

Candidate Statement  
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I am against bullying and racism, and for advocating for student money, theatre arts & cinema, STEM events, and support for [NASA projects](#) and other events that will help student career, education, and positive spirit.

I have participated in Congressional Visit Days with IEEE, AIAA, and SSSCC to advocate for professional and student funding. I've also been a dedicated member of my community college [Hartnell's Racial Equity Taskforce](#) for over a year.

In the 6 months of my election in 2021, I've reached out to our student delegates and their Student Body Associations to encourage support for student resolutions that extend Pell & Cal Grant funding time limits, address affordable student housing, equitable access to student government & classes by the adoption of hybrid modalities, and to support students with disabilities.

I've also spent many nights and sacrificed much of my personal and studying time to help get important information to delegates, students, and legislators. I've met with college Staff, Professors, Scientists, State, and Local Legislators to discuss issues related to student money, art projects, STEM events, the mask and vaccine debate during COVID, gender bias, discrimination, bullying, and standing up to people who actively blocked a push to engage student discussion about these very important topics.

I've also spent many more nights studying the Region IV bylaws and SSSCC Policies and Procedures to become a more effective leader and advocate as Vice-Chair.

I'm not some career politician trying to claw my way to the top. I'm a staunch supporter of student rights and believe in the rights of people in a democracy. I also support consensus building and team work. Finally, I am an ardent opponent of those who wish to silence constructive discussion and debate.

I truly believe in the Resolution S22.01.02 Mission, Vision, and Values (2022) adopted unanimously by SSSCC delegates at the General Assembly through demonstration.

As the Chair of the Internal Affairs Committee, I'm helping to oversee the update of Region IV policies to strengthen and empower the voice of student leaders at our region's 10 schools and our education centers. This effort is aligned with the unanimous adoption of Resolution S22.01.02 Mission, Value, and Values.

*The mission of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCC) is to pursue policies that will improve student access, promote student success, engage and empower local student leaders, and enrich the collegiate experience for all California community college students*

I have been working hard on behalf of all community college students on our local campuses and across the State. I will continue to do so with your support.