Dear UNLV Undergraduate Students,

Welcome to the 2018 CSUN Senate Elections Voter’s Guide! In this guide you will find information about UNLV’s student government and the senate candidates themselves.

Voter’s Guides will be at the campus polling location during election days, as well as online at www.unlv.edu/csun/about. If you have any questions/comments/concerns, feel free to contact me (information listed below).

Sincerely,

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The Mission of the Consolidated Student 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.
WHAT IS CSUN?

CSUN is UNLV’s Undergraduate Student Government! As representatives of the undergraduate student body, we are working 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.

Legislative

Senators are elected and represent the nine colleges of UNLV. The number of seats is determined by the amount of students enrolled in each college at the beginning of each Senate Session; Nov 1st of each year. These 25 Senators are elected members of this colleges whose main job is to represent the students.

The Senate approves actions and nominations by the Executive Branch. They serve to represent the students in all actions, write legislation on behalf of the 24,000+ undergraduates, check the executive branch, and ultimately make lasting effects on campus. If you are interested in making positive change on campus the Senate and Legislative Branch is for you!

The Legislative Branch of CSUN consists of the law and policy makers of Student Government.

Composed of:

2 College of Sciences Senators
3 College of Engineering Senators
6 College of Liberal Arts Senators
1 College of Education Senator
3 Lee Business School Senators
2 College of Hotel Administration Senators
4 Division of Health Sciences Senators
2 College of Fine Arts Senators
2 College of Urban Affairs
+ Senate Interns
The Executive Branch oversees all operations and assessments. The Executive Board consists of the Student Body President, Vice President, Senate President, and appoints one non-voting member the Senate President Pro Tempore to the Senate. The President’s Cabinet consists of the Chief of Staff, Attorney General and Directors overseeing department programs, resources, and events. The cabinet advises and supports the branch with any internal and external matters. The Executive Branch also supervises all directors and assistant directors, appointed to various departments within CSUN. Executive Board elections take place every spring semester.

Composed of:

President | Christopher Roys
Vice President | Sydni Ferber
Senate President | Menashe Roberts
Chief of Staff | Nathaniel Waugh
Attorney General | Ryan Edep
Director of Legislative Affairs | Akaisha Cook
Director of Campus Life | Ariana Munoz
Director of Marketing | Diana Tapia
Director of Engagement | Robert Evans
Director of Operations & Elections | Maddeline Gassmann
Director of Athletics | Devon Brown
10 Assistant Directors

CSUN’s Judicial Branch is comprised of 9 Justices that mimic the Supreme Court’s responsibility to limit the actions of other branches through judicial review. Every semester, the Judicial Branch hears cases submitted by students in an effort of protecting the student body’s rights. The Judicial Branch interprets and applies the CSUN Constitution and Bylaws to the actions and laws made by the Executive and Legislative Branch.

The Judicial Council is interested in both protecting the student body and creating a rich legal experience. Outside of hearing cases, the Judicial Council offers internships in the Clerkship program, which allows students to shadow and assist Justices. Moreover, the Judicial Council connects students with lawyers and judges, hosts educational lecture forums, and meet-and-greets with the student body.

Composed of:

Chief Justice | Khadija Bhatti
Associate Chief Justice | Michael Scheinman
7 Justices
10 Judicial Clerks
SENATE COMMITTEES

All Senators, with exception of the Senate President Pro Tempore, serve on one internal committee and one external committee. The internal committees include Constitution and Bylaws, Ways and Means, and Scholarships and Grants Committee. The external committees include University Advocacy and Health and Safety Committee. Senators may also serve on the Oversight Committee.

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS
For the purposes of considering all proposed constitutional amendments and bylaws on the basis of relevance and necessity, and referring them to the Senate.

WAYS & MEANS
For the purposes of preparing the annual CSUN budget, serving as financial counsel to CSUN, and receiving all requests for funding from Registered Student Organizations (RSOs).

SCHOLARSHIP & GRANTS
For the purposes of establishing the denominations of awards, the number of CSUN scholarships to be awarded, and determine the scholarship winners in accordance with established procedures.

HEALTH & SAFETY
For the purposes of establishing policies and legislation to voice overall concerns of campus crime prevention and student health promotion.

OVERSIGHT
For the purposes of ensuring all elected and appointed officials of UNLV CSUN are held to the highest standard of accountability. The committee investigates complaints and concerns and provides guidance on the improvement of CSUN as a whole.

UNIVERSITY ADVOCACY
For the purposes of serving as the liaison between undergraduate students and university administration and faculty and to formulate policies and legislation regarding system-wide, city, state and federal issues to voice student concerns.
CANDIDATE PROFILES
Biography

I came to UNLV in the Fall of 2014, unsure of what my major should be. Once I decided what I wanted to do for the rest of my life, I chose to study Computer Engineering. Over the years I pursued research, working in an undergraduate rocket lab in LA and completing an Honors Thesis on DNA Sequencing using Data Compression. Up to this point, I have survived a fair share of rigorous academic courses, and want to shift my focus to making this campus better than when I entered it.

My interest in emergency medicine has inspired some health and safety campus improvements I would like to implement through CSUN. Also, I want engineering majors to be more involved with improving our campus and student experience - so I want to secure CSUN funding to create a new Senior Design Award.

Also, my interests are painting Bob Ross paintings, wilderness backpacking, and breathing.

Mission Statement

"If a man does not have sauce, then he is lost. But the same man can get lost in the sauce."
— Gucci Mane

When a person holds a position in public office, it's incredibly easy to be swayed by the alluring nature of power. However, in order to improve the quality of society, it becomes necessary to exercise this power justly and free of corruption.

This is my final year as a Computer Engineering major here at UNLV, and I want to echo the requests of other engineering majors. I get that the TBE-A 311 Lab is gross sometimes, I get that the seats in TBE-B classrooms are insanely squeaky, and I get that the flickering/gloomy lights make it harder to walk to your car at night - let me help fix that.

I'd like to create more opportunities within the college for more hands-on engineering group projects that allow students to apply their knowledge outside of lecture. Moreover, I want to start improving the security and safety of the Engineering College by funding locks on all of the lab computers.

If you have any complaints, I want to listen - not as a potential senator, but as a concerned student.
Biography

Born Tristan Ayala in Las Vegas, he is the first of two children. The son of a citizen, Tristan experienced life as an American in the great Las Vegas Valley. A lifelong Las Vegan, a lifelong Runnin’ Rebel.

Tristan is pursuing a Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Science. He has served in CSUN as Senator for the Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering during the 48th session. During his time as Senator, Tristan worked indefatigably to ensure that student organizations in the College of Engineering get their fair share of student organization funding. He worked diligently to find new and unique ways to improve the way that CSUN handles sponsorships, and that is work he continues to this day. This work was conducted with the firm conviction that each and every student has great potential to make this campus, this world, a better place. Tristan worked hard to make CSUN a better, more inclusive, place for people to work and develop. He worked on the initiative to get more CSUN Interns involved in the political process and have their voice heard. As Senator, Tristan was a member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee as well as the University Advocacy Committee, all the while serving as the Chair of the CSUN Oversight Committee. His efforts on the Constitution and Bylaws Committee contributed to policies that ensure better readability and reliability of the Bylaws, as well as fighting for the future of Sponsorships. As Chair of the Oversight Committee, he ensures that elected CSUN Officials are being responsible and accountable to their constituents. During the 48th Senate Session, he fought for better financial management and planning, to ensure that students will be seeing benefits for many years to come. In the next Nevada Legislative Session to come, Tristan plans on pushing for College of Engineering Initiatives such as increased funding for the new Engineering Building, as well as increased funding for UNLV CAPS program, which will aid in getting students the mental health services that they deserve.

Throughout his time in the College of Engineering, Tristan has been working steadily with student organizations such as AIAA. Most recently, he was Vice President for UNLV SAE Baja. A passionate student leader and sports fan, you can always count on Tristan talking with his dogs, or watching UNLV beat UNR.
Biography

I'm the son of an entrepreneurial businessman & a hardworking nurse manager. Throughout my upbringing, my father never missed an opportunity to educate me on the operations of running a business, from the financial end to the oft-forgotten human elements. It was him who also instilled in me at a young age a life-long passion of politics. Seeing my parents' work ethic, I learned I operate best when kept busy. Throughout high school I wore various hats: playing football, Drum Major of the marching band, head of Computer Club & Philosophy Club, member of Film Club and playing in a band with friends. I've worked part-time since 16, and at UNLV, I spent two semesters as an associate with the Rebel Venture Fund. This past summer I completed an internship in downtown Chicago for a political organization doing research on campaigns, candidates, and voter demographics.

A junior in Computer Science, I hope to one day blend a love of politics & data analytics to help draft meaningful legislation that's backed with empirical evidence. For now, I hope to bring a rational voice from the Hughes College of Engineering to the CSUN floor.

Mission Statement

I’d like to represent the engineering college in the senate because I bring a unique understanding of engineering and politics. Not only is it an understanding, but a passion, a passion I’d like to concentrate into promoting engineering RSOs, expanding the student-to-senator relationship in the college, and allocating CSUN’s budget appropriately to better serve all students at UNLV.
TERRENCE PASCUA
Howard R. Hughes
College of Engineering

Biography

Terrence James Pascua is an aspiring mechanical engineer, with a concentration in aerospace engineering. Born and raised in Aiea, Hawaii, Terrence brings the aloha spirit wherever he goes and to whomever he meets. Engineering has been a long time dream of his, and he hopes to engineer an airplane he can one day fly himself. In his free time, Terrence enjoys spending time with family and friends. He has a passion for helping others around him succeed, and hopes to continue this energy within the senate.

Mission Statement

As an engineering major, I have a passion towards the College of Engineering. The college has offered me a great education and more, and I myself would like to give back for what it has done for me. A senate position would allow me the opportunity to do this, and further improve the college.
Biography

Fellow students, my name is Dane C. Detommaso, Senatorial Candidate for the College of Liberal Arts here at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. I was born in Longview, Texas, a small town of around eighty thousand, to my parents Rodney and Jennifer Detommaso. I was raised in a very open and accepting household, learning the necessity of values such as patience and the understanding of differences. The lessons I learned from my family have thankfully stuck, as I now seek to do my part in maintaining and improving UNLV to the best of my ability.

I have lived in Las Vegas for a majority of my life, attending Clarence Piggott Elementary school from kindergarten through the fifth grade. From sixth through eighth grade I attended Big Rogich Junior-High, where I received a Presidential Award for Academic Achievement. For high school, I attended West Career and Technical Academy, earning a technical diploma in Earth and Environmental Science.

As of now, I am currently pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Political Science with a Minor in Environmental Science. My interest in political and environmental affairs comes from multiple sources; my high school education instilled a deep appreciation for the natural world around us, while my family (consisting of businesspersons, lawyers, and state workers) led me to a path of public service through a political education.

I intend to put students first here at UNLV; as a student myself, I feel that our university needs to continue on its current path of inclusion for all students, regardless of whom they are or the views they hold. Just as well, I would work to increase student involvement at UNLV. Nothing has the power to build up UNLV more than the students themselves.

It would be an honor to serve and represent my peers in the UNLV CSUN Senate. If elected, I plan to do anything and everything possible to continue to better experiences for all students, and improve and uphold UNLV itself.

Mission Statement

I wish to serve my peers and better the lives of students here at UNLV. Increasing on and off campus student involvement, improving student representation, and maintaining the high institutional integrity of UNLV are my top priorities. I’d be honored to serve all of my peers in the UNLV CSUN Senate, and I pledge to do the best job I can for UNLV and everything we stand for.
Biography

My name is Antonio Milá and I am (re)running to serve one more time as one of your student senators for the College of Liberal Arts. As a current senator, it has been an honor to serve all ~3700 of you this past year. In my time here, I authored legislation in support of Net Neutrality, worked with my colleagues to help CSUN reach an agreement with Aramark and Frist Class Vending to have healthier items in vending machines, convinced the Library Administration to acquire a public microwave for the Coffee Bean, and helped distribute student funds in the way of scholarships and grants, among other things.

Now regarding my background. I am a psychology major and a senior with the aspiration of going to graduate school in Psychology. After my sophomore year, I had the opportunity to co-found a student organization and had the pleasure of representing this institution as a site leader with UNLV Alternative Break Trips in the Grand Canyon and Southern California.

In addition to my work with UNLV Service, I have also been an active member of student organizations such as Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology, and I currently volunteer my time as a research assistant for the Sex-differentiated and Translational Research in Eating Behaviors, Anxiety, and Mood Lab.

As a first generation student myself, I understand the many challenges faced by students from disadvantaged communities and I am committed to keep pushing towards inclusivity within UNLV, so that every student can feel comfortable enough to call it a home away from home. I will ensure that all students’ voices are heard by actively engaging with the student body, so that ultimately we serve and act based on what you need.

P.S: I’m interested in this seat because of my passion for social justice, inclusiveness and advocacy. Last but not least, I’m a big time fútbol fan and a self-awed music junkie.

Thank You!
Biography

I started my UNLV career in 2018. I am a double major in political science and secondary education. I am a political science major because I plan on running for congress after college. I have experience in government through my internships with Senator Dean Heller and Congressman Joe Heck. I also did speech and debate because I wanted to enhance my debate skills, so I can get work done in government. I love people and serving people which is one reason I want to be a CSUN Senator. I have dreamed of being a senator since my freshman year of college. I just was unable to run due to a Monday night class but this semester I made my schedule to allow me to be a CSUN Senator because I want to represent the College of Liberal Arts. I want to be able to make a difference in the lives of students by making them feel safe and trying to put money back in their pockets. I am the type of person that takes input from people before I decide. I will always get input from my constituents before I make any vote. The senate will not be mine because it belongs to the student of the College of Liberal Arts. It will be a huge honor and privilege to serve as one of your senators. I also hope to have a social media page if I am elected so then I can communicate with my constituents what votes were made and how I voted. I want to use it as a resource to be able to inform my constituents and get their input on some things they want to see get done. Communication is a skill I plan to use because I cannot do my job effectively without communicating with my constituents. I will make sure every constituent knows what is going on in the senate because the work the CSUN Senate does affects every student, so it is important for students to stay informed, but I promise to do my part and make sure I am informing my constituents.

Mission Statement

Serving people is what I have passion for. I have tried to serve as you senator before, but the Senate voted no to me, but I love this college so much that I am going to keep trying. I got to listen to constituents’ voice their concerns which is something I promise to do as a CSUN senator. I will always be available to my constituents all you have to do is contact me. This campaign is not about me because it is about the opinion of every single student in the college of Liberal Arts. A key issue to me is making sure teachers and staff are respecting our First Amendment rights to express our beliefs and thoughts. I have personally been offended by a teacher who has insulted people of my faith. I also want to make UNLV safe again because safety needs to be the top priority of our agenda in this next session. I will take a pay cut if I have to in order to make sure we are keeping UNLV safe. I also want to try and put more money back into the pockets of students.
Biography

My name is Tanner Castro and I am one of your current senators in the college of liberal arts. I am a political science major in the honors college with plans to attend law school in 2019, and I am also the current president of our mock trial club. Last year I ran with the promise to improve safety on campus and to further improve the different opportunities that we give to our students. During my time as a senator I have helped to promote Rebel Rides on campus which helps escort students at night back to their vehicles, and I continue to advocate for health and safety in CSUN. As a senator I have worked to help promote different opportunities for students by helping to create mixers for the college of liberal arts, where our different student organizations come together to promote further skills and career opportunities that we can all explore.

Mission Statement

Safety, efficiency, and excellence are the three main aspects that I want to improve at UNLV. After having served a year as a senator for the college of liberal arts, I have learned about the different strengths that our student government has to offer, and how we can further use these strengths in order to benefit our university. I want start by making our campus safer through improving our Rebel Rides program which shuttles students back to their vehicles at night, and to continue to support awareness for different health issues through our health and safety committee. I want to improve the efficiency of our student government by taking on the role as chair of our constitution and bylaws committee, and helping to make laws that improve CSUN. Lastly, improving the quality of our student experience and education is my top priority, and I will do this by helping to vote on items that create long lasting change at UNLV. Together we can make our campus a safer, more efficient, and excellent place. That is why I ask you to please vote for me, Tanner Castro as your senator.
Biography

Las Vegas has been my home since birth, and I have had the fortune of having many different experiences in the years surrounding college. I transitioned from a lifeguard to a pool manager over the course of five years, teaching children from different backgrounds how to swim, and participating in the Red Cross’ Centennial Campaign to reduce drownings in Las Vegas. I later became a Lifeguard instructor, and taught classes on behalf of the Red Cross and the City of Las Vegas.

These experiences lead me to find a passion for Emergency Medicine, which is my current career path. I was admitted to the Honors College at UNLV my first semester, and received scholarships for academic excellence. I had the opportunity to swim for UNLV briefly, and I now instruct an Honors freshman seminar.

A couple of other fun activities I have been a part of include the volunteer handling of therapy dogs, and the participation in a volunteer trip to prescribe and distribute eyeglasses to poverty-stricken areas in the Dominican Republic. My current hobbies include backpacking, traveling, yoga, free climbing, and urban exploration.
Biography

My name is Marie Falcone and I am a third-year Political Science student at UNLV. In the last three years, I’ve tried to stay as involved as possible on campus. I’ve been in Alpha Xi Delta for two years and have held multiple positions within the chapter including those on the Executive Board. I have been to Indianapolis, Indiana for a leadership conference called ULPI for Alpha Xi Delta and was even given the opportunity to go to D.C. and lobby on Capitol Hill for the rights of fraternity and sorority life.

Soon after joining Alpha Xi Delta, I started working as a Coca-Cola Ambassador for UNLV’s campus. This allowed me to go to Atlanta, Georgia twice in the last year to grow my networking and communications experience. At UNLV you can find me standing outside of the SU giving out Coca-Cola products to anyone who wants them. This gives me the ability to make someone’s day just a little better.

After becoming involved in these two organizations, I found CSUN here on campus. I’ve been a seated Senator for almost a full year after running last Fall. While in CSUN Senate, I’ve learned so much and have found a passion in doing all I can to help those around me. Senate gives me the opportunity to do this in awesome ways. During my year in CSUN, I became the Chair of the Health and Safety Committee. The committee along with myself have been working towards better food options on campus such as a farmer’s market and vending machine options. Not only this, but we have taken serious interest in looking for a system that can lock all building doors after a certain time and would only allow students to be inside of those buildings to help ensure student safety on campus at night. I hope if I do get reelected in Senate, I will be able to continue my position as Chair and continue these ideas.

In my free time, though, I love hiking and playing with my cat. I also enjoy ice cream way too much. Go Rebels!

Mission Statement

I wish to become a CSUN Senator so I can continue to help students in all ways I possibly can. I would like to remain a person that students can always go to in a time of need and to make the best decisions to benefit the students at UNLV.
Biography

My name is Kristen Kuschel and I am in my third year as a Psychology Undergraduate Major. I am heavily involved in community service in the Las Vegas area through my position as Philanthropy Vice President of Alpha Xi Delta. This will be my first year being involved in CSUN senate, and I am excited to give a voice to and better the experience of everyone who attends UNLV.
Biography

My name is Tyler Robbins-Beran and I am interested in a seat for CSUN for Liberal Arts. I am a transfer student from San Diego and currently a junior with my major being Political Science and my objective is for students to have an enjoyable and productive time here at UNLV by making sure they are aware of and informed of extracurricular activities, have a voice in certain matters, and to also make UNLV one of the most diverse and safest campuses in the nation. I believe when people work together as a team many great things can be accomplished and thus I feel like I would bring that to the table in addition to other great leadership skills and qualities.
Biography

I am running for Student Government Senator for the Liberal Arts College because to me, college is hard enough already and we shouldn't make it harder. I have been in Student Government at CSN, representing the West Charleston Campus first, then all eight campuses. Earlier this year, I helped build three Student Unions for CSN, presented town halls for students speaking out on college tuition, visited the legislatures in Carson City to promote Free Promise scholarship where high school graduates can receive a year of free college, and represented the student government in selecting the new college president.

I have visited and met with students on all five college campuses in Nevada because I love to engage and understand people on a one-on-one basis. Currently at UNLV, I am an Advocacy Coordinator for UNLV Volunteers promoting voter activism and social justice and when I am not on Campus, I volunteer with the Asian Community Development Council (ACDC), which represents our Asian community in Las Vegas. I have also volunteered with Circle K on bike safety for kids, Cancer run with the Ronald McDonald Foundation, and at the Great Santa Run in Downtown Fremont.

I support all student life on campus because I am a college student as well. The faculty, Board of Regents, and all our representatives within the state of Nevada need to hear our voices to further our future.
Biography

I was born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. I studied at WestHill Institute in Mexico City. Being the son of an immigrant, diversity is important to me and I am proud of my hispanic heritage. I am currently in my last year as an English Major at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Mission Statement

I would like to improve the student experience by ensuring that students have access to all available resources.
Biography

My name is Ashamii Henderson and I am a first semester sophomore in the Liberal Arts College. My major is psychology and I plan on adding on a minor in Spanish by the end of this semester. I studied law in high school and I fell in love with the logic and reasoning behind it so I decided to study the mind. Studying the mind in its relation to law is something that has been a passion of mine for a long time and it’s also something that I do in my free time.

Other than my interest in criminal law I also have a great interest in government and how it works for and against the people. Since about the 11th grade I have enjoyed watching political satires that give comedic relief to the real events taking place in our government. In our Las Vegas community I have participated in grassroots campaigns for different candidates and elections.

Over the course of my first year here at UNLV I noticed there was lots of diversity and I met many people from all over the world. I made lots of connections and I grew an interest in other cultures. I have now learned Spanish quite fluidly and it has opened many doors for me. When I am at work or even out with friends I make a new connection because of my knowledge of Spanish. Due to the great diversity of our school and the growing globalization of the world I am very excited about the new experiences other cultures and their languages could give me.

I have been a student athlete for much of my life and although I no longer play sports in college I do enjoy watching and supporting our teams here at UNLV. I think that sports all over the world can bring people closer together. Having more community here at UNLV is important to me and I think through our sports programs we can bring students together and gain new connections and friendships.
Biography

Joshua David Easton was born on Tuesday, October 19th, 1993 in the UMC maternity ward around 11:17 a.m. Shortly thereafter, he was made a ward of the state and spent the first five years of his childhood in the Nevada foster care system. Upon adoption, he began his educational journey at a small private school in Las Vegas. He spent his childhood playing baseball and developing the skills necessary to become a Pokemon master. He later attended Hyde Park Middle School and was voted the funniest student in school in 8th grade. After a year at SECTA (formerly VoTech), his parents sent him to a private military academy in Port Gibson, Mississippi. He graduated ranked second in command (Battalion Executive Officer), as Salutatorian (with a straight A average), and with a really short haircut.

Josh is currently the Vice President of the Kinesiology club, serves as an academic research assistant, and is a member of the UNLV boxing team. When he isn’t in class or in the gym, Josh enjoys producing music, reading books, and playing Hearthstone. If elected, Josh’s goal will be to bridge the gap between students and professionals in the fields of the UNLV Allied Health School, which will allow for a better network of employment options for students to take full advantage of in their time at the university. Moreover, as a senator, Josh will be sure to always be representing the people he serves, both in and out of the classroom. By serving as an example to others, his hope is to inspire a new generation of leaders who choose to take action instead of making empty promises.
Biography

Yoooo, I’m Nicole Guan and I am currently a senior majoring in Kinesiology with a minor in Psychology. I love dogs, I am very understanding, and I think CSUN is lit. I like to get involved on campus and I am very dedicated in what I do.

Mission Statement

I wish to hold a senate position because I am experienced, I know what students like, and I am a chill person. My goal statement is straight forward because we should be moving forward.
Biography

My name is Trey Curtis-Brown and I am currently a Sophomore Majoring in Kinesiology, Pre-med. I'm currently one of your senators for the college of health sciences and chair of the University Advocacy Committee. I also sit on the Ways and Means Committee, Health and Safety Committee, and the Student Technology Advisory Board.

In student government: As Chair of University Advocacy, I get to work on bigger projects around the university; with the help of my committee members, I can help the students of UNLV get the most out of their college experience. A major thing that I have chaired in my time as a chair was a CSUN mission statement. This allowed us to have a set of principles that we all work towards to better the universities undergraduate population. Ways and Means allowed me to work with the many registered student organizations on campus by helping to provide funding to them so that they can prosper as an organization and get the students more involved. Health and Safety has allowed me to ensure that the undergraduate population can feel comfortable and protected while on our campus. Student Technology Advisory Board has also allowed me to make sure that the students can be informed about the technology on campus and learn how to use new systems like Canvas. I also get to help decide on many other technology devices that could help the university and/or update the university.

Fitness4Finals is a project that I have been honored in helping to plan. I am creating an event that will get more of our students involved with some of the clubs on campus, listen to guest speakers who have amazing success stories and can motivate students to follow their goals. Students will also get a chance to meet some vendors on campus that are selling products and membership outside of the university. This is a great event because it not only helps students get more involved on campus, but it also engages more community enhancement.

Being an out of state student, I really feel as if I have the unique perspective in bringing new ideas to the university and starting programs that can educate out of state students in how to get associated with their new home so that they can feel comfortable in a new city.

Outside of student government: I am a college student, who is a part of Greek Life and loves every minute of it. Philanthropies are one of my favorite events that happen in Greek Life because it’s about helping people other than ourselves. I have a fantastic job as an orientation leader and this is a great job because it gave me the opportunity to meet all of our new incoming students. This job allowed me to show them that we are a big family at this university and that their opinions matter when it comes to how this university operates. I also work as a Rebel Ambassador so I get the chance to meet new prospective students and let them see what it is really like to be a college student. I get to take them to a class with me and educate them on our university so that they can be GREAT Rebels when they become a part of our undergraduate community. When I’m not running around campus from meeting to meeting, I enjoy going back home during our breaks to Wyoming where I get to enjoy the fresh air and relax on the lake. I also enjoy going to my other home and hitting up the malls and pizza shops in New York City.
Mission Statement

As a senator for the College of Health Sciences I want to make our campus safer. With most of our course work taking place on the dark side of campus, health science students know exactly why campus safety is on the forefront of what needs to be fixed here at UNLV.
Biography

Senator Hannah Patenaude is in the fourth of her five-year journey towards two undergraduate degrees from the Honors College with both a B.S. in Chemistry and a B.A. in Communication Studies. As a seated Senator for the College of Sciences and the current Senate President Pro Tempore, when she isn’t managing the Legislative Internship or teaching Robert’s Rules of Order, you can find her either researching nuclear fuel reprocessing in the lab or playing with her dog.

Thanks to her experiences in CSUN, Hannah has found her passion that combines her two otherwise unrelated degrees. Patenaude anticipates pursuing a Ph.D. in Radiochemistry to then infiltrate the world of policy to work on controversial topics such as the use of nuclear energy and events regarding nuclear nonproliferation.

Make sure to honk next time you see her Hello Kitty car or say “Hi!” when you see her pink bookbag from across campus!

Mission Statement

After just over a year as a College of Sciences Senator, I have seen the immense impact that can result from sheer willpower and determination. In my second term as a seated Senator, I aim to continue supporting student organizations by further refining the funding process so it can be as painless as possible, enhancing the Legislative Internship to provide a robust experience for anyone who wants to learn about legislation, and advocating for Science students to our college administration to ensure you have the best student experience possible. A profound dilemma within the College of Sciences that I have been working to combat is the lack of knowledge and participation within student government, leaving most students out of the loop and unable to take advantage of the opportunities that your money has already paid for—not to mention the lack of representation for those of us in the smaller programs like Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematical Sciences. I have recently secured a method for which Senators can directly email their constituents about news and issues that we want to discuss with you. Changes like this can open doors to unknown opportunities, just like CSUN has done for me.
Biography

Hello! My name is Joshua Zerbel. I am 26 years old, I love Emergency Medicine, I am Cat Dad to a spunky 1-year-old Calico named Waffles, and public service is my life.

I graduated Coronado High School in June 2011 where I shipped off to Basic Training to start my 6-year Army experience. I was a Combat Medic assigned to a Brigade Combat Team that went on two deployments to Afghanistan. During that time, I held various positions from a line medic in charge of 40+ infantrymen’s health and wellbeing to a Treatment Team Leader with four medics on my team. I had the privilege of learning what true leadership meant from my mentors, the art of compromise from my peers, and the importance of admitting when I was wrong from my soldiers.

I returned home (Las Vegas, NV) on September 24th 2017 and enrolled at UNLV to begin my undergraduate chapter in spring semester 2018. I immersed myself in the campus early on by becoming the Vice Coordinator for The United Conversations Network, became a CSUN senate intern on February 26th 2018, and appointed to fill the vacant College of Sciences seat on July 2nd 2018. During my short time in CSUN I have been integral in fixing the Bylaws, advocating for further fiscal responsibility, and reaching out to the Nevada Legislator in trying to bolster our Pre-Professional resources on campus.

Mission Statement

"That’s how it always has been," is no longer an acceptable answer. I want to empower the College of Sciences, as a community, to embrace the true essence of scientific thinking by not dismissing ideas but developing them, promote group achievement in tandem with individual success, and explore different learning styles to highlight the brilliance in all of us.

A few initiatives I would like to work on are:

— Bolster the Pre-Professional resources available, to include a Pre-Medical Shadowing Network that would streamline the connection of Undergraduates and Physicians.
— Set up a reward system for students that achieve Dean’s Honor Roll every semester
— Consolidate online homework programs to reduce the cost associated.
— Increase the use of Supplemental Instructors (SI) and the resources available.

Here are two quotes that perfectly embody my promise to the undergraduates of the College of Sciences if elected.

“A good leader inspires people to have confidence in the leader; a great leader inspires people to have confidence in themselves.”
— Eleanor Roosevelt

“I would rather have questions that can’t be answered, than answers that can’t be questioned.”
— Richard P. Feynman
Biography

Hello! My name is Zach Mahoney and I am an undergraduate student at UNLV. I was born and raised in Las Vegas and I love my school and hometown. I am a math major in the science department and I’d love to represent my school as part of student government.

Mission Statement

I wish to hold a senate office seat because I’ve always wanted to get involved in student government, and I want to represent my college’s needs.
Biography

I am in my 4th year at UNLV and is studying Biology, Pre-Veterinarian Medicine. I hopes to someday own my own animal hospital and own a sanctuary for animals that have not been chosen at the shelter. I am involved in Sigma Kappa Sorority since fall semester of 2015 and was involved in CSUN as a photographer. I am from Southern California and while it’s hard to be away from my family, I am happy that I have my sisters and friends.

Mission Statement

As a senator I want to improve the College of Sciences standing here at UNLV. Despite the number of students who are hard science majors we get worse funding then colleges with fewer students. I want to see that change.
Biography

Hello!

My name is Abigail Isacoff. I am currently a junior at UNLV in the Elementary Education Program. I have the ambitious goals of continuing my education in a masters and doctorate program in Educational Psychology to become a child therapist. I am currently the Historian for the Rebel Educators club, which I love because it has opened so many doors for me to become my most successful self. I have been elected to the National Success and Leadership community here at UNLV as well, which I believe shows my dedication not only to the school and branching out into the UNLV community, but how important a strong academic path is to me.

I want to make sure that everyone has as good of an experience at UNLV as I have, especially those who are in the College of Education. I believe that there’s a lot that we can all learn from each other, and gain from each other, to have our most successful college careers.
Biography

My name is Mina Raeisi. I am passionate about education, technology, and diversity. I am currently an undergraduate student in the College of Education as a Secondary Education major with my area of study being in English. I am a full-time student, proud Pinay, and a part-time worker.

At UNLV, I am hoping to help the College of Education improve and add to existing resources, such as improving the CEB. I would also like to begin discussing correcting the current Education curriculum like requiring a higher GPA and improving the relationship/communication between UNLV and CCSD.

After graduating with my Bachelor’s, I hope to move on to a Master’s program at UNLV. Doing so, I would like to work for Apple’s Education team to improve resources at a district level for both teachers and students.
Mission Statement

My mission includes the positive integration of school safety knowledge through the College of Education curriculum; as well as the meaningful understanding of gender neutrality through the knowledge of gender inclusive language and gender neutral restrooms in school.

As a College of Education Senator Candidate, I wish to hold a senate office to rekindle the light hearted, respected, and professional ideology of education within school systems across our county.

My promise is to represent current, and future, UNLV College of Education students in the highest regard as a mere reflection of their own needs and dreams.
Biography

Jon King has been an active student here at UNLV since 2017 attaining a double major in political science and communication studies. He has been in greek life here at UNLV as well as working with the dorm leadership program heading up the area of student need. Jon has tirelessly worked since he has first started attending UNLV to improve the lives of the student population here at UNLV. Whether that has been at improving campus safety or offering up new programs to increase student involvement Jon has done everything in his power to try and make UNLV as great of a campus as possible. Jon hopes to continue his efforts to improve the campus and student experience by serving as your senator for the College of Urban Affairs.

Mission Statement

As a Senator I hope to bring about impactful change that will improve students experience here at UNLV. I want to foster an environment here on campus that allows students to succeed not just in the classroom but throughout every facet of their collegiate lives.
Biography

I'm Angelyn Tabalba, a senior at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas where I am seeking a bachelor’s degree in Journalism and Media studies and Criminal Justice. As a highly motivated undergraduate student, I have taken several opportunities to involve myself in my college campus and local Las Vegas community in addition to my academic life. In all that I do, I seek to be an advocate for the communities that I represent and hope to use my skills in Journalism and Criminal Justice to spotlight injustices, educate the uninformed, and motivate others to act.

My commitment to advocacy stems from my upbringing and identities in underrepresented groups. The land of Hawaii, a place so community oriented, culturally diverse, and naturally beautiful has been home to my family and I for over 19 years. But beyond its crystal blue sea and vibrant greenery, Hawaii faces many struggles. The state faces issues that threaten their environment, land, culture, and people - things that I have experienced firsthand and ultimately fueled my passion for advocacy. Learning these struggles, I sought to be involved in the Asian Community Development Council, a nonprofit organization that educates, connects, and empowers the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community through voter registration and civic engagement. My participation in this organization has given me the tools that I need to understand my demographic and furnish my leadership skills to mobilize the AAPI community in Las Vegas. Furthermore, my position as a radio co-host on the Little Grass Shack has given me a platform to represent the people of the AAPI community by uniting them through music and discussion. By reaching thousands of Las Vegas citizens weekly, I remain dedicated towards ensuring that my identity’s culture never goes unseen.

Hawaii has also allowed me to find my passion for capturing visuals. Growing up in what many deem “paradise” have pushed me to believe that it should be shared with others through photo and video - hence my love for photography and advertising. Originally an Interior Design major, I have found an utmost passion for creating and designing media. I continue to polish my media design skills in my role as Social Media Coordinator in the Residence Hall Association. In this student led organization, I represent students living on campus at the institutional, regional, and national level.

Although I am thankful for my home state of Hawaii for aiding me in finding my passions, my experience as a college student living at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas constantly provides me with new opportunities to utilize and further develop my skills.
DAVID HAMILTON
Greenspun
College of Urban Affairs

Biography

I have been a student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for the past 2 years. I was originally a Business major, then I switched to Graphic Design and took on Communication Studies as a double major. I’ve never received a position before in student government, but I have joined many different clubs and started on of my own this semester (1+ Gaming). Ever since starting college, I have made it my goal to socialize and meet as many people as I can. I’ve always had an interest in understanding others to learn the most effective way to solve and resolve conflicts. Even before UNLV, I took 9 years of language classes (4 Japanese, 3 French, 2 Spanish) in high school because the more I can learn how others think, to be able to solve any issues, the less conflict there will be. I’ve also worked at Pinkberry on the strip, dealing with customers who don’t speak English and managing to sell frozen yogurt to them, which isn’t as easy as it might seem. I have not received any experience in politics before, but if I put my mind to it, I can and will succeed at anything I choose to do.
Biography

I’m a 29 year old Vegas native running for Senate and I’m also a Hospitality major senior in my last year at UNLV. I’ve started multiple businesses and have been in the US Army for 11 years.

I’ve also held numerous leadership positions within the UNLV community. I will bring a tremendous amount of experience and leadership that the senate has been lacking.

The Senate needs to start taking care of the students concerns first and foremost, and start doing something about them. How long will the students let CSUN continue down this path of inaction? Nicely worded emails hold no weight when nothing ever gets done. Let’s change that.

Mission Statement

I want to show students at UNLV that anyone can rise above adversity and continue to do great things within their community. No matter what happens in someone’s life they can always have a positive impact in not only the people around them, but around the world. CSUN is the perfect to accomplish this goal so I want to show more UNLV students that they too can be involved in CSUN and help the UNLV community.
Biography

Hello I am Jacob Funaro I am currently a junior from Pasadena, California I am majoring in Hospitality Management and have a concentration in restaurant management. I been in the industry for a while and want to bring that experience to the CSUN Senate.

Mission Statement

As your senator I hope to lower tuition for all students and make UNLV a better, safer campus.
Biography

My name is Clark Coty and I’m a junior studying Film in the College of Fine Arts. I have spent time in CSUN the past two years serving as a Senate Intern and also the Assistant Director of Videography. I support movements in senate to improve campus safety.

Mission Statement

I’m coming up on my 4th year as a film major. I’ve seen a lot of improvement but I know it could be better. I want to bring the entire College of Fine Arts closer together and create a better community for the arts. When it comes to the whole campus I support the improvements on campus safety and wish to continue them.
Biography

Natasha White is a 23-year-old non-traditional transfer student. This is her second year at UNLV majoring in Theatre Arts with a concentration in Design and Technology. She has recent leadership experience including Campus Liaison/Marketing Director for UNLV Second Stage and Executive Board member of the Residence Hall Association. She is the first person in her family to attend college and she is very passionate about theatre, puppies, equity, and getting the most for her money’s worth.
Biography

I am starting this year as a junior at UNLV, majoring in Economics and minoring in Statistics. My past two years have been eventful and fruitful. Since attending UNLV, I have succeeded academically while making the Dean’s List, and enriching my academic experience through my various classes at UNLV.

I have also been involved at UNLV through extra-curricular activities. These activities have helped me in my professional growth and development. At UNLV, I was the only freshman to make the UNLV Mock Trial team in 2018, and continued serving as Treasurer of Mock Trial, while competing in regional and national competitions. I also helped to establish and participate in the only Ethics Bowl team in the State of Nevada, our first year qualifying to Nationals. I also participated in various events through the Economics club, and as of March 2018, I served as the Lee Business School Senator and as Chair of the Ways and Means committee. I have greatly enjoyed being involved in the UNLV community.

While serving as a Lee Business Senator since March 2018, I have been able to work with various individuals on various different projects, such as increasing Student Organization funding, increasing health and safety measures on campus, and advocating the needs of the Lee Business School. If elected, I will increase volunteer opportunities on campus. Throughout my four years in high school, I volunteered over 100 hours throughout the Las Vegas community, and giving back to the community is an important issue to my heart.

If elected, I will work to increase advertising for student organization funding and work to ensure that CSUN funds the maximum amount of student organizations. If elected, I will continue to work with our administration to encourage and reward academic achievement. I will also work to ensure that the Lee Business School is as inclusive as possible.

Most importantly, if elected, I will listen to the wants and needs of all undergraduate students and advocate with vigor for YOUR needs and YOUR wants. This is only just a little bit about me and my two years at UNLV. I hope that I can earn your vote and help change UNLV for the better together.
Mission Statement

I wish to hold a senate office so that I can represent my fellow students in the Lee Business School and make a difference that benefits us. As Business Students at UNLV, we are the future leaders in our respective fields and should have all of the necessary tools to maximize our potential.
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