture. As a 2nd year, I've noticed that our student involvement with clubs and other events on campus has been low, and I'd like to change that. I want to better engage student involvement on campus by being the voice for students, promoting and advocating for them and with them to help unite us all as one big community. This is why I'm running to become the Commissioner of the Club and Events Board. While becoming the new CAEB Commissioner, I plan to work with clubs to help better outreach their events and meetings to other students. I want to help bridge students together by having a sense of community that they could belong to by increasing their participation. I would also proceed to work with the CAEB board to help clubs fundraise and organize many future events with everyone. Some ideas that I plan to organize for future events would be of Cultural Day(s), Spirit Day(s), an event relating to sports, and many more! I have had previous leadership experience by being in the Club and Events Board serving as an At-Large Representative within my first semester here and being an Events-Coordinator during my 2nd semester at CRC. I have also been in student government throughout the last 3 years of my high school. I hope you can sense the passion that I have for wanting our campus to be a place where students can have the opportunity to grow and find themselves through our events and clubs. I hope I can count on your vote to have me as your CAEB Commissioner!

Clubs and Events Board Secretary

Nelcy Firmanes

Hello everyone, My name is Nelcy Eneria Firmanes, I work as a part-time student while being an allied health student here at CRC. As a part of the CRC student body, I am working on being involved with the Pre-Health Club, Outdoors Club, and Kasamahan Pilipino Club. On the other hand, I try to be involved in the community by being a part of a youth group and being a GABRIELA Sacramento group member. As a group, we arrange fundraising events and social activities for the Filipina/o community here in Sacramento. Fundraising and volunteering are very close to my heart, which is why I am also in the process of becoming one of the volunteers for Kaiser Permanente Hospital. During my high school experience in the Philippines, I was able to serve my fellow schoolmates in classroom and school-based elections as a student council grade representative and a classroom secretary. When I moved from the Philippines to Alaska, I was able to volunteer as a campaign manager for our school senior trip. Being a campaign manager allowed me to coordinate with teachers and students when it comes to fundraising events, which led to the success of the project. As a CAEB secretary candidate, my goal is to maintain organized committee meetings, ensure transparency, and provide well-written agendas. As someone who finds joy in organizing events and schedules, I believe that I can work under pressure and could contribute attention-to-detail skills to the CAEB. This role comes with both responsibility and lessons that I will carry through the future. Therefore, I am very honored to be able to participate in the elections.

Vacant CAEB Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

- Vice Commissioner
- Director of Finance
- CAEB At-Large Representatives (up to 10 positions total)
- Events Coordinator

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Folsom Lake College

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Student Senate Candidates

Student Senate President

Tina Khuc

Vote for Tina, Let her Khuc! Hello my name is Tina Khuc and I am running for President of Student Senate. I am a second year biology student aiming towards transferring to a four year institution. I want to run for this position because I am passionate about making sure students have a positive experience at FLC. This position would allow me to advocate for students ensuring their meaningful experience. I was previously the VP, which helped me to learn the ins and outs of FLC. I am confident that I would succeed as the President, with my prior experience. A fun fact about me is that I am trilingual, English, Vietnamese, and Spanish, and currently learning a fourth language. My hobbies are crafting, shopping, bingeing TV shows and doing puzzles.

Student Senate Vice President

Lilly Yang

Hi everyone, I am Lilly Yang, and I am running for Student Body VP. Through being active on campus, I have gained a clearer understanding of student needs, concerns, and where we can do better. I believe students deserve more than just representation-they deserve results. Too often, ideas are discussed but never put into action. I want to change that. I am dependable, focused, and driven. Folsom Lake College has made a meaningful impact on my life, and I want to help create that same experience for every student. As VP, I will push for real improvements and ensure that student voices lead to meaningful change. Balance the System - Vote Yang This is my first year at FLC where I am pursuing Civil Engineering. I work on Campus at the Center For Excellence as a Student Lead where I assist students navigating programs such as DSPS, EOPS, NextUp, CalWorks, and Care. I enjoy weight lifting, snowboarding, golfing, and even jogging occasionally. I am extremely close with my family, and my friends are very important to me as well.

Student Senate Secretary

Nilakssi Nadarasa

Hello students of Folsom College Lake! My name is Nilakssi Nadarasa and I am running for the position of secretary of ASFLC. I am the best candidate for this position since I have prior experience as this is my second year running. I am very knowledgeable in keeping tabs on notes, minutes and the roster for senate meetings. Being part of the senate helps me learn and investigate different problems and hardships seen on campus. If you vote for me I will continue on working and promoting a promising experience at FLC! Hi everyone! I am a

second year student at FLC. I'm studying biology while going down the pre-vet route. The goal is to get into UCD Vet school! I love being active on campus and making a presence everywhere I go. I am secretary of PTK and ASFLC, work at the Welcome Center at FLC, a tennis player on the school team, while being a full time student! It's exhausting and hectic at times, but this tight schedule allows me to be on top of everything. I'm a Type B person down to the tee, so I am willing to do something as spontaneous as possible. I love black leggings, rainy days and anything made from coconuts!

Student Senate Treasurer

Neha Bhide

Hi, I'm Neha, and I'm running for Treasurer to take on a more active role in managing and organizing student funds. As a Business Finance major, I've taken a CFI course that aligns with my studies and has strengthened my understanding of budgeting, tracking expenses, and financial planning. I'm confident using Excel to organize data, monitor spending, and keep records accurate. Through my job at Target, I've developed responsibility, attention to detail, and time management skills while balancing work and school. I understand that a Treasurer's role requires accuracy, accountability, and organization, and these are all skills I consistently apply in my daily work. I'm prepared to handle financial responsibilities carefully and ensure everything is managed in a clear and organized way. Hi, I'm Neha, a student at FLC majoring in Business Finance. I currently work at Target, where I've learned how to manage my time, stay organized, and work well with others while balancing school and my job. I'm responsible and dependable, and I try to stay consistent with everything I take on. Through my classes and work experience, I've developed a strong sense of accountability and teamwork. I also enjoy learning more about finance and building skills for the future. In my free time, I like painting, singing, and spending time with friends and family.

Student Senate Director of Legislative Affairs

Mahiba Khandaker

Advocacy has always been the foundation for change, whether it be at the local or national level. I have firsthand seen how advocacy has changed lives, and I want to be a part of that myself! DOLA is a role in which I would connect with students on campus to amplify their voices by following state legislation that is about student concerns. By drawing from the challenges and experiences I have faced, I will better support and empower other students and make decisions representative of our campus, especially by utilizing campus-wide surveys, tabling, and peer-peer connection. Hey FLC! I am currently a first year (going into my second) and planning to major in pre-med! I have always enjoyed community service, whether it be at my local masjid, or through clubs and organizations. The time I'm spending outside of studying is normally spent running errands with family or friends, reading, attempting a new recipe (and failing), or taking a walk! You'll most likely catch me at a coffee shop, International Market (my new favorite place), and—of course— at school. I hope that outside of school, I am able to explore different and new avenues, whether that be attempting rock-climbing, joining a policy based internship, as well as finding ways to support my friends and their own adventures. I am always open to trying new things, and pushing myself outside of my comfort zone!

Student Senate Senators (Up to 15 Positions)

Abeer Muhammad

I'm currently running for Senator of our Student Senate! During my time as a Student Senator for the past year, I've been a part of initiatives to make students' lives at FLC easier which has been incredibly rewarding, and I'm eager to continue that moving forward. Thank you for your consideration and for letting your voice be heard! Hi! My name is Abeer Muhammad and I've had the privilege to serve as a Student Senator! I'm currently majoring in biology and moving towards the pre-PA track. Outside of academic settings, I volunteer at a Hospital which has me working with healthcare providers to enhance patients' quality of healthcare, which has taught me to be detail-oriented and organized. I've always been passionate about doing anything I can do to help others and building a safe environment for all!

Claire Beal

I am running for the student senate role in FLC Student Senate because I want to help our campus thrive and ensure that every student feels safe, heard, and supported. I want every student to feel like they have a place to belong at FLC. In this position, I plan to strengthen communication between students and leadership, advocate for student needs, and contribute to a more inclusive campus community as a whole. As someone who has been involved in campus life, I understand the importance of listening to the students and applying it to what we could improve at FLC. I am committed to being approachable, dependable, and proactive in the support of student success. My name is Claire Beal, and I am pursuing my academic goals through dual enrollment. I am actively involved on campus as a Student Senate senator, where I have worked to represent the student voices and contribute to our community life on campus. I am also a member of the Dual Enrollment club at FLC, which creates awareness to students that dual enrollment is an option. Outside of school, I work as a barista, which has strongly influenced and strengthened my communication and teamwork skills. I am very passionate about creating an inclusive and supportive environment where all students can feel heard, valued, and supported. Through my involvement and leadership experiences, I am more than committed to helping FLC thrive and grow as a welcoming place for every student.

Julian Barba

I'm running for Student Senate because I care about building a campus where students feel supported, involved, and heard. As someone balancing school, work, and personal projects, I understand how important it is to have access to real, hands-on opportunities. I've already taken initiative through club leadership and engineering projects, and I'd love to bring that same energy to Student Senate. My goals are to improve communication between students and leadership, support student-led initiatives, and help create events and programs that people are excited to be part of. Los Rios has massively impressed me with just how impressive of a Student Body it has, and it's a personal dream of mine to contribute to that while I'm here. Overall, I want to be a catalyst for positive change on campus, acting as someone who can listen and act on what I hear. I'm an Engineering student driven by a passion for building accessible, high-impact projects. I've led and developed hands-on work ranging from drone systems to local infrastructure, as well as a NASA Space Apps Challenge project that earned top placement and global recognition. Having already served in Student Senate, I've gained firsthand experience advocating for students and understand how to be a catalyst for

positive change. On campus, I'm involved in student leadership and STEM communities, where I focus on creating opportunities for others to gain practical experience and build meaningful projects. I balance school with work while continuing to expand my skills in programming, hardware design, and systems engineering. I enjoy tackling challenges head-on and consistently bring initiative, tenacity, and positivity to everything I do.

Wajed Firoz

No statement or biography provided in time.

Vacant Student Senate Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

- Senators (up to 12 positions total)

Clubs and Event Board Candidates

Clubs and Events Board Commissioner

Pranjal Nimkar

Hello! I'm Pranjal and I am currently Vice Commissioner of Clubs and Event's Board. I have lots of ideas and ambitions for helping CAEB grow. Expanding outreach, building bigger and more engaging events, and connecting with every active club to ensure they feel supported and represented. I really enjoy working alongside the other board members, and hope I can help CAEB move forward and make a meaningful impact on our campus community. With continued work and leadership, I hope to step into the role of Commissioner this next semester. Hello! I'm Pranjal and next year will be my second year at FLC. I am really interested in being a part of the community on campus and I really enjoy ASFLC. I like creating events, supporting peers, and contributing to a positive, welcoming environment for everyone. I enjoy connecting with new people, learning from different perspectives, and finding ways to make campus life more engaging. I'm excited to get a chance to continue to grow, to take on new responsibilities, and to give back to the community that has shaped my college experience so far.

Club and Events Board Director of Finance

Ben Nguyen

I am running for Director of Finance as I want to continue to contribute to the FLC community by helping organize fun events for the community. Beyond that, I want to make everyone feel a sense of belonging in the community. By being part of CAEB, I intend to continue to provide my best service to ensure our events run smoothly, but at the same time, all events will create a sense of belonging and togetherness for all individuals part of FLC. My name is Ben Nguyen, and I will be a second year at FLC next semester. I am currently studying Business Administration, and I hope to transfer to UC Berkeley by the end of next year. In

my free time, I like to work out, play basketball, and thrift. I am originally from Vietnam, and I moved here four years ago. As I am a Business Major, joining CAEB last year as the Director of Finance was the perfect move for me!

Club and Events Board Secretary

Sejal Senthil

I am running for Clubs and Events Board Secretary because I want to help keep our student community organized, informed, and engaged. In this role, I will ensure that meeting notes, updates, and important information are recorded accurately and shared clearly with all students. I also aim to support events and initiatives that create inclusive opportunities for students to get involved, learn, and connect. Having served as Delegate-at-Large on the Clubs and Events Board and as VP of the Pre-Health Club, I have experience planning events, coordinating teams, and bringing ideas to life. These experiences have strengthened my organization, communication, and leadership skills, which I hope to use to keep the board efficient and connected to the student body. My goal is to help foster a more organized, accessible, and welcoming campus community for everyone. Hi! My name is Sejal Senthil, and I'm a first-year biology major aiming to transfer to a UC and pursue a career in healthcare. I currently serve as the Clubs and Events Board Delegate-at-Large, where I've helped plan and organize campus events to engage students and support the community. I am also VP of the Pre-Health Club, where I contributed ideas and helped execute workshops, guest speaker events, and community service activities. Through these experiences, I've developed strong organization, communication, and teamwork skills. I'm passionate about helping others, creating inclusive spaces, and giving students opportunities to get involved on campus. Balancing academics, leadership roles, and family responsibilities has strengthened my resilience and time management, qualities I hope to bring to the Secretary role to help support and connect the student community.

Vacant CAEB Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

- Vice Commissioner
- Historian
- CAEB At-Large Delegates (up to 10 positions total)

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Sacramento City College

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Student Senate Candidates

Student Senate President

Angel Binuya

Advocacy is often mistaken as something that is distant, tangled in procedure, reserved for those who already hold an understanding of how to navigate it, but this is far from the truth. For students, advocacy is far more immediate and far more necessary. It lives in the everyday realities of being unheard, overlooked, or disconnected from the decisions that change and shape not only their education, but their entire livelihoods. At SCC, student government represents one of the few formal avenues through which student voices can be truly translated into action. Despite this, we struggle to connect with all of our students. My campaign is, and always will be, rooted in the belief that advocacy does not need to be complicated to be powerful. I want to work to make it visible, approachable, and reflective of the incredible students that it exists to serve. When this happens, advocacy becomes what it was always meant to be. Rather than an exercise of power, I hope to see it spotlighted as a collective expression of student voice, one that is heard and carried forward with intention and impact.

Student Senate Vice President

Angel Garcia

I'm running for VP because I see the potential and opportunities our school has to offer. When I first started here at Sac City, I didn't know much. But the past year has taught me things that truly made a difference in my life. I believe that knowledge can help more than just me. In my time as Secretary of Sustainability, I've noticed several areas of concern including campus waste, management, and safety. Despite moving away from the position, I will bring those concerns with me and continue to make progress any way I can. And not just that, I will always keep an open ear for my fellow students and make sure their priorities stay mine. Win or lose, I'm excited to continue my work for the students.

Aylin Lam Salinas

i have been in student government for almost 2 full semesters, and I loved it since day one, my passion to advocate for our students and our community grows every day I get more involved, having the opportunity to go to D.C for the SSCCC federal advocacy Academy was life changing, I learned so much about how we can reach for more help and support from our government.

I want to seek the position of VP because my passion to help others just keeps growing and I have been observing which positions will help me to be more heard within our district so I would love to be able to reach others more. I want to bring our community more together by having our home games revive and bring that spirit back. I love being involved in pretty much everything. I love being a volunteer, I have been a volunteer for a lot of events here in SCC, I also work in the international center and I love being able to help our students in anything I can.

Student Senate Secretary of Legislative Affairs

Liana Matau

I want to teach legislation, allow attendees to participate in governance, and further understanding. I acquired experience from last year, striving to get answers that students' want, advocating for needs through connection.

July Pyar

Every student at Sacramento City College has the right for their voice to be heard. As a representative, I value transparency, organization, and meaningful discussion that reflects the diverse perspectives of our campus. I aim to be someone who not only welcomes student ideas, but helps turn them into meaningful action. I am committed to accurately documenting discussions, maintaining clear and organized records, and sharing legislative updates in a way that keeps students informed and engaged. Through this role, I hope to strengthen trust between student government and the student body while fostering a more connected and active campus community.

Ephraim Sharikov

I am a political science major, but I also would like to be more involved in student leadership activities. I like to spend time with my wife watching movies, going for walks, attending get-togethers, playing board games, going on dates, and exploring the world both local and far. In my own time, I also enjoy playing video games, reading fiction, meditating, and learning about the law.

Student Senate Secretary

Obehi Benito-Oserogho

I want to run for Secretary because I care about how information is shared and how accessible Student Senate is to our students. As Secretary, I understand my role is to keep accurate records and document meetings, ensuring that information is communicated clearly, and I plan to do that to the best of my ability. I value transparency, and I want students to be able to follow what's happening in Senate and feel connected to the decisions being made. Through the minutes I write, I hope to make meetings clear and easy to understand while also continuing to support student voices through accurate representation.

Student Senate Secretary of Outreach & Development

Daniel Tumang

I think I would be a good candidate for the position of Secretary of Outreach and Development, first of all, I want to make an impact on my own college community as I have worked in my own community through working in a food bank, giving food to the community. Outreach and development is about connecting with many groups of students and supporting them in achieving an equitable educational experience. I feel that through my experience in SCC, I have met and talked to many students about their personal experiences, and I feel that it has helped me think about just how diverse our student population is, and the support they need, for a fulfilling educational experience. I also have experience connecting with many different student clubs, organizations, services, and resources.

Student Senate Secretary of Technology

Jesus Hernandez

I am the current Secretary of technology for student senate i also participated in summer at city hall with the City of Woodland with Gave us a lot of leadership experience. I am hoping to continue my work in serving for the student as I feel its important that student feel connected to the campus and its our duty and our oath to serve for the campus to make a difference Apart of student government and my interest to technology also i like to do on my freetime is to have fun with my friends playing games

Student Senate Senators (Up to 20 Positions)

Maya Carvajal

I served as my high schools school board representative for two years. (2023-2025) I have experience with communicating student needs and wishes to district officials and preparing speeches as well as gathering data. I'm very interested in getting more involved in campus. As a political science major I'd like to gain more experience with student affairs and gaining insight on the inner workings of the student body. I am passionate about equity in education and firmly believe that every student deserves the best quality and an education that serves their specific needs. I really enjoy crafting and spending time with my family. Artistic pursuits can be somewhat therapeutic for me although only recreational. I serve as Diversity and Inclusion Officer in the Honors Club and although it has only been a short period of time am really looking forward to exercising that role for student outreach!

Vacant Student Senate Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

- Treasurer
- Secretary of Public Relations
- Senators (up to 20 positions total)
- Secretary of Sustainability

Clubs and Events Board Candidates (CAEB)

Clubs and Events Board President

Denis Lopez

Currently serving as Clubs and Events Board Treasurer for SCC. My main reason for seeking office would be to provide the students of SCC with a better experience. I want all students to feel like they have someplace they belong at SCC. I feel like all of our students need times for relaxation and fun, which is an experience I'd like to provide them with. My interests include student government and occasionally joining programming club meetings.

David Tran

Have you ever been in 6 clubs at once and done sports on top of that? Yeah, that was me in High School, and if you thought I could juggle all that, especially holding an officer position in every club, you thought wrong. Despite the downsides of being in all these clubs, I truly had a passion for them, and it was hard not to be involved in everything. It gave me a sense of community and fulfillment. I have a strong passion for culture, especially for creating a diverse space where everyone is accepted and can bond over things they didn't know about each other. Going back to my high school experience, I was the head of VSA (Vietnamese Student Association), the leader of our Korean Club dance group, and the secretary for the Japanese Club. Bringing these cultures together, I was a main guide in our Multicultural Banquets, putting on unforgettable cultural performances like fan dances and fashion shows, and inviting people to share their cultural foods with each other, reaching over 200+ participants every year. But, what I really want to do for the Sac City Clubs and their students is to be able to create spaces where people of all different backgrounds can come to understand each other and build connections. Third-party spaces are hard to find, especially since so many spaces outside of school or our own home cost money, but here, we provide for our students with free events, food, and fun activities. I'm committed to maximizing the amount of creativity we have amongst our council to push out new and more themed events. And when I mean themed events, I mean the kind of events that come with a vision, an artistic, creative vision, which is what I, as a candidate for President of the Clubs and Events Board, will provide.

Clubs and Events Board Vice President

Keila Roberts

This past spring semester for the 2025-2026 school year I served as the secretary of public relations for the club and events board. I also had the opportunity to lobby for our student body at the capitol. I am interested in running for the president of club and events board because I want to directly shape and create more and better student events as well as increase student and community engagement. I am looking to increase my role and responsibilities, I also know that I would be a great fit for this position because of my resilience, creativity and panther pride! My interests include advocacy work, volunteering, showing up for my peers and lending a helping hand. I am working towards building a career in the entertainment industry so networking and meaningful building relationships are important to me. While in school I take pride in being apart of clubs like the honors club, pre-law. I am an active participant in Umoja and the pace program. I enjoy both traveling and learning so I have taken the chance to study abroad multiple times since I have been a student at SCC.

Clubs and Events Board Treasurer

Evelyn Rubi Lopez Paz

I have been a member of SAC since mid-semester of Fall 2025. Senator of Athletics. Want to continue to advocate for students and facilitate change. I love wrestling, helping others, baking and cooking. I am a really friendly and outgoing person who loves to help and tutor others as well.

Vacant CAEB Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

- Secretary of Technology
- Secretary of Equity & Diversity
- Secretary of Public Relations
- Secretary

For more information, contact Deborah Knowles at (916) 650-2770 or knowled@scc.losrios.edu.

Los Rios Community College Districtwide Positions

Student Trustee Candidates

Note: Statements are presented exactly as written by the candidates.

Yousif Fouad

Los Rios is the second-largest community college district in California. There is strength in numbers, and yet far too many students find themselves lost. Too many of us have no idea what the Board of Trustees does, how its decisions affect our campuses, or how to make our concerns heard. I want to change that.

My first act as student trustee will be to launch a website where any Los Rios student can submit suggestions, concerns, and feedback directly to me. Before every monthly board meeting, I'll compile what I've received and bring it to the table. Not my agenda, but yours. The trustee seat belongs to students, and I intend to treat it as such.

I have three top priorities: First, access to counseling and mental health services. Getting an appointment with a counselor is unreasonably difficult, and mental health resources are even harder to find. That is unacceptable. I will fight for expanded availability, less bureaucracy, and better outreach so students know what support exists, and can actually access it.

Second, infrastructure. Students across the district are learning in facilities that don't reflect the investment we deserve. I'll advocate for transparent, equitable funding that brings every campus up to standard.

Third, a district this large should have a voice beyond the boardroom. I will work with state legislators to ensure Los Rios students are represented in the policy conversations that shape community college funding and resources statewide.

I'm a student at American River College preparing to transfer, studying political science and pursuing law. I founded ARC's Mock Trial Club and have hosted elected officials and legal professionals on campus. I've attended city council meetings, and worked alongside local attorneys, because representation starts with understanding.

80,000 students deserve a trustee who shows up prepared, stays accountable, and actually listens—not one looking to pad their resume. I'm running to be that trustee.

Nathaniel Petueli

I am honored to declare my candidacy for the position of Student Trustee for the Los Rios Community College District. As a dedicated student President, an advocate, and member of our campus community, I am passionate about ensuring that every student voice is represented at the district level.

Throughout my time at Los Rios, I have actively worked to support and empower students through leadership, advocacy, and service. My experiences collaborating with student organizations, campus leadership, and support programs have strengthened my understanding of the diverse needs of our student population. I am committed to creating pathways for student success by advocating for equitable access to resources, academic support, mental health services, and opportunities that promote student growth and achievement.

I believe effective leadership begins with listening. If elected as Student Trustee, I will prioritize open communication, transparency, and collaboration with students across all Los Rios colleges. My goal is to serve as a bridge between students and district leadership, ensuring that student concerns, ideas, and aspirations are heard and reflected in decision-making processes.

I am especially passionate about equity, inclusion, and student empowerment. Our district serves a diverse community of learners, including first-generation students, working students, undocumented students, and historically underrepresented communities. I am committed to advocating for policies and initiatives that support belonging, access, and success for all.

My leadership experience, commitment to service, and dedication to uplifting student voices have prepared me to serve effectively in this role. I seek this position not only to represent students, but to help shape a stronger, more inclusive future for the Los Rios Community College District.

It would be a privilege to serve as your Student Trustee and advocate for the needs and success of every student in our community.

Leonardo Torres Ruvalcaba

My name is Leonardo Torres Ruvalcaba, and I moved from a rural farming town in Northern California to Sacramento a year ago to grow as a student and a person. In that short time, the Los Rios District has welcomed me with an amazing level of support. I am running for Student Trustee because I believe the best way to honor a community that gives so much is to serve it. Having experienced our campus from the front lines as a student navigating the hurdles that stand in the way of our academic and personal success, I've identified key areas that need urgent attention. I feel a duty to ensure that the college I leave behind is even stronger and more accessible than the one I found.

I recognize that the Student Trustee position is demanding, and I welcome that challenge. I possess the courage to speak up when it matters most. I felt that weight when I stood before the office of Representative Matsui in Washington D.C. to advocate for fair college funding. I was nervous, but my commitment to my fellow students outweighed my hesitation. I refused to let my team down, and more importantly, I refused to let down the students back home who rely on those funds. That same sense of duty is what drives my work on campus. Whether I am navigating the diverse needs of our 31 individual clubs as VP of clubs and events board at Sac city or talking to students from all our campuses, I am always looking for ways to deliver results for us.

As a student who maintains a minimum 16-unit load while working and taking care of family, I know the weight on your shoulders. I know the exhaustion of balancing rigorous coursework, job shifts, and family responsibilities. I understand what it's like to feel like you're falling behind while trying to push through

because you want a better future more than anything. That is why I am committed to ensuring that you deserve a Trustee who doesn't just represent you, but actually lives the same reality you do.

Lynn Farias

I'm Lynn from Sacramento City College studying Business Administration. I currently do Secretary work for the Sacramento City College Programming Club, and participate in the Budget Committee at Sacramento City college. I also float around UC Davis, Sac State, ARC & FLC working on campus activities. I'm interested in hands on learning about the Trustee position to expand student representation, as well as, gaining more knowledge on district workflows & issues. Moreover, I'd like to learn about the more detailed work being done for scholarships in our community. Overall, this is a learning opportunity that lets me better communicate with the student I meet within the Los Rios District. - Lynn

Candidate Forums – Dates & Locations

There shall be at least one public candidate forum held at each college at which all candidates are invited to participate. These forums will be held one week before the elections, starting on April 14.

Tuesday, April 14, at American River College from 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Location is in the Center for Leadership and Development, Student Center Building. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Candidates will be asked a series of pre-set questions by the ASB Advisor. If time persists, the public may ask questions, but they will have to be pre-screened by the ASB Advisor.

Wednesday, April 15, at Cosumnes River College from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Location is in the CRC Library, Room L-106.

Thursday, April 16, at Sacramento City College from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Location is the SCC Student Center.

Monday, April 20, at Folsom Lake College from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

Location is the Peregrine Room (FR-240).