



# Student Voter Guide 2025

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

*For Elections to be Held on April 22 and 23 from 8:00 am to 11:30 pm.*

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# Introduction

## About Student Elections

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

## Get Involved

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

## How to Vote

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There are no voting stations on campus. Students will be able to vote from any computer or mobile device with internet access on April 22 and April 23, from 8:00 am to 11:30 pm each day. For more information please visit: [losrios.edu/elections](https://losrios.edu/elections). To cast your vote:

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

## Why You Should Vote

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

## Role of the Student Association

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

# American River College

Candidate statements are published as submitted by the candidate

## Student Senate Candidates

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### Student Senate President

#### Soraya Amin

Hi! I'm Soraya Amin, your current ASB Vice President. I'm honored to be running for ASB President at American River College. As a first-generation Afghan immigrant, I carry with me not only the weight of what could have been but also the responsibility to create what can be. Education is more than just a personal journey; it's a privilege I use to uplift others who may still be waiting behind locked school gates. At ARC, I found my ikigai; the intersection of what I love, what I'm good at, what the world needs, and how I can make a difference. It's what led me to serve as your ASB Vice President, where I helped create committees to address access to halal food, support for students with different abilities, affordable course materials, and barriers that hold students back from reaching their full potential. I also collaborated with the Clubs and Events Board to host Club Days and Career Fairs, helping students find their communities, build confidence, and discover new paths. Through these efforts, I have been fortunate to hear so many of your stories, and I have worked to turn that feedback into action. If elected President, I'll continue to strengthen this bridge between students and leadership. I'll advocate for expanded financial aid support, basic needs resources, and better transparency so students know where their fees go and how to access what they are entitled to. I know what it is like to navigate Assist.org and transfer requirements on my own, trying to figure out which courses I needed without enough guidance. That experience inspired me to create more opportunities for students to receive peer-led support with transferring, scholarships, and career planning outside counseling offices. I have already hosted workshops on resumes, LinkedIn, and scholarship applications, and I want to expand those resources so that every student feels equipped and supported. I want ARC to be more than just a stop on your journey; I want it to be a launchpad that propels you toward your goals. Leadership, to me, is about listening, showing up, and doing the work with heart. Let's build a campus that reflects your needs, your voice, and your dreams together. Vote Soraya Amin for ASB President. From Locked Gates to Open Doors—let's open the future, together.

### Student Senate Vice-President

#### Hadia Amini

Since joining the Student Senate last semester, I have been passionate about helping other students and improving our campus. As an immigrant and first-generation college student, I understand how challenging it can be to navigate higher education. Many students are unaware of the resources available to them and struggle to figure out their next steps after starting community college. My goal is to help guide students to the right resources and support systems so they can make the most of their time here.

## Marilyn Garcia

Hello, fellow beavers! My name is Marilyn Garcia, and I'm running for Student Senate Vice President for the 2025-2026 academic year. As Director of Finance on the Clubs and Events Board, I've gained invaluable leadership experience, and I'm eager to build on that as Vice President. Through my journey, I've developed a commitment to accessibility and inclusivity, ensuring that every student can fully engage in campus life, regardless of their circumstances. I believe it's crucial to maintain the progress we've made in advocating for mental health resources and campus-wide inclusivity. If elected, I will work diligently to continue championing these initiatives, ensuring that all students feel seen, heard, and empowered to succeed. I'm ready to bring a fresh perspective and a strong dedication to serve all students on our campus. Thank you for your support!

## Lucienne Kim

Fellow students of American River College, My name is Lucienne Kim, and I am thrilled to run for Vice President of the 2025-26 Senate. To briefly introduce myself, I am a second-year Political Science major and an active member of the current Student Senate. Additionally, I am a proud participant of the Model United Nations club, the ARC Orchestra, the PRISE community, and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Through various experiences over the past year at American River College, I have developed a deep appreciation and genuine love for this campus. This community has given me countless opportunities to grow, connect, and collaborate with inspiring individuals. While gaining valuable experience in leadership and advocacy, I have witnessed the power we hold as students in shaping a campus that truly reflects our shared values. These experiences have reinforced my belief that every student deserves to be heard, valued, and supported. As your Vice President, I will commit to ensuring that your voices are heard and that our Student Senate works for you. My goal is to make American River College a place where all students of all backgrounds have opportunities to thrive. To achieve this, we must create a campus environment where every student feels a true sense of belonging. I will advocate for expanding programs that promote cultural diversity and inclusion. Additionally, I will work to increase access to vital student resources such as mental health services and establish peer mentorship programs to help students navigate academic and personal challenges. Through various initiatives, I hope to create a school that supports individuality and celebrates diversity. College is more than just academics. It is a community where we connect, grow, and support one another. Student government should not only be a strong voice for students but also an attentive ear, actively listening to all perspectives and concerns, no matter how big or small. As your Vice President, I promise to always keep an open ear—to listen and learn about the needs of our diverse student body. Our voices matter, and I will dedicate myself to ensuring they are heard and acted upon. I would be honored to have your support in building a more inclusive and empowered student body. Thank you for reading my statement. Lucienne Kim.

## Alina Krayla

“Every opinion matters, and if you have an opportunity to voice it—go for it.” Following this statement throughout my life has been a choice I will never regret. Without engagement and effort, there will never be any results, especially the ones you desire, I truly believe that the same principle applies to the Student Senate. Its role is not just to represent the students of American River College, but to actively listen, respond, and create meaningful change that will benefit the well-being of campus. My experience as the president of the Women in STEM club showed me how important inclusivity, advocacy for your rights, and a sense of belonging are. In this role, I have worked to create a space where every student can share



their concerns without being judged, ensuring that their voices are valued and their talents are not overlooked. I want to bring that same dedication to the Student Senate and expand it even further, ensuring that all students, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or belief, feel supported and seen. The decision to run as a Vice President of the Senate was also fueled by my desire to strengthen communication between students and the college administration, since after working for almost two years in Admissions and Records, I know how tough it can be for students to have their voices heard. I will do my best to help build a more transparent system where students feel comfortable sharing their perspectives and know that their inputs will definitely reach the ears of the Los Rios Administration.

## Student Senate Director of Finance

Luke Bourez

As the current Director of Finance (and Chess Club president), I bring experience in managing budgets and ensuring responsible funding. I hope to provide better financial recommendations for the student senate, helping us access and manage resources more effectively. I look forward to continuing my work with the student body next year!

## Student Senate Legislative Analyst

Nakita Karachev

Since childhood, I have been deeply interested in the law and the workings of government. That is why I decided to run for this proposed position. I am currently a student majoring in Administration of Justice and have excellent academic performance in all my classes. In the future, I plan to continue my education in law school to gain a deeper understanding of the legal system and dedicate myself to a career in this field. I am drawn to the opportunity to apply legal knowledge in practice, to analyze and compare different aspects of the law, and to find the optimal balance between crime and punishment. I especially value the structure of the legal system based on precedent, as it requires a deep understanding of previous rulings and the ability to apply that experience to current cases. I strive to be goal-oriented and to achieve the objectives I set for myself, and I greatly respect these qualities in others. The core values that guide me in life are honesty, fairness, and a genuine desire to help those in need. I believe these principles are essential not only in my future profession but in any work aimed at serving the community. I am sincerely interested in making our college an even better and more progressive place. Serving in this position would be a valuable experience for me, helping me develop leadership skills and preparing me for further studies and a career in the legal field.

## Student Senate Senators (Up to 15 Positions Total)

### Ramses Galvez

Hello, my name is Ramses Galvez. I am majoring in Welding and Business. Since beginning my college journey at ARC in 2016, I have been actively involved in student organizations, including Latinos Unidos, Puente, and C.U.S.A. I have also taken on leadership roles in each of these clubs, serving in positions ranging from Treasurer to President. In 2018, I took a bigger step in student leadership by running for a Senator position in the ARC Student Senate. I was elected and served for that year. In 2019, eager to make a greater impact and continue learning, I ran for Student Senate President and was honored to be elected. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I had to withdraw from college. However, during my time in student leadership, I believe I did my best to represent and support all students at ARC. The experience helped me grow both academically and professionally, as well as personally. I recently returned to college in Fall 2024, and this Spring 2025 semester, I rejoined ASB because I still believe I can make a difference by representing and supporting the students at ARC. Additionally, I want to continue growing and learning through my involvement in ASB. If elected again, I will remain committed to advocating for and assisting every student at ARC to the best of my ability. My goal is to be a resource for all students who need guidance or have concerns about their college journey. Outside of ASB, I work as a peer mentor at the UndocuScholar Center on campus. If you, a friend, or a family member need help enrolling in college or accessing ARC's resources programs, I am always available to assist. Do not be afraid or shy to reach out to me. ¡Gracias! (Thank You!)

### Lorenzo Limon

Hey everyone, my name is Lorenzo Limon, and I am a Business Management student here at ARC. I know firsthand how challenging it can be to balance school, work, and everything else life throws at us. As a Latino student, I also understand the importance of having a voice that truly represents our experiences and our needs. I am running for Senator because I believe ARC should be a place where every student feels heard and supported. My goal is to improve access to resources, ensure that student concerns are taken seriously, and create a stronger, more connected campus community. I want to help make sure every student has the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their background. If elected, I will work closely with fellow members of the Student Senate to address the issues that matter most to students and bring about real change. Estare aqui para ayudar.

### Andrey Ratz

I am Andrey Dimitrievich Ratz, a freshman at American River College working to transfer to a UC for Electrical Engineering or Computer Engineering. I'm looking to represent students who are low income/have low income families, students who are first generation born in America, students who have families who speak a language other than English at home, and engineering majors. At the moment, I plan on trying to help advocate about/solve the following problems: Better ways to connect with peers to help each other study—While currently you can just speak to others in your class to create a group chat or server or some discussion post, I believe a campus-wide system of some sort specifically for solving problems in various fields could be implemented to increase the amount of resources students will have and increase communication among students. Whether this be a forum, logical system, or board of some kind—I don't know yet, I plan on discussing it while in the student senate. Streamlining the process to get in touch with school officials (The majority of staff do a great job and work hard but I have sent out emails

to several ARC emails with no response!) This is because it was very hard for me this semester to get in touch with staff for very minor questions, and even when I did get in touch many times I have been sent on a wild goose chase or they simply did not know the answer. Lack of open resources for certain classes, especially free alternatives to the paid books. Some students have no access to financial aid for one reason or another yet are still struggling financially, I believe this would ease their burden, and many books will cover the same topics just with different practice attached, so unless course is highly specific this should be realistic to implement. In the case I am elected, feel free to email andreydratz@gmail.com if you have any other problems you believe I should advocate about.

### Adrian Lopez

My name is Adrian Lopez, and though I may not be a typical student, I'm here with a unique perspective and boundless energy to make a difference. My main goal in running for a Senate position would be to foster a more connected and supportive campus environment, where everyone's voice feels heard including those from my demographics. I'd aim to improve communication between students and administration, advocate for more inclusive events and activities, and help ensure resources are accessible to all students. As for a little about myself, I love engaging with diverse ideas, finding creative solutions to challenges, and supporting people in their goals. I might need an energy drink to fuel me during midterms or finals week, I totally get how demanding and exciting college life can be!" but we are lack in some areas and I would love to be the voice that advocates for those needs.

### Alonzo Smith

Hello! my name is Alonzo Smith, I am a mechanical engineer major whose getting ready to pass his first semester with flying colors. I love to love and enjoy the simple things in life such as community, communication, music, food and fun. there are a lot of things that fall under that "fun" umbrella and I know personally, I would like to try them all. In my spare time I make music, play video games and tinker with electronics/technology. My goals for senate are to help bring the entire school closer together and to help allocate resources to our brothers and sisters who need it. Outside of your personal family we are all ARC, and to me ARC is a family. I am here to help promote that through political and social advances in senate.

## Vacant Student Senate Positions

*These positions will be filled through appointment.*

- Director of Legislative Affairs
- Director of Communications
- Director of Public Relations
- Director of Media Relations
- Senate Whip
- Senators (up to 15 positions available)

# Clubs and Events Board Candidates (CAEB)

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## Clubs and Events Board President

### Sahar Hafiz

Hi, I'm Sahar, and I'm running for CAEB President! I currently serve as Vice President of CAEB, where I've had the chance to support our amazing clubs and help bring exciting events to campus. I'm running because I believe student life should be fun, inclusive, and something everyone feels a part of. My goal is to make CAEB more accessible, bring clubs together, and create events that reflect the diversity and creativity of our campus. If elected, I'll continue to listen to your ideas, support your voices, and work hard to make ARC a place where everyone feels seen and connected. THANK YOU!

## Clubs and Events Board Vice-President

### April Starr

My name is April Starr and I was the 2024-2025 CAEB Director of Communications. My role was to provide adequate minutes/notes of each meeting. I have never missed a meeting and have always done the meeting minutes within two hours of the meeting. Taking these experiences, I would love to apply them to the position I am running for now which is the CAEB Vice President. Outside of my duties during the last school year, I was the presidential chair of the CAEB Bylaws Committee, presidential chair of the Scrapbooking Committee, CAEB rep on the Senate Activities Committee, and a member of the Club Day Committee. I was able to successfully help change outdated bylaws and through many emails, meetings, and the help provide a Yearbook of events and clubs on campus. I was also able to help create activities for Club Days. Most notably, the scavenger hunts that students seemed to enjoy. My other extracurricular activities include Creative Writing and Wellness Club where I was the President. I was also President of Arts and Crafts Club where we hosted fun creative activities. The other positions and clubs I were in were Treasurer of DND Club (Fall 2024 Semester), Treasurer of Circle K (Fall 2024 and Spring 2025), Treasurer of Videogame Club (Spring 2025), and a member of PTK Honor Society. During High School, I was also very active in making a change. I held a secretary region officer position in an organization called FCCLA as well as a treasurer chapter position. I believe I would best be suited for the CAEB Vice President because of my vast experiences with CAEB, its bylaws, and with how active I am. I have never missed any meeting and have always completed my job to the best of my abilities. My goal if I were to be elected as Vice President is to better communicate between Clubs and continue to foster unique and diverse clubs.

## Clubs and Events Board Director of Activities

### Juniper Halcomb

My name is Juni I'm currently the director of public relations on the Club and Events Board, Secretary of Creative writing and Wellness Club, and Vice president of Arts and Crafts club. I have so many Ideas for different club activities and events so I'm running for CAEB's Director of Activities.

## Martha Kamara

Hey everyone, it's Mae (Martha Kamara), back at it again, running for Director of Activities, because why stop when we are just getting started? I am a computer science major in my second semester at ARC, and if you have been to any events, fundraisers, or just caught me running around campus making things happen, you already know I'm all about bringing people together and keeping things fun, fresh, and actually worth showing up to, basically making sure campus life is actually fun, not just something on a flyer. Last semester, I helped organize some of the club days, kept things running smoothly, and let's be real; probably hit you with a reminder (or three) to show up. And I'm not sopping there. Why? Well because I don't just want to plan events, I want to level them up. More creative ideas, better collaborations, and making sure when something's happening you want to be there. Plus, let's be honest who else is going to give you those reminders, keep the vibes right, and make sure there is always good food and snacks at the events? Exactly. So, vote Martha :) for Director of Activities because boring is not an option.

## Dayana Menera

Hello, my name is Dayana, and I'm excited to introduce myself as a candidate for office. As a kind and shy person, I've often found myself drawn to roles where I can make a positive impact while working collaboratively with others. As a leader, I'm committed to being a voice for those who may not have one. My goal is to create a more inclusive and compassionate community, where everyone has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. I believe in the importance of active listening, empathy, and understanding in building strong relationships and finding effective solutions to complex problems. Throughout my life, I've been driven by a strong sense of justice and a desire to make a difference. I've been involved in various community organizations and initiatives, working to promote social justice, environmental sustainability, and education. As your representative, I promise to work tirelessly to address the issues that matter most to our community. I'll strive to be a responsive and accountable leader, always putting the needs of our community first. I'm excited about the opportunity to serve and contribute to the growth and prosperity of our community. Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to earning your trust and support.

## Clubs and Events Board Director of Media Relations

### Seerat Batth

Hi everyone, I'm Seerat (See-Rith), a first-year student double majoring in Political Science and English, hoping to transfer to a four year university in 2026. I'm running to be your Director of Media Relations for the Associated Student Body Clubs and Events Board for 2025-2026! I believe that going to American River College, student life, and events should be exciting, engaging, and accessible to everyone. I want to make sure you hear about the amazing clubs, events, and opportunities happening on campus, not just through word of mouth but through creative and interactive media. Whether it's designing content that hypes up our colleges' events or organizing to advocate for students' opinions, I will make sure to do my best to make our campus feel connected even in an online space. Why should you trust me to get the job done? I have experience as the social media manager for my high school mental health advocacy group. In just a few months, I helped grow our instagram page to over 200 followers and received more than 40 applications from students wanting to join our group. I know how to create content that grabs attention and brings people together. As an English major, I have skills to communicate effectively and make sure students' voices are heard loud and clear. I will work closely with the Director of Public Relations and the

rest of the Executive Committee to boost students' voices, showcase clubs, and make sure our events get the attention they deserve. My goal is to turn our media presence into something fun and engaging, and worth following. If you want student life to be more visible, more inclusive, and just more in general, you should vote for me!

## Amrit Sahota

My name is Amrit Sahota, this is my first year as a full-time student at American River College, and I am currently majoring in computer science. The primary responsibilities of the Director of Media Relations include creating graphics and potentially managing social media accounts for the CAEB, alongside attending meetings to collaborate with other students. While I was in high school, I familiarized myself with a variety of graphic design techniques that have allowed me to form a sense of expertise in presenting information appealingly and formally. I am currently the webmaster for the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library. This library-adjacent organization sells and provides books to the community and funds programs for all age groups; their website is updated monthly to inform viewers about upcoming events. In high school, I served as my division's Key Club webmaster, and my duties consisted of using the Key Club social media to push event information and create volunteer recaps in an eye-catching way. Additionally, I currently run a social media account creating graphics for small artists to help them reach broader audiences. These opportunities have allowed me to become the perfect candidate. I graduated from high school the summer after my sophomore year through the California Proficiency program. After obtaining my certificate, I enrolled full-time at American River College and have worked closely with counselors to build my education plan. I am set to graduate with my Bachelor's degree in Computer Science in 2029, enabling me to continue to serve in this role even beyond my first term. In my free time, I enjoy travelling, scrapbooking, and catching up with friends and family. Over the summer, I plan on launching a browser extension and expanding my audience for social media. My vision for this role includes using student feedback to create relevant designs and enable an environment of growth and creativity. My goal is to ultimately help the CAEB reach more of the student body through the use of social media. As someone who loves to interact and help out the community, this role is perfect for me. I wish nothing more than to ultimately better the CAEB and increase efficiency and effectiveness all around. I'd love to have your support at ARC and contribute my abilities. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to meeting you all as your newly elected Director of Media Relations.

## Vacant CAEB Positions

*These positions will be filled through appointment.*

- CAEB Director of Public Relations
- Club Representative Whip
- CAEB Historian

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# Cosumnes River College

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## Student Senate Candidates

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### Student Senate President

Emaan Qamar

Hi! My name is Emaan Qamar and I am a freshman here at Cosumnes River College! I am also a first-generation college student and a proud South East Asian Muslim, who's running to be your next Vice President of the CRC Student Senate! Starting on an honest note, I am not here for a title- I am here for you. Being a community college student is a unique experience, we're all on different paths, but we work hard and should have more recognition. I also know the struggles of being the oldest in a cultural household navigating college and being alone for the journey. These struggles are exactly why I am running for this position, to make this campus even more supportive and connected. I believe CRC already has awesome staff and many resources to help students navigate their educational journey, but realistically many students either are not aware of them or aren't comfortable using them. I want to change this. Some of my main goals are listed here: \* Ensure students are aware & use important resources at CRC; \*Increase the amount of resources on campus; \*Advocate for ALL student's voices and their interests & concerns; \*Holding better communication and transparency between students and leadership, because you deserve to know what's happening & be apart of it! Now, what are my credentials? Well, I am a part of an organization called TAY funded by MAS-SSF and in partnership with CAYEN & 15 other non profit organizations. The TAY Youth Program is dedicated to empower youth of color in the Northern California region. I have been with TAY for almost 2 years as the lead advocate of several events consisting of Sacramento County school district leaders and council members. I have also successfully co- founded the first South Asian Cultural Appreciation Club at my former high school, bringing a new era of cultural awareness to our campus and creating an inclusive environment that was founded on my school's exclusivity and cultural divide. I'm outspoken, persistent, and passionate—but most importantly, I'm just like you: a student trying to make the most of this opportunity, and leave CRC better than I found it. I do not only have goals, but visions of a greater CRC! So, Vote Emaan Qamar for Vice President—because your voice deserves power, and I'll make sure it's heard! Connect with me! Instagram: @em33n      LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/in/emaan-qamar-98986a335](http://www.linkedin.com/in/emaan-qamar-98986a335)

### Student Senate Secretary

Lauren Barnes

Your voice is my voice! I am Lauren Barnes. I am running for Student Senate Secretary. Thanks to my previous leadership experience, I can provide transparency of student government affairs and competency with fulfilling all tasks. Make your voice count!

## Annie Ng

From my experiences at Folsom Lake College, I have gained many insights that I want to share to help improve this school. My goal is to foster a warm and welcoming environment where every student feels included and knows this campus is for them. By serving in this role, I hope I can help in any way to contribute and have positive changes in students' lives.

## Student Senate Treasurer

### Keira Moeckly

I am running for treasurer because I want to make sure our funds are used in ways to benefit the entire student body. By managing our funds effectively, it can help create better events, programs, or initiatives. I also enjoy working with others to allocate funds and would love to develop better skills in financing.

## Student Senate Director of Legislative Affairs

### Dennise Valdez

I previously held this position and helped organize meetings during lobby day. I also attended the Washington D.C conference to advocate for the Department of Education. I also connected with programs on our campus to better understand the environment of our college. I was also chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee.

## Student Senate Senator (Up to 11 Positions Total)

### Shahabuddin Abmed

I DESIRE TO SERVE OUR COLLEGE AND ITS STUDENTS FAITHFULLY AND WITH INTEGRITY

### Raymond Lu

As a CRC student who has been serving in the student senate for a year, I wish to continue my involvement and become an effective contributor to CRC and its community to the best of my ability!

### Hadia Sediqi

I have been a senator for the past two years and I would love to continue my role as a senator and help out students.



## Vacant Student Senate Positions

*These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.*

- President
- Senators (up to 11 positions total)

## Clubs and Events Board Candidates (CAEB)

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### Clubs and Events Board Commissioner

#### Dunia Ahadi

I am seeking office because I believe my previous leadership experience in both high school and college has equipped me with the skills and ideas needed to make a positive impact. Having been involved in student organizations and governance, I am familiar with the rules and best practices for running efficient meetings and making decisions that serve the student body. This means I can jump right in without the need for additional training. My goal is to bring fresh ideas to the table and help foster a stronger, more connected community among students. I am committed to creating an inclusive environment where all voices are heard and valued.

#### Angelina Miller

I would like to make a change at Cosumnes River college by engaging my colleagues into becoming more involved on our campus/college community. When being commissioner, I would be the voice for students as an entirety while promoting a sense of belongness as a school – whether it be our clubs, classes, or socially. While representing clubs, students can voice to me any questions or concerns that I would happily be able to assist since we as a community are supposed to represent one whole.

### Clubs and Events Board Secretary

#### Trish Ho

Hello everyone! My name is Trish Ho, I am running for the position of Secretary for the Club and Events Board (CAEB). As Secretary, I am committed to representing you, advocating for your needs and interests. I hope to foster a sense of community by inspiring student involvement and empowering student voices. With your vote, we can increase student engagement by building a stronger community.

## Clubs and Events Board Director of Finance

### Jamison Jacobs

I'm excited to have the opportunity to possibly return next year as CAEB's Director of Finance. It was a tremendous learning experience to come on board this semester. I feel with every CAEB meeting, my fellow board members and I were able to bring about impactful events. With so much done, there is still so much to do, and I'd be honored to continue my work as the returning Director of Finance.

## Clubs and Events Board Events Coordinator

### Meliza Perkins

I am eager to seek the position of Events Coordinator at Cosumnes River College because I believe I have the skills and passion to make a real impact on student events. With my experience in planning and organizing events, I am excited to contribute by enhancing advertising efforts, actively listening to student voices, and fostering greater involvement on campus. I want to help create events that not only bring students together but also reflect the diverse needs and interests of our community. My goal is to make Cosumnes River College a place where inclusivity and fun go hand in hand, offering memorable experiences that engage everyone and make our campus feel like a vibrant, welcoming space for all.

### Hansen Wang

Hello everyone! My name is Hansen, and I'm excited to announce my candidacy for the Events Coordinator position on the Clubs and Events Board (CAEB). This is my second year at CRC as a psychology student, and I've been actively involved in campus life through the role as the president of ELLIS (English Language Learner and Immigrant Support) Club, student advocate for CIB (Center for Inclusion and Belonging), and the secretary of Psychology Scholars Society. Being part of CRC's student community has shown me how powerful events can be in bringing people together. Whether it's a cultural celebration, academic workshop, or social gathering, events help create an inclusive space where students can connect, share ideas, and celebrate their unique cultural backgrounds. I am eager to continue building that sense of community by serving as the Events Coordinator. In my time on campus, I've had the opportunity to both lead and assist in organizing various events as the president of ELLIS Club and the secretary of Psychology Scholars Society. These experiences have helped me develop essential skills in time management, team coordination, and promotional outreach. I'm familiar with the event proposal process and understand the importance of clear communication, collaboration with clubs, and attention to detail. If elected, my goal is to create events that reflect the diverse interests and cultures of our student body. I want every student to feel represented and encouraged to participate. I also plan to strengthen communication between clubs so we can support each other's efforts and increase event turnout. As Events Coordinator, I will maintain an organized and accessible calendar of events and ensure all advertising is consistent and inclusive. I'm also passionate about helping newer clubs get involved and feel supported. Events are a great way for smaller or emerging clubs to gain visibility and grow, and I want to make sure they have the opportunity to shine. I'll work closely with the Events Committee to ensure all voices are heard and that we're planning with purpose and equity in mind. Most importantly, I want to make student life more engaging and enjoyable for everyone. If elected, I will bring energy, responsibility,

and creativity to the role—and I will always be open to hearing your ideas. Thank you for considering me as your next CAEB Events Coordinator. I hope to earn your vote and your trust.

## Vacant CAEB Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

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

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# Folsom Lake College

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## Student Senate Candidates

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### Student Senate President

#### Alisha Nagpal

My name is Alisha Nagpal, a second year political science student aiming for a transfer to a four year, and I am running for President of the Student Senate. Currently, I serve as the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Student Senate and have so for the past two years. In these past two years I have truly enjoyed my time in this role and would like to serve in an even greater capacity. I have loved and appreciated being part of the campus community through being a student representative in our participatory governance committees, organizing events such as Lobby Day, working on campus, and increasing student engagement alongside the rest of ASFLC. Off campus I enjoy working out, traveling, hiking, and spending time with my friends and family. We Got This!

### Student Senate Vice President

#### Seline Venzon

My name is Seline Venzon and I am a current full time student at Folsom Lake College majoring in Computer Science and Engineering. I currently am also an employee at the Welcome Student Success Center. As a second year student, I enjoy collaborating with my peers on topics in and out of my field of study and engaging with new, returning and current students. Aside from my academics, I enjoy spending time with family and friends. As former Treasurer and Vice President of ASFLC, I take pride in advocating for the students of Folsom Lake College. It is important that your voices are heard. With my experience and dedication, I will work diligently to ensure your needs and concerns as a student are met and addressed. Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive campus community where every student's voice matters, fostering active engagement and collaboration. Elect me as your officer to continue to amplify your voices.

### Student Senate Secretary

#### Shreya Sareen

Hello, my name is Shreya Sareen and I'm currently majoring in Computer Science at Folsom Lake College and I hope to transfer to a UC to obtain a Master's degree in Computer Science and Engineering. I am running for the position of Secretary for the Student Senate because I am committed to representing the interests and addressing the concerns of our student body. My goal is to ensure that all important

information is communicated efficiently to all members and students. Having served as Secretary for the Student Senate during the 2023-2024 academic year, I found fulfillment in being involved with the Senate and I hope to continue being a part of the Student Senate in this role.

## Student Senate Treasurer

### Paloma Ramirez

I am Paloma Ramirez and this is my first year as a college student. I have high tenacity and I always work hard for the things I want. I like trying new things by putting myself out there and expanding my horizons because it helps me grow as a person. I'm very good with managing my time as well as organization, I like to know I'm making the best of my time. I'm running for a position as treasurer because I want to become more involved with my school as well as gain experience. I believe this position will also help grow my knowledge in different fields and I will be a part of something that is helping the school. I also know that as treasurer, I will be gaining more skills and help me demonstrate I can be a good leader.

## Student Senate Director of Legislative Affairs

### Lauren Hedtke

“From Campus to Capitol- Advocating for You! Lauren Hedtke is a current student senator and passionate student advocate. In her free time, she enjoys reading, swimming, journaling, and volleyball. Lauren has persevered through many challenges in life, and channels that resilience in every role she takes on. She intends on taking her commitment to student advocacy a step further by becoming Director of Legislative Affairs, spearheading intensive lobbying efforts for the FLC Student Senate. Lauren wants to ensure that students of every background are empowered to have their voices heard at the state level. She is ready to take on this role's responsibilities, while keeping track of current legislative events, making informed recommendations to the Student Senate. Her dedication to fostering acceptance, celebrating diversity, and pursuing excellence will ensure the student body thrives. Lauren is committed to shaping policies that benefit the Folsom Lake College community, securing a brighter future for the next generation of students.

### Khadijah Atthar

Championing Solutions: Your Needs, Your Way! Khadijah Atthar is a long-time community member who stands as a proven advocate for an inclusive and equitable college environment. With an experienced track record of successful lobbying at the Capitol and a commitment to addressing pressing student issues, from affordability, transportation, to counseling services, Khadijah brings a wealth of experience and passion to the role of Director of Legislative Affairs. Along with founding a local nonprofit for refugees, her leadership roles in Speech and Debate, prestigious national public speaking awards, and extensive policy lobbying experience at the Capitol demonstrate her ability to champion diverse voices and deliver meaningful results. Khadijah's unique perspective as a minority and her dedication to amplifying marginalized voices make her a compelling choice for students seeking effective representation and tangible outcomes. As Director, Khadijah will mobilize lobbying efforts for policies that ensure the Senate champions your needs effectively, spearheading the path to your academic success.

## Student Senate Senators (Up to 15 Positions)

### Sara Schulz

I am running for one of the Senators in Student Senate. I have been the Commissioner of CAEB for two years and would like to take my passion for bringing students together over to Senate and further represent the student voice. This coming fall will be my third and final year at FLC. I'm a premed major and enjoy spending time in nature, horseback riding, and volunteering.

### Yahaira Romo-Gutiérrez

“Vote Yah for Yahaira!” Yahaira is currently a Senator and the Communications Officer in the Student Senate of Folsom Lake College She is majoring in Anthropology and is working in the Student Life Department. She values student input and working towards goals that will help students succeed.

## Vacant Student Senate Positions

*These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.*

- Senators (up to 13 positions total)

## Clubs and Event Board Candidates

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### Clubs and Events Board Commissioner

#### Angelina Knuc

Hello everyone! My name is Angelina Khuc and I am currently a first year student studying Business Administration. I am currently the Vice Commissioner for the Clubs and Events Board (CAEB) and the CAEB representative for Senate. As of right now, I am serving on the Strategic Planning Committee, where I help draft the education master plan for FLC. From my experience as Vice Commissioner, I have gained plenty of experience in planning events and understanding the amount of hard work that goes into making them fun and enjoyable. As future Commissioner of CAEB, my goal is to make sure the ideas and opinions of FLC students are heard. Vote for Angelina.

## Vacant CAEB Positions

*These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.*

- Vice Commissioner
- Events Coordinator
- \*Director of Finance
- \*CAEB At-Large Delegates (up to 10 positions total)
- \*Secretary
- \*Historian

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## Folsom Lake College Associated Students Constitutional Amendment

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*Per Article XIII of the Associated Students of Folsom Lake College Constitution, any amendment requires the ratification of 2/3 of the students voting in the election:*

*From this article and following the passage of the concurrent resolutions by the Student Senate and the Clubs and Events Board, the following represents the expressed changes to the ASFLC Constitution if ratified by the general student body of Folsom Lake College.*

### **Resolution: Amendments to the ASFLC Constitution**

#### Associated Students of Folsom Lake College Constitutional Amendment

##### Article I, Section 2, Line E

- Replace "acceptance" with "equity"

##### Article VI, Section 4, Line VII

- Combine points 4 and 5 "curriculum development and initiation or discontinuation of courses or programs of study"

##### Article VII, Section 2, Line B

- Add "at least 5 units each semester"

##### Article VII, Section 2, Line C

- Replace "SGVT 495" with "SGVT 300"

##### Article VIII, Section 2, Line B

- Add "at least 5 units each semester"

##### Article VIII, Section 4, Line B, Sub-line V

- Replace "Report back to constituents applicable information" with "Report back applicable information to Student Senate and Clubs and Events Board"

##### Article X, Section 4, Line B

Add in "about representative democracy, free and fair elections, and voting"

# Sacramento City College

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## Student Senate Candidates

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### Student Senate President

#### Nathaniel Petueli

As President, I will have the unique opportunity to represent the collective voice of the diverse student body, advocating for their needs, interests, and concerns in discussions with the administration and other campus leaders. I desire to be a powerful force for change, pushing for initiatives that reflect the values and aspirations of our fellow students. I want to be able to advocate for policies that improve students' academic experiences, mental health support, financial aid accessibility, campus safety, and overall well-being. Running for President is a big commitment, but it also offers an incredible opportunity to possibly shape the future of our campus, enhance my personal growth, and make a lasting impact on the student body. This opportunity gives me a chance to lead with purpose, improve the student experience, and leave a legacy at Sacramento City College. My interests are in Leadership: - Current Vice President of Student Senate SCC; - Served as Treasurer for Pasifika Connections Club and Dreamers United Club on campus; - One of the leaders of the newest learning community on campus: VAKA Learning Community; - Attended conferences and training on behalf of the school; APAHE Conference, NHPI Educators Conference, AANAPISI Conference, Voyagers on the Rise Conference, Los Rios District Student Leadership Training for Lobby day, and General Assembly of the Student Senate for CA Community Colleges.; - Currently working in the Undocu-Resource Center as a temp clerk 1 serving the Undocu, Mixed Status and Immigrant student/ staff Population on campus. Currently the advisor for the Student Ambassadors Program we have on campus by the CCC Foundation Office.

### Student Senate Vice President

#### Kuyper Holland

Hey Panthers! My name is Kuyper Holland, and I'm excited to announce my candidacy for Vice President of the Student Senate. As the current Treasurer of the Sacramento City College Student Senate, I've had the opportunity to help manage the student funds and work on amazing projects like our scholarship fundraiser. During my time as Treasurer, I learned the importance of transparency, collaboration, and advocating for student needs. I'm passionate about equity and servant leadership, and I believe that leadership means listening, learning, and taking action. If elected Vice President, I plan to spend more time talking to everyone and gauging what issues are most pressing on campus. I will be chairperson for our Meeting of the Senators, so I'm looking forward to having the means to get so much more done! Overall, I'm excited to step into this new role, and I won't let you down.



## Student Senate Treasurer

Shaan Johal

My time at Sacramento City College has been nothing but a positive experience. The opportunity to network with Professors, take part in career fairs, explore my new major (Business Administration), and connect with other, like minded ambitious students on campus makes me feel like I have a place here. It's that very satisfaction that motivates me to apply to represent the school as a senator, where I hope to take part in matters concerning the student body, uphold the school's constitution, and have the chance to network with other California Community Colleges to coordinate legislative activity for the sake of the student body, not only at Sacramento City College, but in colleges across the district. Finally, I'd love to have the chance to be a part of the Finance Committee. Financials are the base of any organization, so the chance to oversee the use of the Student Senate budget, aid in forming a budget, make proper investments with the Student Senate budgetary accounts, and more fills me with great excitement. As a Business Administration major, I'd love to apply the skills I've learned in my courses in the real world, and even better, to apply those skills in a context which makes a positive impact on the school community. All in all, the chance to communicate with other professionals in the realm of financials, student senate legislation, formulate budgets, have a say in investments, propose expenditures, network with professionals from other schools to communicate information concerning legislation, and having an impact on my school community motivates me to seek office. I love community service, especially in the Sikh community. Whenever I can, I tend to volunteer at the Bradshaw Gurdwara (a Gurdwara in Sacramento), cleaning the facilities, serving food via Langar, a Sikh tradition of giving free food, and tabling for the Jakara Movement, an organization which promotes leadership opportunity for Sikh Youth. In fact, at UC Davis I had the chance to lead 12 young high schoolers through a day of confidence, leadership, and professional skill development, whilst relaying my own experience as an individual transitioning from pre med to business (I was pre med at UC Irvine during my first year). This experience gave me a taste of what it's like to lead my younger peers, and inspired me to represent and lead my fellow peers as a student senator. I also love basketball and fitness, a good mind is only as good as its body. I'm interested in global economics which is why I'm pursuing the Global Economics Certificate here at Sacramento City College, learning about Data Analysis and earning a Google Career Certificate, and studying math with friends! I also enjoy consulting, and recently completed a Consulting Competition for HBSA at UC Berkeley. For the school, I'm currently chartering two clubs, the first being a Sikh Club at Sacramento City College, and a Consulting Club, hoping to leave an immediate impact and foster professional, and personal development amongst my peers at Sacramento City College.

## Student Senate Secretary of Public Relations

Claire Densmore

I am seeking to renew my time in office as Secretary of Public Relations because I enjoy the work and the community that I am surrounded by. - I am the Secretary of Public Relations for the SCC Student Associated Council' - I am the SCC Delegate for Region II of the Student Senate for CA Community Colleges (SSCCC); - I am the incoming SSSCCC Region II Legislative Affairs Director; - I am a caregiver; - I am an intern with the Lieutenant Governor; - I am an intern with APAPA; - I am a Political Science Major

## Student Senate Secretary of Technology

### Jesus Hernandez

Hey, I'm Jesus Hernandez, and I'm running for Secretary of Technology at Sacramento City College. I'm passionate about using tech to improve student engagement, communication, and accessibility on campus. Right now, I serve on the Superintendent's Youth Advisory Council for Woodland Joint Unified, where I help address student issues alongside district leadership. I'm also the founder and president of the Computer Science Club at Woodland High, where I lead coding projects and promote the everyday importance of technology. I've also worked as the Social Media Manager for the Woodland Youth Council, building community engagement through digital outreach. As a Computer Engineering major, I have both the experience and drive to help make technology at SCC more effective and student-focused. Outside of school, I volunteer at my local library as part of the Teen Advisory Board, help plan events, and stay sharp by fixing up computers and managing my home server lab. I'm also into gaming Ghost of Tsushima is a favorite. I'm excited to bring my tech background and leadership experience to serve our SCC community.

## Student Senate Senators (Up to 20 Positions)

### Jim Rico

I'm seeking running for office for the Student Senate in order to hone a bridge between student questions & concerns and the faculty that it pertains to at Sacramento City College. My job is to become a liaison and provide this feedback in a detailed and professional manner to leadership at Sacramento City College. I'm seeking to run for office to provide a bipartisan approach to efficiency and accountability for the Student Associated Council (SAC) and the Student Senate. This overall effort will make Sacramento City College a better school than it already is. It will foster a culture of integrity, efficiency, and philanthropy. How we'll get this done is by reevaluating our current policies and implementing new ones at Sacramento City College and potentially at a district level for the success and benefit of our current and future students.

## Vacant Student Senate Positions

*These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.*

- Secretary of Sustainability
- Senators (up to 20 positions total)
- \* Secretary of Legislative Affairs
- \* Secretary of Outreach & Development

# Clubs and Events Board Candidates (CAEB)

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## Clubs and Events Board President

Latasha Harris

As I continue my education at SCC I would like to continue to be the voice for the approximate 20,000 students at SCC. I am passionate about bridging the gap between students and resources. I also enjoy planning events that bring the student body together. I enjoy supporting the different departments on campus and ensuring students have their information.

## Clubs and Events Board Treasurer

Denis Lopez

As a student of Sacramento City College, I have noticed a couple issues within the funding of certain clubs. Students are forced to spend money out of their own pockets to keep their clubs running. I am running for treasurer of the Clubs and Events Boards to fix these persistent financial issues. I truly believe that I am the best candidate for this position, as I have witnessed first hand how flawed the financial system is towards Club leaders.

## Clubs and Events Board Secretary

Anjolie Israel

I feel that Sacramento City College needs someone who is determined and able to give the students a voice. I am usually in the back not really giving my input and expressing myself and never really got out there. My first reason for seeking office is to be a part of something and contributing to a community. Most times I don't have any other ways to express myself so I feel that this will help me to take on a big role. I enjoy helping others and love meeting new people and hearing other's opinions and thoughts. Running for office will help me get to know my colleagues and to be able to let the voiceless have a voice. Running for office will be a big accomplishment for me and it will give me the experience that I will need in the long run. This gives me the opportunity to strengthen my leadership skills and have the chance to give back to my community. I want to bring change to the school and show myself that I can make a positive impact on campus. I was born in Fresno California and I came out to Sacramento to attend Job Corps. It has opened me to networking with the mayor of Sacramento and the council member Mrs. Mai Vang. I enjoy volunteering and helping the community and most of the districts. I love helping others and I Like trying new things and doing stuff that encourage growth. I'm real active in the community and I love lending a helping hand. When I started doing more volunteering events I realized how much I enjoy doing it. I like contributing and feeling connected to others. Change is big for me and I feel that it helps me when I do something I'm uncomfortable with.

## Clubs and Events Board Secretary of Equity and Diversity

Amaya Baker

I'm seeking office to be more involved with Sacramento City College. I'd like to understand more about what the councils do: Student Senate or CAEB. I'm looking for more activities around the campus and in the community. I'm interested in photography, journalism, and television setups.

## Vacant CAEB Positions

These positions will be filled through Fall appointment.

- Secretary of Technology
  - Secretary of Public Relations
- \* Vice President

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# Sacramento City College Student Associated Council Constitutional Amendment

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Any change to the Student Associated Council Constitution must be approved by a vote of the student body, after the Council has approved the change to go forward to a vote. The proposed change is to add the following:

## ARTICLE X: Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence in Student Government Section

### X.01 Purpose

The Student Associated Council (SAC) recognizes the growing role of artificial intelligence (AI) in academic and professional settings. While AI can be a valuable tool, it must be used in a way that upholds the integrity, accountability, and human leadership that SAC represents. This section establishes guidelines for the ethical and responsible use of AI by SAC members.

### Section X.02 Permitted Uses of AI

1. AI may be used as a supplementary tool for tasks such as grammar and spell-checking, summarizing notes, scheduling, and improving the clarity of communication.
2. AI-generated content may be used for brainstorming and drafting, provided that the final decisions, revisions, and approvals are made by a student representative.
3. AI may be used for research purposes, such as gathering publicly available information or analyzing data relevant to SAC initiatives.

### Section X.03 Prohibited Uses of AI

1. AI may not be used to fully generate official SAC policies, resolutions, or speeches without meaningful human input, revision, and oversight.
2. AI may not be used to make decisions on behalf of SAC or any of its members, including voting, committee recommendations, or disciplinary actions.
3. AI may not be used to impersonate, fabricate, or manipulate information in a way that misleads students, faculty, or council members.

### Section X.04 Transparency and Accountability

1. Any SAC member who uses AI in official capacities, including drafting speeches, reports, or policy proposals, must disclose its use when submitting the final version.
2. AI involvement must be noted in meeting minutes or relevant documentation when it contributes to policy creation, public addresses, or official SAC communications.
3. Any member found to be violating these guidelines may be subject to review via SAC Standards of Conduct and any appropriate disciplinary measures.

# Los Rios Community College Districtwide Positions

## Student Trustee Candidates

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

### Ethan Bui

As a native of Sacramento, I've spent my life advocating for students and young people. I'm currently pursuing my passion for advocacy as a Senator for CRC and Delegate to the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, where I am exposed to the issues that affect us as students. In the past, I've led numerous political organizations and canvassed for electoral campaigns as a dedicated activist. I've also gained valuable legislative and parliamentary experience from serving as a public policy think tank fellow. As an experienced activist and organizer, I will advocate effectively for your interests. I hope to earn your vote so that we can empower students together.

### Lizzie Lariosa

My name is Lizzie Lariosa, and I am a first-year student majoring in Pre-Health at American River College. I am running for the Student Trustee position because I believe in the power of student representation and the importance of advocating for meaningful change. My commitment to helping others and building stronger communities stems from my experiences in helping out communities and through leadership. One of my most memorable experience was when I coordinated outreach programs in remote areas of the Philippines, where we visited different tribes, exchanged cultures, and provided access to free medical care. These experiences reinforced my passion for service and advocacy which is a value that my grandfather has passed on to me, someone whose commitment to making a difference has always propelled me. Beyond outreach, I took on various leadership roles both in school and in the community. Currently, I commit my time tutoring Math and English at Tutoring Chicago, helping students from low-income households gain the academic support they need while making the learning experience fun. Additionally, I volunteer for hospice patients where I offer companionship and care to those that are in need. Because of these opportunities, I have learned that leadership isn't just about making decisions but it's also about listening, understanding, and taking action. Many students at ARC are still facing challenges related to academic support, financial aid, mental health, and access to campus resources. As Student Trustee, I want to bridge the gap between students and administration and help make policies reflect the needs of our diverse student body. I want to create a more supportive and enriching academic experience for all students in the Los Rios District, making it well known to the students that there are people willing to support them in making their goals a reality.

## Brianna Pham

Hi! My name is Brianna, and I am passionate about contributing to my campus community. While I have not yet had the chance to gain formal experience in the Senate, I have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the process and am eager to get more involved. With one year remaining in the Los Rios Community College District, I am committed to making a positive change and ensuring that students' voices are heard. While my experience is still growing, I bring a deep passion for student advocacy, and I am committed to representing my peers. I am someone who genuinely enjoys listening to others and focusing on their needs. I believe that often, students' voices aren't as heard as they should be, and I will strive to bridge that gap. I firmly believe that open communication and active listening are essential to ensuring the well-being of all students. As a student trustee, I would make it my priority to foster an inclusive environment where all students feel their concerns are considered. My past participation in CAEB (Club and Events Board) has helped me develop skills in leadership, collaboration, and student-focused decision-making. I would be honored to serve as a representative of the student body and contribute to the growth and success of our community. I look forward to the potential opportunity to serve and am excited about the possibility of making a meaningful difference in the lives of students.

## Sapeidah Saeedi

Hi, I'm Sapeidah Saeedi, running for Student Trustee for the Los Rios District. I currently serve as the President of the Clubs and Events Board (CAEB) at American River College and as the CAEB Representative in the ASB Senate. In both roles, I've worked closely with student leaders and administration, giving me a strong understanding of how decisions are made and where student voices often get left out. At ARC, I've met students doing everything right-and still falling behind. Not because they lack ability but because the system often overlooks their realities. From confusing financial aid to limited mental health support, these gaps add up. That's why organizing events like Fem Fest matters. I was proud to help bring it to life; it amplified women's voices and reinforced that they belonged in every space and conversation. I was born in Afghanistan, where girls are now banned from school. If life had gone differently, I wouldn't be here. It's why I care about education and building support where it's missing. That's why, as Student Trustee, I aspire to be like both a fridge and a bridge. A fridge, because sometimes students feel like melting ice cream-stressed, stretched thin, and trying to keep it together. I want to help keep things cool and steady when it matters most. And a bridge, connecting students from all four colleges to the decision-making process and ensuring their voices shape the policies that affect their lives. Being Student Trustee is about showing up and making change happen. It means: - Advocating for stronger mental health support and easier access to resources; - Improving communication between students and administration so students feel informed; - Pushing for more inclusive events and spaces that reflect our district's diversity. We deserve a system where support isn't a privilege-it's a priority. I'm not promising to fix everything overnight. But I'm promising to show up, speak up, and back you up. Trustee? More like, trust me.

# Candidate Forums – Dates & Locations

There shall be at least one public candidate forum held at each college at which all candidates are invited to participate. These forums will be held one week before the elections, starting on April 15.

**Tuesday, April 15 at American River College from 12:00 to 1:30 pm**

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

**Wednesday, April 16 at Cosumnes River College from 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

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Location is in the CRC Library, Room L-106

**Thursday, April 17 at Sacramento City College from 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

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Location is the SCC Student Center.

**Monday, April 21 at Folsom Lake College from 12:00 to 1:00 pm**

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Location is the Peregrine Room (FR-240).