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ABOUT CSUN

CSUN is UNLV’s Undergraduate Student Government! As representatives of the undergraduate student body, they work hard to create a thriving campus community and to enhance each student’s college experience.

CSUN is composed of three branches: Executive, Legislative and Judicial.

The Mission of the Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada is to empower student leadership, to advocate for the enhancement of the student experience, to provide for fiscally responsible decisions, meaningful dialogue, and demonstrate continued commitment to sharing the student voice.

Senate elections take place every fall semester.
The Legislative Branch is composed of the twenty-five elected Senators which include the Senate President Pro Tempore, Chairs of Committees, Vice Chairs of Committees, the Standing Committees of the Senate, Ad Hoc Committees formed by the Senate and all Legislative Interns.
These are the candidates who will be representing the College of Liberal Arts if they get elected in the 2020 Senate elections.
GOAL STATEMENT

In my short time at UNLV, I have noticed the growing disconnect between student government and the student body. My goals and hopes for my next Senate term are to bridge the gap between the two and start representing our most vulnerable students in the CSUN Senate.

During COVID-19, students have been affected by numerous factors that have impacted their ability to complete their education and fulfill their potential. After writing about the student voice in my school newspaper, and then representing it in the Senate, I know that I am serving as the greatest choice to help directly assist and represent students. In the next session, I want to expand opportunities to several of the overlooked majors in our college and non-traditional students. Opportunities that I would like to make possible are to increase research activity and create more scholarships that are tailored to our most underrepresented student populations. I also want to lead the fight in reducing excessive student fees attached to courses that students aren’t made aware of originally when registering.

Rebels, I humbly ask that you cast your vote for me, Senator Booth, so I can continue to advocate for the rebel spirit and fulfill UNLV’s potential!
GOAL STATEMENT

I wish to hold the office in the Senate because in these uncertain and challenging times, I would like to provide the students at our university with a representative who understands the difficulties that they are going through; who knows that getting a quality education and making the connections to help them grow their future careers are still of the utmost importance to them at this time in their life, even if face to face interactions are not always a possibility; who knows that our students would like a say and an influence in the way our tuition is spent at our university!

With the experience and leadership that I bring forth between my time in HR management for a large corporation and the leadership roles that I currently hold with Psi Chi and Phi Eta Sigma Honor Societies, I can be that representative. I promise to be the representative who listens to those he represents before acting, and who will fight to ensure that every student at this university will receive the support and resources necessary so that their quality of education will not suffer through these new restrictions and limitations that have been placed upon us.

BIOGRAPHY

I am a Senior who is double majoring in Psychology and Political Science, and I am the current President of Psi Chi Psychology Honor Society, as well as the Vice President of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society. In my ten years of working I have held positions in Human Resources and Management for companies such as Coach and Kate Spade, and worked in Accounting and Finances for smaller event planning and design firms around Las Vegas.

Bobby Bellucci
GOAL STATEMENT

I wish to hold a Senate office to be an agent of change. By serving as one of your senators, I will work my hardest to make sure you all feel included, safe, and represented; I will focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Equity is grounded in the principle of fairness; Ensuring that every student receives what they need to be successful. We need to dismantle the barriers facing students of diverse backgrounds. Secondly, Inclusion is a sense of belonging, a sense of feeling respected and valued for who you are. I will ensure that every student feels a level of support and commitment from CSUN. Inclusion is a right, not a privilege for the select few. As the transition of leadership occurs, I will use the skills I’ve developed as a Senator and Ambassador to create a strong relationship of communication and trust within our student body and student government. Some people talk of making a change, but a true leader makes the change. For a better future, we must take action today. I see you. I hear you. I’m for you. I am you. You have integrity, honesty, and experience when you vote for me. A Voice for You, the choice is clear.

BIOGRAPHY

Nour E. Benjelloun is currently a 2nd year student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is currently pursuing a bachelors in pre-law & a minor in global entrepreneurship. He is a senator & ambassador for the College of Liberal Arts currently filling a senate seat that went vacant earlier in July, further he is the Vice Chair for the Oversight Committee in the UNLV CSUN Senate. He is currently an active member of the Scholarships and Grants Committee, University Initiatives Committee, Dean’s Student Advisory Council of the College of Liberal Arts, serving as a College Ambassador, Chair for the Community Outreach Committee on the Dean’s Student Advisory Council, and involved in the Global Entrepreneurship Experience committees serving as the Event Planning Chair. As a community leader, his ambitions lie in focusing on the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion, alongside Campus Crime, and student health & safety. Additionally, as a senator he advocates for the importance of a multiracial, LGBTQ+, inclusive college campus.

Further, Nour Benjelloun surveyed close to 150 students & conducted one-on-ones to hear their concerns. As a Senator, he is dedicated to serving and representing our student community to the best of his ability. Lastly, as a Senator for the past 2 months, Nour has focused on addressing campus crime, campus safety, and overall resources available for students in the community. Some notable projects include working with the Scholarships & Grants Committee to create scholarships for Undocumented Students, a Social Justice Scholarship, and new empowerment scholarship, alongside that Nour has been working closely with the College of Liberal Arts Dean’s office to help address salient issues that are relevant to the student experience, and to help overall connect the administration and study body to encourage growth and community. Though his term filling a vacancy has been short, he’s up for election to help bring forth a positive future for the student community.
GOAL STATEMENT

I am tired! Year by year our tuition has increased and with the economic effects of COVID-19, the university now uses it as an excuse to add to our never ending fees. I say no more, and that is why I wish to run for our student senate. Like many of you, I lost my job during this pandemic and I understand that school is not cheap. Yet, there are miscellaneous and vague fees that everyone of us is forced to pay. My goal is to keep our tuition as low as possible every semester by appealing unessential expenses from all student accounts. At the same time, I aim to establish more transparency of where our money is going through dedicated UNLV web pages itemizing what the student charges are going to be used for. From the many who do not utilize the campus services because classes are online or to the ones who have to make the daily commute, we as a university need to control any unjustifiable increases on our tuition. Together, we will have a voice and we will keep the university out of our pockets.

BIOGRAPHY

To keep it short and sweet, my name is Edgar Nicolas Garcia. I am a Filipino American and I spent the majority of my life here in Las Vegas. I am the youngest of four and the only one not aspiring to be a nurse in my family. Currently, I am a political science major and I plan to pursue law afterwards. In my time at UNLV, I worked as a Photo Editor and news writer for the university paper, Scarlet and Gray Free Press. I was always on the sidelines covering school events like our basketball games or even documenting the aftermath of the 1 October Shooting. Then I got more engaged when I helped found Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity and became its first Secretary. There I spent countless hours and worked on more than a dozen philanthropic events, such as raising money and awareness for non-profit organizations around the nation. In the future, I strive to be the first Asian American Governor of Nevada. I follow the Japanese proverb, “Fall down seven times, get back up eight.”

Edgar Nicolas Garcia
GOAL STATEMENT

Hi, Rebels! My name is Jorge Ardon Garcia and I’m running to be one of your College of Liberal Arts Senators. I started my time at UNLV in the Fall of 2018 as a political science major. Currently, I am a third-year student and the sitting President of the Political Science Club. Student government has been my passion for nearly seven years and since then, I have seen firsthand the difference I have been able to make on a greater community. During my high school years, I was President of GT and Associates, a student led non-profit. Additionally, I have been a committed advocate for immigrants and student rights. Along with my love for politics and student government, I enjoy spending time with friends and family. I’m relatively new to the Las Vegas area but learned to make it a home. (You can also find me re-watching the Parks and Recreation series or listening to Shakira, almost all the time).

BIOGRAPHY

If elected as one of your CSUN Senators for the College of Liberal Arts, I pledge to be an engaged member of the student body. I believe that listening to the comments and concerns that the student community brings up are vital to the success of the campus community, as a whole. That being said, I want to bring a diverse and knowledgeable voice to the Senate floor. One that takes into account the students’ needs in the decision making. Additionally, as we face a global pandemic, I would like to work in the Scholarship Grants Committee and the University Initiatives Committee to offer resources to the student community in these trying times. Furthermore, I believe that my goals for this branch are accessible and will have a long-lasting impact on the campus community. My motto has always been “leave things better than they were before me.” And I intend to do just that if elected.
GOAL STATEMENT

Having served in two previous terms, I'd like to continue my time in the senate focusing on what I believe to believe its most important aspects. (1) Overseeing the spending on student funds, and (2) fulfilling projects that give the most direct aid to students. With power over CSUN's budget, I wish to sit on the Ways & Means committee to ensure that student funds are spent in a manner that is both fiscally responsible as it is fair to the full student body.

BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in the midwest, I was taught it is impolite to talk about one's self. But Vegas has really brought me out of my shell, so here's a little about me: I am a political science major, minoring in computer science. After college, I hope to conduct research using advanced metadata analysis to better improve tax policy at the state level. My passion for fiscal responsibility extends to the student-level as well, where I have a deep interest in ensuring that funding for superfluous campus projects or initiatives is kept to a minimum.

Prior to student government, I was involved in various other clubs including Rebel Venture Fund, Secular Student Alliance, and greek life. Whenever possible, I volunteer in a few different environmentalist groups around Las Vegas where we clear our favorite parks & trails of garbage. I'm a profound enthusiast of music, playing multiple instruments across many music groups. When I'm not playing, I enjoy snowboarding, camping, shooting, and writing.

Ryan Kole
GOAL STATEMENT

As we begin a term deep into the effects of COVID-19, now more than ever we need representation from officials that value different identities and races, that have lived and understand the hardships we as students face, and are true allies to all people of our community. Just as my priorities were my last term in office, my primary focus is the amplification of your voice as a student. I serve as a vessel to all students to hear you, listen to you, and put it into action. This coming term in office, I will prioritize our Undocumented/DACA immigrant community who have been left out of relief for far too long during these difficult times, I will continue the furthering of diversity-celebrating projects and strategies to uplift minority voices as leaders of our university, and will dive deep into the expansion of research opportunities for underrepresented majors under the College of Liberal Arts. My work will be to provide my constituents with a flow of updating academic opportunities, financial aid relief opportunities, and constant resources on COVID-19, sexual & mental health, our immigrant immigration clinic, our food pantry, internships, extracurricular programs, and off campus prospects.

BIOGRAPHY

Abraham (Abe) Lugo is a previous senator for the College of Liberal Arts, and Vice Chair for the University Initiatives Committee. Also having been an active member of the Scholarships and Grants Committee, UNLV Young Democrats, a writer for the Undergraduate Law Review, the Men of Color Alliance and the Executive Board for the Political Science Club. He is a current Political Science Major under Pre Law, Minoring in Brookings Public Policy. As a Latinx community leader and DACA student himself, his ambitions lie in promoting a positive interfaith, multicultural, multiracial, and LGBTQ+ supporting campus for all students of the University of Nevada Las Vegas. Abe previously obtained his Associates of Arts degree at the College of Southern Nevada High School in 2019, and hopes to continue his early political career with obtaining a Graduate Law Degree. He plans on utilizing his local community work with social justice and youth advocacy to eventually run for one of New York’s Congressional Districts, in hopes of being a voice for minority groups and peace-building across the U.S.

Preferred Pronouns: He/Him/His
GOAL STATEMENT

I want to be a member of the CSUN Senate because CSUN has such a great impact on campus life and student affairs, and I want to be able to participate in supporting and bettering UNLV. I believe that I have a lot to offer in ideas and experience, and I’m ready to learn from and work with our other Senators. UNLV is such a diverse school and that diversity is clearly seen in the senate. Through my background and experiences, and listening to the experiences of others, I really hope to collaborate to properly represent the interest of our students.

My primary goal as a CSUN Senator would be to provide easier and more convenient chains of communication between CSUN and its constituents. By creating more open access, we can harbor a very trusting relationship between students and student government, and they will see us as active representatives of their needs and wants. I hope to be able to fill this position and reflect it and my fellow student body members well.

BIOGRAPHY

I am Imani Mitchell. I was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, where I have continued my higher learning at UNLV. I am a political science and economics major, with a current senior standing. I am the Vice President of Events Coordination for Nextgen Nevada, a nonpartisan RSO who focuses on encouraging the youth vote, I am the youth coordinator with my church, a volunteer with the Nevada Conservation League and Fight for Her Campaign. I have a passion for politics and finding solutions to help people, so I thought CSUN would be a really good fit for me. After enlisting in the Air Force, being a first generation college student, a woman of color, along with other intersections, I feel as though I have a unique experience to where I can represent many different groups on campus.

Imani-Allyse Mitchell
GOAL STATEMENT

As an underrepresented minority, I want to be able to representant both the Hispanic and military community within the CSUN operations. I am a very proactive member of the community and would like to do more to help assist those who feel ignored. I plan to be a member of both the Constitution and Bylaws Committee and the Scholarships and Grants Committee. These would allow me to grow closely with the College of Liberal Arts population, and the institution as a whole. I will ensure that the voice of the undergraduate classmen are heard and that all attending students feel that their UNLV experience is nothing less than exceptional. My prior leadership experience as a Squad Leader and Bradley Crewman has provided me the tools to communicate effectively, and the ability to stay calm and collected, regardless of the quantity of tasks that need to be completed. With that in mind, my Hispanic heritage has taught me to be compassionate, and understanding of the adversity that many face throughout their lives. As one of the most diverse campuses in the United states, it is important that we reflect this in the leadership that represents us.

BIOGRAPHY

Being the son of two immigrant parents, and first-generation college student, I feel that it is my duty to be able to motivate others to overcome their own hurdles and accomplish their dreams. There are different types of adversities that limit individuals, and it is important to be told that there is always a way for individuals to reach their goals and to keep pushing past their injustices. My mother has always taught me that life can be unforgiving sometimes, but we cannot let that effect our spirit and faith in ourselves. My time in the military has taught me many disciplines; It has instilled in me a sense of pride and confidence that I previously lacked in. My time as a Bradley crewman came with many responsibilities. I was in charge of my own vehicle and had to ensure that it was always combat ready. Simple tasks like being self-sufficient go a long way in the Army. For my attitude and resourcefulness, I would ultimately receive two Army Achievement Medals and a Squadron coin. I began to mature more and find new hobbies that I still enjoy doing in my pastime. I have found that hiking has given me the opportunity to clear my mind and refocus myself. I plan to be the leadership that can also help to evenly distribute the funding to other organizations that may need it. I hope that you consider me to represent you all and continue to strive towards your future endeavors.

Cesar Montalvo
GOAL STATEMENT

My mission is clear, and has been the same since I became a Senator almost 12 months ago, provide safety and satisfaction to each student of the College of Liberal Arts. We are all here because we want to change the world one way or another. Whether that world involves our family, ourselves, or everyone on this planet, we want to change things for the better. That's why we are here, at this university, paying this tuition, and gaining this knowledge, so that we can make a difference. Holding senate office is how I can make a difference now, by providing students with what they want, with what they need. We are in unprecedented times, and while there is a possibility this will end in a few months, there will be ramifications of this for years to come. In order to ensure that students now and for years to come are not at a disadvantage, we need to lay the foundation today. That is what I swear to do as Senator from the College of Liberal Arts: serve the interests of each and every student, past and present. Allow me to do what a representative should do, represent.

BIOGRAPHY

I am a fourth-year Political Science and Economics student and an incumbent Senator from the College of Liberal Arts that has lived in Las Vegas all my life. I was born and raised here and as a result, I love this city more than anywhere else. Its diversity, its “always keep working” attitude, and its people are some of the few reasons I love it here. UNLV is an embodiment of these ideas and hearing the stories of others is a passion of mine. In High School, I was president of my school’s Mock Trial team, where we would listen to cases, break them down, and create arguments for its defense or its prosecution. Understanding how government works, how to listen to others, and what courses are best to fulfill the wishes of voters are all things I have learned in my studies of politics in and out of school. I have, and still do, perform volunteer work throughout the valley, with organizations such as UNLVolunteers, Three Square, and Feeding the Homeless. I have interned with the Nevada Conservation League where I advocated for sustainable legislation, environmental protection, and sought to improve the Earth we live on. Finally, I was given the privilege of being your senator for the last session, ensuring that student organizations receive their funding, working on safety projects on campus before COVID, and now seek to alleviate the many challenges that has come with the pandemic. Allow me to continue serving as your senator, helping to make this city and this university a better place, from wherever we may be in the future.
GOAL STATEMENT

My goals if I were to become a senator, is to expand scholarship opportunities for minority students and for middle income students that get glossed over by scholarships or aid because on paper it looks like they are making more money than they actually are. It is our institutions responsibility to ensure that our students graduate with the skills to succeed postgrad. We cannot allow our students to be constrained due to bureaucratic technicalities. Additionally, I want to assist in our Universitys efforts to create a safe reopening for staff, faculty, and students. UNLV has done tremendous job handling the pandemic this semester, and I would like to build upon the work that has been done. This means helping our efforts in distributing food to the community, and ensuring that we can increase our technological and infrastructural capacities to guarantee safe options for our community for the duration of the pandemic.

BIOGRAPHY

UNLV has entered a critical stage in its history. A new president, a pandemic, a recession, and a ballot question in the upcoming election that aims to reorient structures of higher education within Nevada. Thes rmment to navigate through. As someone that has completed a good deal of research on healthcare, higher education, and how recessions impact our universities, I find myself to be an ideal candidate for the position of a CSUN Senator. I have a good amount of experience with on campus activities and organizations, from working with the Office of Undergraduate Research, competing on the UNLV Debate Team, and reviewing scholarships for our study abroad program. I understand the hard work that our students accomplish on a daily basis, and want to see how we can further assist our students.
GOAL STATEMENT

I would be thrilled to hold a senate office at UNLV because I want to improve the college experience for our student body and I believe I bring a unique viewpoint to the table. As a political science major, holding this position would give me a priceless and unique experience, while simultaneously ensuring that I will take it seriously. I want to ensure that students who may not usually involve themselves in student government will be encouraged to do so, and that they will be comfortable trusting me to represent them and their ideas. Lastly, as someone of Middle Eastern decent, I have not seen many who share my background that can represent us in student government. As a group that is frequently overlooked and undercounted, I believe that I would be an excellent voice not only for Middle Eastern students, but for all students who feel underrepresented. It would be an honor to serve as a senator for the college of liberal arts and I will be full dedicated to doing so.

BIOGRAPHY

My name is Tia Zghaib and I am a Syrian-American political science major here at UNLV! I was born in Las Vegas and lived here my entire life, and after graduation I plan on attending Boyd Law School to fulfill my dream of becoming a criminal defense lawyer. I am a sophomore and member of the Honors College and this is my first time running for any office. Politics has intrigued me for as long as I can remember. As a Syrian who has lived under war and seen the most direct impacts of political decisions first hand, I believe that I bring a very unique perspective here at UNLV, where not many can say that they have experienced the same. If I am elected as a senator for the college of liberal arts, I will be a voice for the voiceless. I have experienced what it's like to be censored and isolated for your opinion, and I will not allow that to happen to anybody else. Not only do I want to represent students and their interests, but I want to be a friend to them as well. As your senator, no idea will be too radical or unique for students to present to me. I will ensure that your voices are heard and your ideas are at minimum recognized and considered, if not met to the fullest extent. Lastly, if I am elected I will have no other formal commitments to anything besides my education and my position as senator, therefore I can assure the student body that I will be completely dedicated to ensuring that every student will feel heard and represented during my term.

Thank you and Go Rebs!
These are the candidates who will be representing the Division of Health Sciences if they get elected in the 2020 Senate elections.
GOAL STATEMENT

Hello fellow Rebels! My name is Briauna Davis and I am running to become a Division of Health Sciences Senator. Over the past two months, I have had the opportunity of serving as a Division of Health Sciences Senator. During my term, I have had the pleasure of building relationships and connections with many of my peers. As a decision maker, I desire to ask questions that will produce detailed and varying responses, in the interest of all students. I am a huge advocate for change and I have a passion for helping others. I value the opinions, perspectives, and interactions of my peers. I join CSUN not just as a Health Sciences student, but also as an African-American woman. I hope to ensure the safety of all students and make certain UNLV’s campus feels community oriented. I strongly believe we must break down stereotypes and statistics to enter a room and facilitate change.

BIOGRAPHY

Briauna is a junior majoring in Kinesiology. She currently serves as one of the four senators for the Division of Health Sciences. Briauna also serves on the University Initiatives Committee as well as the Scholarships and Grants Committee. Outside of working with the Senate, Briauna is an active member of Lambda Kappa Delta, an honor society for students pursuing a career in physical therapy. Briauna is no stranger to helping others and gives back to those in need. She values teamwork and is passionate about advocating for change. Briauna has had the privilege to work alongside Clark County commissioners and Clark County School District officials to help fight for children in underprivileged areas. She gives back by volunteering countless hours of her time to feeding the homeless with her church. Briauna’s goal is to help the voices of her peers be heard and help students in every way possible.
GOAL STATEMENT

I wish to be a Senator from the Division of Health Science because I want to make a difference. I want to be a voice for students and transform their ideas and concerns into action. If elected, I would use that opportunity to create effective and systemic change here at UNLV. I would work with other offices around campus, such as the Office of Diversity Initiatives and the newly created Anti-Black Racism Task Force with the goal of making this campus more accepting and welcoming for all students, despite their racial, ethnic, sexual or gender identity. This is an opportunity to make students feel more connected to this school; to create a stronger community, even if it's virtual for now. Currently, there is a lot of anxiety and worry surrounding the state of our world due to the pandemic. Some students are struggling; in CSUN, I will work with other senators to ensure UNLV is not one of their struggles. I do not just wish to be a senator, I wish to be a senator who works for the student body.

BIOGRAPHY

My name is Darin Mains. I am a Public Health major with a minor in Human Services. I am in my third year at UNLV. I was born and raised in a small town outside of Boston, Massachusetts, but Las Vegas has become my home. Throughout my time here, I have worked to be involved with meaningful organizations that support students or the community in some way. I was a Resident Assistant in South Complex, where I acted as a resource for residents and guided them through their first year at UNLV. I also acted as a liaison to the Residence Hall Association, where I gained experience in event planning, budgeting, and overseeing elections and appointments. I currently serve as the Vice President of the Public Health Student Association. I assist the President in overseeing the monthly operations of our organization which include: planning general meetings, drafting a budget, and participating in volunteering events. In my free time, I like to swim, go for a hike, or just relax with my friends.

Darin Edward Mains

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BIOGRAPHY

Currently I am a second year student pursuing a bachelor of science degree in Public Health with a minor in Spanish and Criminal Justice. I aspire to continue my education in graduate school with a concentration in Epidemiology or Biostatistics. Further in my career I hope to in place programs that provide resources towards the Latino community and to prevent crimes against children. With public health being as broad of a field as it is, I hope to learn more about the different fields during my time at UNLV. I am involved with the School of Public Health as a student worker and am registered for future virtual presentations. During my free time, I enjoy playing piano, discovering music, and working out. I look forward to learning more about my fellow candidates and the students of UNLV.

GOAL STATEMENT

The power of authority relies on those they represent. I aspire to hold a position in the CSUN senate to further represent the students of UNLV and specifically those enrolled under Health Sciences. Through a senate position, I hope to further advocate for the students of this division and communicate their educational concerns. As a public health major myself, I have at times felt a disconnect between those under my school and the schools of others. I aspire to reach out to fellow students and become the connecting bridge between worries and actions. The role of a student is a complex position as it is but carries more weight during our current times. While students continue to educate themselves for the better of society, it is important not to negate the importance of caring for the population as a whole.
GOAL STATEMENT
I want to become a CSUN Senator to serve the community, through civic engagement, program creation and creating unity between the Health Sciences Schools. I hope to achieve awareness of mental health stigmas and issues, help the underrepresented student youth on campus and create a bridge for students to learn about their resources on campus. The main resources that I want the students to know are all the different scholarships provided by CSUN, the internships and professional development opportunities offered by UNLV. I want my peers to be prepared for the future. I want to ensure UNLV students have a great experience at UNLV by solving the issues that occur on campus, especially racial injustice. I want my colleagues to have pride in this University as they progress towards their dreams. I want to create opportunities so that colleagues will have an upper hand when they graduate and become the future professionals they aspire to be.

James Wright currently serves as a Resident Assistant within Housing & Residential Life and a Peer Educator for the Student Diversity & Social Justice departments. James Wright also works for the American Heart Association on the Advocacy team to research about Social Determinants of Health Policies, influence Nevada Legislation Policy and create programs for the Nevada community.

James Wright's goal in life has always been to reach greater heights and self improve, but also uplift others along the way. James helped form the first E-board of the Men of Color Alliance and was the MOCA secretary. He then continued to help as the public relations officer, creating events such as the Cross the Line, MOCA Talks podcast and managing day to day activities and projects. James Wright hopes to create more inclusivity on campus, as diversity does not always mean inclusion and bridge the divide for the underrepresented on UNLV's campus. His life motto and favorite quote, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" - Aesop.
These are the candidates who will be representing the Lee Business School if they get elected in the 2020 Senate elections.
GOAL STATEMENT

This past year as senator has been the most eye-opening experience of my academic career, with being able to connect with my peers at the Lee Business School and UNLV. Now that I comprehend all of the duties of senator and have had a year of experience, I feel fully confident in my abilities to represent the student body, as well enact further change. Throughout the 50th senate session, I have had the pleasure of hearing and speaking to numerous student organizations on campus about their passions, and a big goal of mine is further connect with them and spread the word about all they do. I have also been a member of the University Initiatives Committee this session, in which I have taken action to better mental and sexual health for students. I have only just started on my projects and would love to be able to continue my work for the committee, as I believe that increasing awareness about mental and sexual health is crucial. In general, I would also love to spread the word about CSUN and encourage students to get involved on campus, as I know firsthand how it can be a life changing experience.

BIOGRAPHY

Sara is currently a third year in the Lee Business School and is majoring in finance, as it ties together her love of math and the role that business has played throughout her life. Sara has had the pleasure of being a senator for the 50th senate session and has loved every second of it, which is why she is excited to be rerunning! During her time as senator, she had the opportunity to be chair of the One Time Sponsorship Committee, as well as vice chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. CSUN has become an important part in Sara’s life, and she loves being able to create change for students as well as represent them. She is also a part of the Honors College is involved in the community through being treasurer on the student council as well as mentoring first year Honors College students. Outside of work and school, Sara’s passions lie with drawing and painting, and she considers the hobbies a vital part of who she is. She had the chance to showcase her illustrations at Premier UNLV 2019, and in general loves to chat about all things art!

Sara Adnan
GOAL STATEMENT

Safety better opportunities, and community are the main aspects that I want to improv at UNLV. I wish to become a CSUN Senator so I can help my student body. I am enthusiastic about serving students and listening to any suggestions or needs that they may have. As a first-generation student, I understand the many challenges faced by students and I am committed to representing and being a voice for all students so that together we can be more inclusive within UNLV. As a Senator for the Lee Business School, I would like to serve as a liaison between my constituents and our student government. For the campus and student body as a whole, I would like to become a Senator to work on more improvements and sustainability programs on campus. In my time here at UNLV, I have seen so much progress among campus safety and campus opportunities. However, there is still a long way to go and I would love the opportunity to give back to the community that has allowed me to continue my education.

BIOGRAPHY

Hello! My name is Christina Yalenkatian, I am currently a Finance major in the Lee Business School. As a current fourth-year student, UNLV has been my home away from home. Growing up as a first-generation American, my family always stressed the importance of obtaining something that cannot be taken away... education. As a first-generation college student, I decided to seize all my opportunities and make the best of my experience here at UNLV. I am a student in the Honors College and have previously served as an Honors College Mentor. I have completed the Grad Rebel Advantage Program, which has taught me to maximize my time as an undergraduate student here at UNLV. I first joined CSUN as an Intern, and now I have been a seated Senator for almost a full year. I have learned so much and grown a passion for helping those around me and making a change. In my time serving as a Senator, I became the Chair of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, and have been serving on various committees working on university initiative projects. I hope to get elected as a Senator for this next term so I can continue with the projects and ideas, to ensure the betterment of UNLV. I have always known that I would like to make an impact in my community, which is why I am running for Senate-now is the best time as ever!
GOAL STATEMENT
My main goal and overall mission as a Senator is to increase student engagement, whether it be through the reformed internship program, specific campus projects or RSO outreach. As a product of the internship program, I hope to serve as an outlet for making sure students know what CSUN is and how the Senate is here to serve them! For example, I hope to kickstart an accessible UNLV-specific petition program that will allow campus concerns to be directly addressed by a CSUN committee! From my previous work on diversity campaigns that involve cultural organizations, another passion of mine is to expand outreach to a variety of RSOs, whether it be educating them on the $300,000 available to them or informing them of the voice they have in spearheading CSUN projects. As a former member of the recently implemented Presidents’ Advisory Council, I also wish to continue this group and increase the organizations who participate in order to better inform the student body on what CSUN is up to. My passion for CSUN is not just demonstrated by the titles I’ve gained and projects I’ve completed, but also by the goals I have for CSUN to grow in the future!

BIOGRAPHY
Hi friends! My name is Caren Yap and I’m a second year Business student in the Honors College! I’m a double major in International Business and Business Marketing with two minors in Global Entrepreneurship and Public Policy! In my time in CSUN during the 50th Legislative Session, my proudest project was creating the first University Initiatives Operating Policy, which I’ve made to tackle current issues at UNLV, such as the amplification of student voices, COVID-19, mental health, diversity and inclusion, etc. From completing a partial term as a Lee Business School Senator to serving as CSUN’s first ever University Initiatives Chair, my passion for student government pours over into anything I do. Outside of CSUN, I am the Vice President and Co-Founder of iGNiTE, an RSO that empowers women to take leadership roles. I’m also proudly the Vice President of Academic Excellence for Sigma Kappa. When I’m not at school, you can probably find me serving up mochas, teas and blue raspberry peach lemonades with coconut milk (try it.) at your local Dutch Bros or conducting research for Walmart eCommerce. If I have free time, I’m either at Cane’s, eating ramen, rewatching Barbie movies or hanging out with my best friends in the hospitality building. UNLV has become my home in my short time here and I hope to ensure that every student has the opportunity to make it feel like theirs too.
GOAL STATEMENT

If elected as a Senator, I will have two major goals that I will work towards:

Increased Student Outreach: If elected, I will arrange to speak during my college’s Freshman Seminar classes and give a brief about CSUN, its functions, and the role I would play as a Senator. I will also hold monthly town halls for the students at my college to allow them an opportunity to voice their concerns. If I am unable to hold a physical town hall due to COVID-19 or any other issues that may occur, I will hold them virtually.

Ensure Student Organizations are set up for success: Throughout my time on campus, I have seen several organizations who were unaware how to request funding from CSUN. I would like to serve in the Ways and Means Committee and hold trainings on how to request funding.

BIOGRAPHY

Jesse Welsh was born in Woodbridge, New Jersey on Christmas Day 1987. He grew up there before moving to New Paltz, New York in 2007. He joined the United States Navy in March 2008. While on Active Duty, he was stationed in Virginia Beach, Yokosuka, Pearl Harbor, Diego Garcia, and San Diego. He transitioned from Active Duty to the Reserves and started attending school at UNLV in Fall 2018.

Jesse is very involved on campus. He has served as an Associate Justice for the CSUN Judicial Council since September 2019. He is also a Peer Advisor for Veteran Education member, Vice President of Young Americans for Liberty, and a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon.
These are the candidates who will be representing the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering if they get elected in the 2020 Senate elections.
GOAL STATEMENT

As a junior computer engineering student, I have both had and witnessed the struggles that engineering students face. From grueling classes, to struggling to balance education with career opportunities, engineering students in particular face more challenges than the average student, even more so in the current state of the pandemic. I would characterize myself as a proactive student, so when I heard of the opportunity to become a CSUN senator, I found an opportunity to better my engineering community and be the representative voice in UNLV’s administration. I would like to be a CSUN senator to find ways to create positive change for my constituents, as well as for the university as a whole. I understand the difficulty this position has and am more than ready to tackle it and succeed. One initiative that is important to me is to help create “stepping stones” for engineering students to enter the workforce. So if I was to become a senator, I would work with faculty and professors in the engineering college to make career opportunities for engineering students.

BIOGRAPHY

Hi, my name is Trevian, “Tre,” Joubert and I am a Junior Computer Engineering major here at UNLV. Originally, I am from Anchorage, Alaska, where I was born and raised. I started my UNLV career in late 2018, and ever since, I have loved being a part of the UNLV community, where I call home. I have found wonderful friends, great mentors, and amazing opportunities. Although I have not been very involved in extracurricular activities, as classes in my major have taken up most of my time, I have found fulfillment as an informal tutor, helping friends and struggling classmates. I have found that helping others is a strong passion of mine, so to become a CSUN Engineering senator is something that just feels right to me. I am more than excited to take on this challenge, and I hope that you will vote for me as one of the next CSUN senators!
GOAL STATEMENT

Hello, fellow students! I am very excited to be filing again for a senate position within the College of Engineering. I am in my final year of my civil engineering degree and would absolutely love to take my passion for public service and continue to use it to give back to the community at UNLV that has given me so much throughout my education. I am interested in continuing my work as a senator to represent you, the conglomerative student body. I have previous experience in leadership roles as the President of the UNLV Student Sustainability Council and as a Representative for the UNLV American Society of Civil Engineers. Perhaps even more important, I have a passion for people, an integral component as a public service representative that exists to exemplify their constituents’ concerns and wishes to the larger governing body. My (virtual) door will be open for the entire year. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to continue to serve as a College of Engineering Senator throughout the following session!

BIOGRAPHY

Gabrielle is a senior, pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. As a Senator for the College of Engineering, Gabrielle has served on both the Ways and Means Committee and the University Initiatives Committee. She has previously been involved at UNLV as the President of the Student Sustainability Council, a Representative for the UNLV American Society of Civil Engineers, and a member of the UNLV American Concrete Institute. Gabrielle is significantly involved in climate advocacy and plans to pursue a career mitigating climate change in the water resources engineering field. She is currently a Mountain West Regional Fellow for the Citizens’ Climate Lobby, has completed the Climate Reality Leadership Training, led the 2018 Sustainability Competition with the UNLV American Society of Civil Engineers, and has attended two conferences with the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Outside of school, you will find her reading fiction novels, practicing yoga, or lighting lots of fall-scented candles (regardless of the time of year).
These are the candidates who will be representing the Greenspun College of Urban Affairs if they get elected in the 2020 Senate elections.
GOAL STATEMENT

I wish to hold the senate position because I want to continue to advocate for the health and safety practices currently established in these turbulent times. I want to continue different COVID-19 initiatives that have been presented to our university and find proactive ways to promote CDC guidelines on campus while still being socially engaged. As an active member of multiple student organizations across campus I know how important RSO funding can be and this will be a larger driver in my candidacy. It is imperative to me to make sure that COVID-19 is continued to be taken seriously on campus so that we can all be back together soon in the heart of Las Vegas. Due to my previous experience in student government, I believe that I will be a great candidate to be able to speak for you on your behalf as the Urban Affairs Senator.

BIOGRAPHY

Madison Alexander is a junior pursuing a Criminal Justice degree. She is from Portland, Oregon, and came to Las Vegas for a change in scenery. She is an executive board member of the Rebellion and has been an active member in the sorority Sigma Sigma Sigma for the past 2 years. She is also an active member of Ignite, Epicurean Society, and the Criminal Justice club. She played volleyball for 6 years and loves sports. In her free time, you can normally find her in the library procrastinating her homework or at her work Dutch Bros.
GOAL STATEMENT

Urban Affairs deserves a senator that personifies their ambition and dedication. Someone who lives in the world that they seek to improve. Holding office will give me the tools necessary to do what I'm passionate about, improving the lives of students.

❖ I seek to:
  ➢ Educate others on the struggles of under-represented identities on campus.
  ➢ Implement ways to increase student engagement and trust within elected representation.
  ➢ Evaluate how we can do better moving forward and take responsibility for my agenda.

If appointed senator I will work arduously to assure cultures like mine and many other underrepresented identities are treated not just equally but equitably. I staunchly believe that for change to happen it must start at the top and work its way down. Transparency and accountability is what I believe is missing from student government. During these unprecedented times students are looking for reassurance. The impact of my constituents will be at the forefront of every decision I make, taking into consideration how economic hardship has not only impacted our nation but more specifically our peers.

BIOGRAPHY

Sophomare at UNLV studying Criminal Justice Pre-law Dual-major in Urban studies and minor in philosophy of law and justice. Aspires to be a litigating attorney for criminal law. Activism has always been a passion along with music and the culinary arts. Tennis and baseball will forever be my favorite sports to play. I have a slight addiction to coffee and physical exercise. I am a proud member of the African American community and am not only an ally but a voice for the LGBTQ+ community.

Kamasay Armstrong

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GOAL STATEMENT

If re-elected as a CSUN Senator, I will continue to make sure to advocate for student voices in all aspects. I'll do this by fighting for the opportunities of the overlooked, whether that is by providing information on internships, fellowships, and scholarships, as well as continuing to spearhead the “Opening the Doors Project.” The goal of this project is to allow undocumented students to pursue paid positions on campus, ultimately opening a door that was once closed for them, because everyone deserves to be let in. In addition, I want to be able to help supply student organizations on campus with any help possible during these chaotic times. Now more than ever, students are struggling to find themselves on campus and stay involved. RSOs do a great job with this and it's important to make sure they stay afloat. Lastly, I want to take part in projects that focus on the health and safety of students during the COVID-19 pandemic. Making sure our students are thriving mentally and physically is top priority above anything else to ensure success. Given the opportunity, I'll fight for every student's voice to be heard, because ultimately, it is them that make this possible.

BIOGRAPHY

Hi friends! My name is Blanca Pena and I am a current second-year undergraduate Honors College student majoring in Criminal Justice with a minor in Global Entrepreneurship. During my time here at UNLV, I've helped start two Registered Student Organizations. The first one I helped create and sit as the current president for is called iGNiTE, a student organization rooted from the national organization whose purpose is to ignite a movement of young women who are ready and eager to become the next generation of political leaders. The second RSO I helped start and sit as the current vice president for is the Student Organization of Latinxs; SOL for short. SOL’s purpose is to help grow, strengthen, and unify the Latinx community at UNLV. In addition, I’m also a member of the UNLV MockTrial Competition Team, where I along with my teammates go up against numerous universities and try either a criminal or civil case at tournaments. These are my babies! Please reach out to me if you’re interested in anything I’ve mentioned and I got you hehe.

In regards to CSUN, I was initially involved as a legislative intern during the entirety of my freshman year and was elected as a Greenspun College of Urban Affairs Senator by a unanimous vote this past summer. I absolutely love it. It feels so good to be a part of something that is bigger than me in order to make the biggest impact that I possibly can. I hope to be able to continue my journey towards change and be there for all of you because it is what I love to do. If there is anything I've learned, it's to left things better than how I found them. Thank you for your time! <3

Blanca Peña
GOAL STATEMENT

A senate position to me brings the great responsibility of representing your peers. I know most may not know me, but I love to be involved at UNLV and ultimately listen to all of the voices that need to be heard. I am very open and I like to talk to anyone. I wish to hold a senate office because I want to bring positivity, improvement, and equality to our campus. Because I am easy to reach, if you voice a concern, I will make sure to bring it into Senate sessions and vote to my best ability to benefit all students. I want to be apart of something greater and I believe that 2020 is the year to start. There is so much going on and we need to have the best senators on the committee, ones who will communicate effectively, have good behavior, and promote a positive attitude. If I hold a senate office, I promise I will aim for all of these goals mentioned.

BIOGRAPHY

Hello, my name is Sydney Szostek and I am a junior at UNLV. I am a Criminal Justice major and I have plans to attend law school upon graduation. I have always been the type of person to dive into everything I can. In high school, I was involved in twelve clubs on campus, being the President or Treasurer of six. Each club I was in was different from the last: I did Animal Activists, Mock Trial, National Honor Society, and much more. Being that I enjoy learning new and different things, I also like to talk to anyone and everyone. I may come off as shy, but once you get me talking, I will not stop! I encourage all who feel comfortable to reach out to me! I want to hear anything you would be willing to share. Your opinion, voice, and feelings all matter to me. My promise to you is to do the best that I can to express the thoughts of all who are not able to speak up for themselves. I am not afraid to lend you my voice. If you want to make an impact on UNLV, do it through me.
These are the candidates who will be representing the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration if they get elected in the 2020 Senate elections.
GOAL STATEMENT

I wish to hold a Senate position due to my passion for empathy and I think along with that comes a love for service and a dedication to others. As a third-year hospitality student involved in many of the organizations within our college, I've had the opportunity to interact with countless people who have impacted the way that I go about my day to day. I wanted to take that network and understanding of needs for our student body to a larger platform. Given the current situation with the ongoing pandemic, I wanted to promote more RSO and general community engagement as your Hospitality Senator to keep the UNLV spirit alive within our campus whilst still maintaining the health and safety of our student body. Being able to advocate for our college on a larger scale is important to me and I truly hope that I will be able to represent you as your senator this upcoming term!

BIOGRAPHY

Jenny Chung is a junior from Nashville, Tennessee in the Harrah College of Hospitality with a concentration in meetings and events. Being the daughter of immigrant parents, she hopes to advocate for inclusivity and accessibility in higher education through the funding of public resources and a purpose driven by the student body and their needs. Given the current situation regarding the ongoing pandemic, she hopes to promote RSO involvement as a method to stay socially engaged at UNLV without compromising the health and safety of our local communities. Jenny’s involvement with multiple hospitality affiliated organizations (including Epicurean Society, Eta Sigma Delta, NSMH, HRSA, and the Wine Society) has opened up many points of contact for her within the college and she believes that this network and understanding of student needs makes her the ideal candidate to be able to advocate for her constituents. She is driven by her passion for people. In her free time however, you can find her on campus between Hall B and C of the UCC with a slackline set up or huddled into her Eno with a good book and/or newest embroidery project.
GOAL STATEMENT

Throughout my time at UNLV, I have seen many great things come out of CSUN, and it has continually inspired me to work to be make change both in my life, and in my community. I have carried this mentality in my current position as historian for the Honors College E-board, where I, along with my team, continually work hard to create new ideas, events, and a welcoming environment for Honors College Students. From this, I have first-hand experienced and handled the struggles of an online environment and would use the tools and tips to succeed as a CSUN senator. Also, throughout my years at UNLV, I have spoken to and connected with a diverse pool of UNLV students and feel that I would be a great representation for the College of Hospitality. I am open and ready for change, and would love to be a part of this new wave of productivity in the CSUN senate, something that I am very passionate for.

BIOGRAPHY

My name is Mia Longo, and I am a Junior Honors Hospitality Major and an Italian Studies minor. I am from Chicago, Illinois, and have been a part of the UNLV community for 3 years. Since my freshman year, I have been an active member of the Honors Rebellion, and have helped to encourage the team in 3 Tough Mudders. In the spring of 2020, I was studying abroad in Viterbo, Italy, which helped me to open up my world view and grow as a person. Although the amazing experience came to a quick and sudden end, it has taught me to persevere and always find the positive, even in a bad situation, which is something innovative I can bring to the CSUN Senate. In addition to my time in Italy, I am currently serving as the Honors College E-Board Historian, which has helped me to adapt to this new online environment. With your vote, I hope to bring positive change to UNLV and be a part of CSUN.
These are the candidates who will be representing the College of Sciences if they get elected in the 2020 Senate elections.
GOAL STATEMENT
I wish to continue with my position as a College of Sciences Senator because I enjoy being able to represent such a diverse community. In this position, I have been able to support students within my college, work with many amazing UNLV representatives, learn more about the changes that can be made to better our campus, and work towards a greater college experience for each and every one of my constituents.

This past year, I have been graced with the opportunity to help develop more inclusive programs as the chair of our Scholarships & Grants committee and would love to be able to continue this incredibly important work. I have been given the chance - time and time again - to be the voice of students within my college and remain persistent in my support of our undergraduate community.

If I am granted this position, I plan to continue building the relationship between the College of Sciences and CSUN through maintaining consistent communication and transparency, forming better relationships between CSUN and other UNLV entities by working closer with them on project proposals - such as what we are currently doing with our scholarships, and finding new ways to support and advocate for our students.

BIOGRAPHY
Michelle Anne Abrina Inocencio is a Biological Sciences major with a concentration in Pre-Professional Studies and a minor in Business Administration. She is in her fourth year at UNLV and plans to follow her undergraduate education with a few years in dental school with the goal of becoming a pediatric dentist. She is currently one of the College of Sciences CSUN Senators as well as the Chair of the CSUN Scholarships & Grants Committee. Michelle is also active in the UNLV Pre-Dental Society and works as an Office Assistant at the UNLV/CSUN Preschool.

Outside of UNLV, Michelle volunteers with the St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church Youth Ministry and dances with a local Polynesian halau, Te-Awhi. In her free time, she enjoys playing the piano, hanging out with her Animal Crossing villagers, and reading romance or suspense novels.

If you see someone riding around on a pink and purple bicycle with a basket and a bell, feel free to say hi to Michelle and strike up a conversation. Her favorite topics are stationery, tasty places to get sushi, and new TV shows to watch - considering that she continues to make rounds between Grey’s Anatomy, Jane the Virgin, Friends, and How I Met Your Mother.

Michelle Anne Abrina Inocencio
BIOGRAPHY

Rachel is a third year Honors College student majoring in Biological Sciences with a Pre-Professional Concentration. She hopes to attend medical school after she graduates in the future. Right now, she is an officer for several organizations and serves as an outreach coordinator for the Honors Student Council. When she is not studying for her science classes in the Lied Library or aid with events from her extracurriculars, she adores playing the piano/ukulele and spending time with her friends and family. Other than her passion for medicine, she has truly found a love for teaching and mentoring through her UTA position for Biol 196, being a committed UNLV Buddies member, and now as a peer instructor for an Honors seminar class. She has found that her purpose for these experiences is to become a positive figure in another student’s academic journey while enforcing an enthusiastic atmosphere.

Outside of campus, she is a research assistant for the Las Vegas Fire Station to serve for her community. She is always looking for various opportunities to strive for change and to make a difference in the community that she lives in.

GOAL STATEMENT

To make the initiative. To advocate for the cause. To be the change. And, that is my goal I will always keep in mind as senate. The college experience is truly how one makes it, and it is something I have realized throughout my 2 years of college so far. With the constant exposure to new resources and opportunities, I have pursued experiences where even I surprise myself that I actually did it. I guess that is what you can define as change. My experiences have shaped me to be a leader where I have my own voice; however, I will amplify and support the voices who need their voice to be heard. This is how I want to represent the students in the College of Sciences while bridging the gap between these two entities. Whether it is ensuring that resources are accessible while inclusive to every student, I ultimately want to enforce a safe space where students can rely on me for their needs to succeed in their future goals.
GOAL STATEMENT

The College of Sciences holds the daunting reputation of having some of the worst retention rates because of the challenging nature of the study; even with students switching their major because of a single class (looking at you organic chemistry!). My mission is to improve retention rates, especially through current times where remote learning is posing a challenge to not only incoming freshmen seeking a start in the sciences, but also returning students that are furthering their academics for pre-professional programs and graduate studies. Campus beautification is also something important that I want to work on as a senator. Cottage Grove (a.k.a. the dark side of campus) is a beautiful side of campus where most of us College of Sciences students are well-acquainted with. I would love to take initiative on making our campus a more welcoming place by implementing new projects centered around beautifying our campus. My ultimate goal is that I want us, as members of the College of Sciences, to feel connected and appreciated as a community. It's tough majoring in the sciences, but we're all in this together.

BIOGRAPHY

My name is David King and I am currently a second-year majoring in Cell & Molecular Biology with a minor in Chemistry. I am a pre-MD/PhD student planning on going to medical school to research human biochemistry and to teach medicine. I had a hard time choosing a career because not only was I fascinated by research and had a drive to help others through a future career in medicine, I also have a burning passion for teaching and education.

I currently teach two sections of General Chemistry II labs and I tutor Organic Chemistry over the weekend. I also spend much of my time working in Dr. Bhowmik and Dr. Han's research lab where we investigate and characterize novel compounds and polymers. In my free time, I competitively play Dance Dance Revolution/Pump-it-Up! (yes, the arcade games where you stomp the pads with your feet!) and rave about music with my friend Jenny.

As a first-generation student, transitioning to college has not been easy, especially majoring in the sciences. I hope that in the future I can be a role model for other first-generation students that will be in my shoes.
GOAL STATEMENT

I wish to hold senate office because I believe in the power of strength in unity and diversity. Holding a senate position would allow me to communicate with a broader group of students, specifically the wonderful students in the College of Sciences! Having been in positions of leadership here at UNLV, I believe that I have the experience and the materials to make sure every voice is heard. Every student has desires that may include changing the scenery on campus, adding specific materials or machines in our buildings, or even enriching the academic environment. Being a senator for the College of Sciences would be rewarding, as I would have the unique opportunity to listen to students and understand their needs, as well as work hard to fulfill them.

BIOGRAPHY

My name is Marissa Patton, and I am currently a Junior at UNLV majoring in PreProfessional Biology and minoring in Spanish. I am a pre-medicine student with plans to attend medical school or PA school and become a successful health care professional. After becoming a physician/physician assistant, I want to volunteer my time and services to free-clinics and low income areas of the community to make sure everyone has access to reliable and affordable healthcare. Science and social service are not only important to me, but they have become my hobbies. I have always had a passion for helping others through guidance and comfort, and my path to medicine is only getting started.

I currently volunteer at University Medical Center as well as Volunteers in Medicine of Southern Nevada. During these experiences, I get to develop skills on how to interact with patients as well as provide an informative and welcoming environment. I also hold two leadership positions with two different organizations on campus. I am currently the Membership Chair for Future Latinos in Medicine and the Professional Development Chair for the Association of Pre-health Professionals. During my free time, I love to go bowling, rock out at concerts, and spend time with my family and friends. As a Latina woman, I have always known that there will be struggles and challenges to face not only during my undergraduate career, but on my path to becoming a doctor. I hope to inspire those around me to never give up no matter what anyone tells you. There is strength in diversity, and I cannot wait to make medicine more diverse!
GOAL STATEMENT

Hi everyone, my name is Rey; I am excited to represent your voice as a candidate for Senator of our college. There are three things that I am most passionate about and are the reason why I chose to become a candidate. I think that the money that is collected from students by CSUN should be an investment in the student population. Therefore, my first point is student funding. If I become an elected senator, I want to help create or promote a scholarship that is accessible to more students. I also want to expand the student funding for Registered Student Organizations. The second topic that I am passionate about is inclusivity. If elected, I will promote and support initiatives that foster inclusivity of all students on campus. Lastly, I want to create or support programs that offset the impacts of COVID-19. I also want to promote funding for the UNLV’s Food Pantry and promote the allocation of money for buying more masks that are accessible to the students.

BIOGRAPHY

Hi everyone, I am a first-generation student. I am a Biology major with a concentration on Pre-Preprofessional studies. I hope to attend medical school in the future. I am currently a CSUN intern. During the weekend, I try to do community service and complete virtual shadowing opportunities. If I am not volunteering in my community during the weekend, you can find me spending time with my family or friends. My zodiac sign is Leo; however, I do not follow the zodiac signs. I am excited to see what this semester brings!

Rey Ruiz
GOAL STATEMENT

As a UNLV freshman, I was terrified with what this university would bring for my future. With my aspiration of being a part of the healthcare industry in my pocket, I was looking forward to change. I was greeted with a welcoming environment that inspired me to seek growth and active positions in several organizations on campus. These organizations allowed me to flourish as a freshmen and gain confidence in order to establish myself as a leader. It has taught me the power to communicate with people, to understand people's problems, and to have the empathy to relate to my fellow peers. As a representative for the College of Sciences, I plan to create and expand the welcoming community that greeted me as a freshmen. I promise to commit in creating a more interconnected community with our fellow peers, administrators, faculty, and our local community. If you elect me as your senator, I will do everything in my ability to be one with my fellow students and give voice to their opinion.

BIOGRAPHY

Lazaro Sotolongo is a third year pre-professional student in the Honors College. He wants to pursue dental school in several years from now. Because of his aspiration for dentistry, he has accumulated 150+ hours in his local dental office. However, during his free time, he loves taking care of his aquarium and doing outdoor activities such as kayaking or scuba diving or searching for treasure in the depths of the Colorado River.

Being on campus has allowed his interests to span from dentistry to business and leadership. He has been an active member for the Rebel Venture Fund for approximately a year now and has now been promoted to Squad Lead. He organizes meetings with various CEOs to retrieve more information about the company.

For other leadership positions, he is an Alpha Epsilon Delta bone marrow officer, a mentor for the Life Science Student Association, and has 2 semester worth of experience in being a UTA. In addition, he enjoys mentoring and teaching his fellow freshmen peers since he wants to motivate them and give them the inspiration to be involved on campus by joining organizations and seeking positions to make change.
These are the candidates who will be representing the College of Fine Arts if they get elected in the 2020 Senate elections.
GOAL STATEMENT

I would like to be a part of the senate office so I can positively impact the students that I see every day. For the last two years, I have attended this great school and I want to be a part of something so I can make a change around me. By being a student, there are issues that concern me that I have no control over. By being a part of CSUN, I hope that I will be able to improve myself and the people around me. I want to be an accessible person that people can reach out to if they need any information or guidance in their college journey. The College of Fine Arts can use a senator that represents the college. In the years I have been a part of the College of Fine Arts, there has not been enough representation for my college and I would like to change that. Although we are a smaller college, we can be just as impactful as any of the other colleges.

BIographies

My name is Nathan Bugash and I was born and raised here in Las Vegas, Nevada. I am currently a member of the College of Fine Arts, majoring in Piano Performance. Growing up, I always loved going to school and gathering new information about all these different subjects. When I was about 10 years old, I decided to pick up on how to play the clarinet and the piano. From there, I went to a performing arts middle school and high school to pursue my musical desires. Some other musical interests I have taken part in has been DJing, drumming, and music producing. In the future, I would love to be involved in the music industry. Alongside that, I was a part of a competitive swim team for 9 years, until I turned 18. In both hobbies, I took on leadership roles where the people I was surrounded by could look up to me. There is a lot of stress behind being a role model for other people, but I managed to develop a great group of people around me. Las Vegas is a community that I hope to be a part of for a long time and making great connections at UNLV was a great start to that for me. Deciding to attend UNLV over other out of state colleges was an easy choice, as it financially made sense to me. My plan is to graduate the Spring of 2022 and attend graduate school the fall after that.

Nathan Bugash
Hello, my name is Rafael Canizalez, and I am a Theatre Studies major here at UNLV. Theatre and fine arts have been a passion of mine for as long as I remember. I spend most of my days either at school or working, and most of my nights working on theatre at UNLV or in the Vegas community. I am the External VP for UNLV Second Stage, an entirely student-run theatre company on campus! I plan on teaching high school theatre after graduation. It would be an honor to be able to represent the College of Fine Arts in the CSUN Senate.

Everything I take part in is not for the betterment of myself but for those around me. I have only been a part of the UNLV community for a year and an active part of UNLV Theatre for a semester, and I already know that the College of Fine Arts is a special place that is important to many people. It’s a place that deserves to continue to grow and become greater than it already is. Our college and those that are a part of it deserve to be cared for and fought for. The College of Fine Arts is often under-represented, but it’s a community that deserves someone that is willing to represent it with care, love, and passion.
These are the candidates who will be representing the College of Education if they get elected in the 2020 Senate elections.
GOAL STATEMENT

I wish to hold a senate office for the College of Education because I would love to advocate for the students, and help bring about change to enhance the campus community. As an education major, I want to use what I have been taught to mentor and educate my fellow schoolmates, on things that can benefit them as a student and beyond. One of my main goals to be a part of as Senator is to get students in the know of scholarships available to them to help further their education and focus on their goals. I am a firm believer that anyone can go to college and money should not be the reason to hold anyone back. I also want to be a mover and a shaker in the realm of diversity and making sure students of color have a platform, a voice, a space, opportunities, and a positive movement where we can be free to express ourselves without any retaliation. Being your senator would be an absolute honor. I am not representing myself, I am representing YOU, and advocating for YOU to be leaders, game changers, and to go forth and prosper.

Maryssa Morgan

BIOGRAPHY

My name is Maryssa Morgan and I and my family have been living in Las Vegas for five years. I am originally from Southern California. I am a transfer student from the College of Southern Nevada (CSN), majoring in Elementary Education. While I am currently obtaining my Bachelors, I hope to obtain my M.ED in English Language Learning (ELL) in the near future, and teach around the world. I am a part of the Nevada Institute on Teaching and Educator Preparation (NITEP) Fellowship Program, where I conduct new and extensive research approaches of educational settings through ethnography. I am also a Teach Nevada Scholar, making a commitment to teach our future. I am happy to be at UNLV to bring my calling as a teacher closer than not.
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT! THE STUDENT PROPOSAL WITH THE MOST VOTES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON CAMPUS IN THE UPCOMING SEMESTER.

HAMMOCKS:
FIXED POSTS WOULD BE INSTALLED IN LOCATIONS AROUND THE ACADEMIC MALL AND DARKSIDE IN AREAS THAT WOULD PROVIDE SHADE WITHOUT OBSTRUCTING EVENT AREAS. HAMMOCKS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR BORROWING FROM THE FRONT DESKS AT THE STUDENT UNION AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

RAINBOW CROSSWALKS:
IN SHOW OF PUBLIC SUPPORT OF THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY, THE CROSSWALKS AT TWO OR THREE AREAS AROUND CAMPUS WOULD BE PAINTED TO REFLECT A RAINBOW PATTERN.

GROVE OF FRUIT TREES:
IN COMPLIANCE WITH GROUNDS AND FACILITIES, A GROVE OF FRUIT TREES WOULD BE PLANTED IN AN ACCESSIBLE LOCATION ON CAMPUS. (AND YES, STUDENTS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO EAT THE FRUIT.)

ADDITIONAL SHADE AND SEATING AREAS:
THESE ADDED AMENITIES WOULD MAKE OUTSIDE OF THE LIBRARY AND CBC MORE PLEASANT FOR STUDENTS TO STUDY, EAT, RELAX, AND CONVERSE IN BETWEEN CLASSES. AREAS WOULD HAVE CHAIRS, TABLES, AND UMBRELLAS.
Thank you for being awesome!