

July 2023



# SSCCC Connect

*Sacramento Capitol*

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Executive Committee Meeting** - August 4, 2023 - virtual

**Board of Directors Meeting** - August 11 - 12, 2023 - Sacramento

**Executive Committee** - September 1, 2023

**Board of Directors Meeting** - September 8 - 9, 2023

**Advocacy Academy** - December 1 - 3, 2023 - Riverside

[Online Calendar](#)

## President's Update

Welcome to the new term!

My name is Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen, the SSSCC President for the 2023-2024 term. It is with immense pleasure and honor that I am able to pen this message to you all, marking the first newsletter of the term. As we begin this new journey together, I feel nothing but excitement and optimism for the endless possibilities.

SSCCC has always been a haven for collaboration, growth, and camaraderie among students from all walks of life, and this past weekend at our July Board of Directors meeting truly exemplified these ideals. On Friday, we commenced our Board training by receiving informative sessions from the Chancellor's Office, where they discussed their structure and ongoing activities. Additionally, our attorney provided essential insights into the Board's fiduciary responsibility. The following day, the Board assembled for its inaugural meeting of the year, during which we were updated on the organization's budget, legislative priorities, future meeting schedule, and other important matters.

Wrapping up the weekend, our HR Consultant led an engaging activity centered around culture and storytelling. This exercise aimed to help us recognize that each member of the SSSCC brings their unique background and experiences to the table. Moreover, we received valuable guidance on what to focus on during our first 60 days in our respective positions.

The overall experience of the Board meeting provided an excellent opportunity for learning and getting to know one another. We gained a better understanding of our roles within this year's Board. The meeting left everyone feeling enthusiastic and well-prepared to embark on our collective mission, of serving all 1.6 million students.



Please be sure to keep a close eye on our calendar as we have committees starting to meet. In our regions, the Regional Affairs Directors will begin meeting with the Executive Board and conducting one-on-ones with the incoming Delegates. Internally, the Board of Directors will start meeting with their committees. The first meetings are already calendared and include the Regional Affairs Committee, the Internal Affairs Committee, and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Anti-racism, and Accessibility Committee. Check out the calendar on our website at [this link](#) for more information. However, I must emphasize that none of these ventures can thrive without your active involvement. Your participation, ideas, and feedback are invaluable to the success of our work.

Summing it all up, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for being part of our vibrant community. Together, we will create an unforgettable term full of achievements and growth.

Thank you, and let's make this term the best one yet!

Best,  
Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen



## New Board of Directors Members

On July 1st, the newly elected Board of Directors took office. Below is a listing of each member of the Board:

- President, Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen (She/Her/Hers)
- Vice President - Ivan Hernandez (He/Him/His)
- Vice President of Regional Affairs- Robert Alexander (He/Him/His)
- Vice President of Legislative Affairs - Chanelle Win (She/Her/Hers)
- Vice President of Finance - Kennedy Hayashi (She/Her/Hers)
- Vice President of Communications - Dani Silva (She/Her/Hers)
- Regional Affairs Director Region I - Lisa Baker (She/Her/Hers)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region I - Mason Koski (He/Him/His | They/Them/Theirs)
- Regional Affairs Director Region II - Olivia Garcia Godos Martinez (She/Her/Hers)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region II - Vacant
- Regional Affairs Director Region III - Kevin Ruano Hernandez (He/Him/El)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region III - Kaitlyn (Ziqi) Zhang (She/Her/Hers)
- Regional Affairs Director Region IV - David Orta (He/Him/His)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region IV - Annie Koruga (They/Them/Theirs)
- Regional Affairs Director Region V - Joshua Simon (He/Him/His)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region V - Gerardo "Jerry" Reyes (He/Him/His)
- Regional Affairs Director Region VI - Marcos Garcia-Razo (He/Him/His)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region VI - Karina Arteaga (She/Her/Hers)
- Regional Affairs Director Region VII - Steven Gallegos (He/Him/His)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region VII - Martin Romero (He/Him/His)
- Regional Affairs Director Region VIII - Raven Cantoran (She/They)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region VIII - Madison Harris (She/Her/Hers)
- Regional Affairs Director Region IX - Dyami Ruiz-Martinez (He/Him/His)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region IX - Nelva Ruiz-Martinez
- Regional Affairs Director Region X - Leonardo Vanegas (He/Him/His)
- Legislative Affairs Director Region X - Jose Perez (He/Him/His)

For more information about each member, please visit our website at [this link](#). Please help us welcome our new board members.



# EVENTS

## Advocacy Academy

We are excited to share that the SSCCC will host the inaugural Advocacy Academy this fall. Taking place at the Riverside Convention Center, located in downtown Riverside, from December 1 to 3, 2023, this groundbreaking event aims to empower students by equipping them with the necessary skills to drive positive change on their campuses and within their communities.

The Advocacy Academy is not solely designed for students interested in politics; rather, it welcomes participants from all backgrounds. Attendees will learn effective strategies to influence and engage with various stakeholders, including campus leaders, trustee boards, city councils, and legislators. Whether advocating among fellow students or reaching out to a senator, the core skills remain consistent: negotiation, communication, and relationship building. By participating in this academy, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of these vital skills and more.



## Board Member Spotlight

Each month, the SSCCC Connect will spotlight members who will serve on the 2023 - 24 Board of Directors. This month, we will highlight our incoming President Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen, President.

Cassandra Flandre-Nguyen (She/Her/Hers) is a Sociology major at Orange Coast College aspiring to transfer and work in policy and legislation. With a deep-rooted passion for sustainability and ethical practices, Cassandra's work is often characterized by her commitment to organizational advocacy and social awareness. Her main goals are to revitalize the SSCCC structure and to connect with every region to strengthen communication and transparency. With her unique perspective, coupled with her unwavering commitment to advocacy, sustainability, and social consciousness, Cassandra is ecstatic to work with SSCCC to truly make an impact.

