



Executive Candidate Statements

March 27, 2026

CANDIDATES

President

NAME

COLLEGE

1. Lorenzo Jackson	Diablo Valley College
2. Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez	Sacramento City College
3. Davina Malbrough	Merritt College
4. Diamond Martinez	San Bernardino Valley College
5. Silvano Navarro	Evergreen Valley College
6. David Orta	Hartnell College
7. Leo Smith	Santa Barbara City College

Lorenzo Jackson

Diablo Valley College

Candidate for SSCCC President



Why I Am Running / Qualifications:

I am running for SSCCC President because California community college students deserve leadership that is visible, responsive, and rooted in real student experience. At Diablo Valley College, I have had the opportunity to serve in student leadership, engage in advocacy, and contribute to conversations centered on student success and institutional improvement. Those experiences have strengthened my ability to listen, communicate clearly, and represent students with seriousness and purpose. I am seeking this position because I believe student leadership should not just be symbolic. It should be active, trustworthy, and committed to delivering results for students across the state.

Statewide Issues I Care About:

The statewide issues I care most about are college affordability, basic needs, mental health, and access to opportunity. Many students are working hard to stay enrolled while navigating financial pressure, housing and food insecurity, burnout, and uncertainty about their future. Students should not have to struggle alone while trying to pursue an education. I am especially committed to making sure students from all regions and campuses feel seen, included, and represented in statewide advocacy. Strong representation means understanding both the everyday realities students face and the larger policies that shape their success.

My First Three Priorities:

If elected, my first three priorities would be strengthening student voice, advancing basic needs advocacy, and expanding student opportunity. First, I would work to improve communication and connection between SSCCC and students so statewide leadership feels more accessible and relevant. Second, I would advocate for stronger support around basic needs and student wellness because students cannot thrive if their most essential needs are unmet. Third, I would push for greater access to leadership development, civic engagement, and pathways that help students grow beyond the classroom. My goal is to lead with focus, integrity, and a clear commitment to representing students across California with strength and purpose.

Student Voice. Action.
Representation.



OLIVIA GARCIA-GODOS MARTINEZ

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ABOUT ME

I am a disability rights advocate and student leader at Sacramento City College. With extensive experience in regional governance, I am dedicated to dismantling the systemic and procedural barriers that prevent diverse students from fully participating in our democracy

SKILLS

- Parliamentary Procedure
- Understanding of Shared Governance in SSCCC & the CA Community College
- Public Speaking
- Student Leader

TO

SSCCC Delegates

COVER LETTER

Dear Fellow Delegates,

I am running for President because the SSCCC needs a leader with "zero-onboarding" experience. Having served as a Regional Affairs Director and on the Board of Directors, I have the institutional mastery and legislative experience to lead from Day 1.

Qualifications & Why I Am Running My readiness is built on proven service. I have an intimate understanding of our bylaws and fiduciary responsibilities. Beyond internal governance, I have engaged in direct legislative lobbying, preparing me to represent you at the Consultation Council and with the Chancellor's Office. I am running to transform the SSCCC into a professional lifeline for every student in our system.

Statewide Issues of Concern

- **Visibility & Fee Accountability:** Every student pays the Student Representation Fee (SRF), yet many don't know we exist. We have a moral obligation to ensure students see the value of their contribution.
- **Systemic Accessibility:** I am committed to removing barriers for disabled students to ensure our governance is a transparent house for all.
- **Representative Integrity:** We must maintain a vital link between local senates and the state level to remain the legitimate voice for students.

First Three Priorities

1. **Institutional Synergy:** I will establish a productive partnership with the Executive Director to ensure the Board's vision is backed by professional operational stability.
2. **Board Cohesion:** I will conduct individual outreach to every Board member to build a culture of trust and unity, ensuring we remain a high-functioning team.
3. **Digital Transparency:** I will launch a campaign to bridge the gap between our work and students on campus, ensuring we are visible and accountable.

I am asking for your vote to ensure the SSCCC is an organization every student recognizes and respects.

nization that every student recognizes, respects, and relies upon.

Sincerely,

Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez

After reviewing the job description for this position, I believe my experience in student leadership, statewide advocacy, and regional coordination has prepared me well to serve in this role. I currently serve as the Student Body President at Merritt College and as the Regional Affairs Director for Region III for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. Through these roles, I have worked closely with student leaders across multiple colleges, helped coordinate regional meetings, and represented student voices at both the local and state level. I am running for this position because I want to continue strengthening student representation and ensure that all community college students feel heard, supported, and included in statewide decisions.

The statewide issues I am most concerned about are basic needs, affordable housing, and equitable access to education. Many community college students are balancing school, work, and family responsibilities while also facing housing insecurity, food insecurity, and financial hardship. I recently had the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. with SSCCC to advocate at the federal level for increased funding for student basic needs, specifically affordable housing. That experience reminded me that our work is not only for ourselves, but for the millions of students who depend on community colleges for opportunity and stability. I want to continue pushing for policies that support the whole student, not just the classroom experience.

If elected, my first three priorities would be strengthening regional engagement, increasing advocacy around basic needs, and improving communication between SSCCC and local student governments. First, I want to make sure every region feels connected and supported, not just during conferences but throughout the entire year. Second, I want to continue expanding advocacy efforts around housing, food security, and financial support, because students cannot succeed academically if their basic needs are not met. Third, I want to improve communication so that student leaders at every college understand what SSCCC is doing and how they can be involved.

I am running for this position because I believe leadership means service. My goal is to represent students with integrity, work hard for every region, and continue building a stronger, more united Student Senate for California Community Colleges.



Davina Malbrough

Good evening my fellow students my name is Diamond Martinez, I am running for this position because I want to be apart of the change and help guide our students into a better future for themselves and help build a stronger community together. The reason I am so passionate about running and helping students like myself and all of you because I have had a very difficult background and start coming from both parents who are drug addicts and growing up in the rural area and living through it and rising above it breaking the chain with all odds against me. I want to help other students reach this goal as well. Because nothing is more important than having someone who can understand the other side of that coin and experiencing it but also leading by example such as being on the president's list at Grand Canyon University and attending community college at the same time. Everyone told me I was worthless and I wasn't going to achieve anything but I am here to tell you I am still standing and I am not worthless and you are not worthless either never let anyone tell you otherwise. I currently serving as region ix treasurer. And I also work at Kaiser hospital and I am a part of the leadership groups of UBT, orientation championships, and the influences council. Against all odds I have the opportunity to be here and speak for those who do not have a voice as a disability and veteran. I struggle with mental health and health problems and learning disabilities and I am standing here before you wanting to change things such as advocating for better access for programs in the rural area and access to health services and financial aid and hell students create a better future for all and work together to create resources that help students across the board. I want to help everyone with mental health and educated students on how to help one another and help others get help because words can make or break someone. And want to start a workshop on mental health and run them on campus all over California community colleges. This issue matter to me because I came from the rural area and I want nothing more than to guide other students to a bigger future building each other is the only way we can make a community strong. Because I honestly shouldn't be alive and mental health is a issue that is constantly over looked and pushed to the side. If I am elected the first three things I want to do is make us move into the future by stop trying to be thinking about just regions and bring us together as all community college students and help each other feel equal and welcome because at the end of the day we are all community college students does not matter which region you are from we are all here to be leaders and all deserve equal respect. Another issue I would like to address is advocating for having more accommodations for disability students because they should be able to have a voice as well and should have the access to the same opportunities and other students. I also would like to run a workshop on proper professionalism and how to speak to one another and role playing because passion can sometimes influence our emotions and forget to how to speak to one another and having proper training to help students try to understand other's position and create a more understanding of communication. I have gain a lot of knowledge on communication and neogatiation after completing the class at University and want to help educate others on this topic especially those in student leadership positions. I want to be the change and move SSCC forward into the bigger picture together because I want everyone to succeed.

Diamond Martinez



VOTE

SILVANO NAVARRO

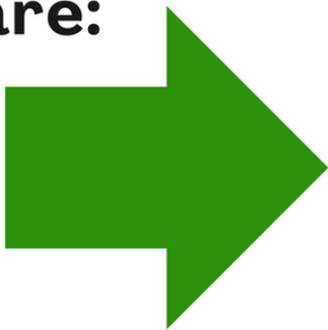
SSCCC PRESIDENT



My Background: Hello, my name is Silvano Navarro from Evergreen Valley College. I am running to be President of the Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

WHY AM I RUNNING? ONE WORD: COMMUNITY. I AM RUNNING FOR THIS POSITION BECAUSE OF MY PASSION FOR INCREASING COMMUNITY ACROSS COMMUNITY COLLEGES. I BELIEVE THAT STUDENT ADVOCACY IS POWERFUL AND MUST BE STRUCTURED AND IMPACTFUL ACROSS ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN CALIFORNIA. I CURRENTLY SERVE AS THE OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON FOR THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND COLLEGE COUNCIL AT EVERGREEN VALLEY COLLEGE. I HAVE EXPERIENCE CHAIRING MEETINGS, FACILITATING COMMUNICATIONS, AND COLLABORATING WITH FACULTY AND STAFF ACROSS MULTIPLE CAMPUSES TO SUPPORT STUDENT INITIATIVES.

My biggest concerns statewide are:



- **CREATING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RESOURCES/INFORMATION**
 - **MANY STUDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WORK, BALANCE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ARE IN FULL-TIME SCHOOL STRUGGLE TO ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES SIMPLY. I WANT TO ENSURE THAT EACH STUDENT ACROSS ALL COMMUNITY COLLEGES ARE EQUALLY ALLOWED THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET AHEAD.**
- **STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**
 - **COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ARE GROWTH-ORIENTED ENVIRONMENTS. EVERY STUDENT HAS A VOICE AND WE NEED TO LET THEM SPEAK. EVERYONE'S VOICE IS UNIQUE AND GIVING EACH THE CHANCE TO ENGAGE ON CAMPUS IS WHAT COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS ALL ABOUT.**
- **CONSISTENT SUPPORT ACROSS COLLEGES.**
 - **EVERY STUDENT LEADS A COMPLICATED LIFESTYLE THAT IS UNIQUE WITH ITS OWN CHALLENGES. I WANT TO HOLD OUR LEADERS AT OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGES ACCOUNTABLE FOR CONSISTENTLY CREATING A SAFE SPACE FOR STUDENTS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS.**

My Priorities:

1. If elected, my first priority would be to improve the structure and accessibility of information across community colleges so that every student has equal opportunities to information.
2. My second priority would be to strengthen support for student leaders in our community college campuses to advocate for their communities so that no voice continues to go unheard.
3. My third priority would be to create systems that we as leaders will follow to create an inclusive and equitable environment at our community colleges.

David Orta – Hartnell College

Candidate for President, Student Senate for California Community Colleges

1. Qualifications and why I am running

I am a current student of Hartnell College and a three-degree graduate in computer science, film, and administration of justice, now continuing in cooperative work experience and civil litigation courses to sharpen my advocacy and communication skills. I have served in student government as ASHC Senator-at-Large, Treasurer, Secretary, and now SSCCC Delegate and Regional Affairs Director, and I have sat on key shared-governance bodies including the Advancement Council, Technology Council, and the Racial Equity Task Force. I am running for President because students deserve a statewide organization that is transparent, Brown Act-compliant, and focused on basic needs, not hotel contracts and internal politics.



2. Statewide issues I am most concerned about

First, student basic needs and housing: too many of our 2.1 million community college students face food and housing insecurity while statewide funds and student representation fees are not always spent with students' survival in mind. Second, open and lawful governance: SSCCC has contractually committed to Brown Act transparency through its MOU and AP 1024, yet recent committee actions have violated those standards and blocked delegates from debating resolutions. Third, equitable regional participation: many colleges and disabled and undocumented students lack real access to SSCCC spaces, despite Title 5's promise of meaningful student participation in governance.

3. My first three priorities if elected

1. **Restore Brown Act and policy compliance in SSCCC.** I will push to fully implement AP 1024, require that all committee materials and agendas be posted as promised, and end ultra vires gatekeeping of student resolutions so that delegates, not small committees, make final policy decisions.
2. **Reorient the budget toward basic needs.** Building on my resolution to move board meetings off expensive hotels and onto community college campuses, I will advocate to redirect savings and representation-fee revenues into a restricted fund for basic needs, housing support, and emergency aid.
3. **Strengthen regions and access for marginalized students.** Drawing from my experience as RAD and as a DSPS student leader, I will prioritize region activation, training for delegates and officers, and accessibility measures so that disabled, undocumented, and returning students can fully participate in SSCCC advocacy and leadership.

Good day and God bless you all. My name is Leo V Smith Jr., Political Science major and Commissioner thereof Academics at Santa Barbara City College, Region VI. The office that I'm instructed and grateful to take hold of is the President of the Student Senate of the California Community Colleges.

Being a man of color that is blessed to have overcome many obstacles and challenges in my life, my ability to lead these cohorts are significant. I am grateful to come thereof upright and honorable parentage, however have been able to overcome virtually all the issues that many students have gone through. To walk today, an excellent student, having overcome various abuse, unbiased situations, and self esteem difficulties, My greatest success is caring about peoples, all people. My heart to lovingly heal, sincerely help, and ethically love all backgrounds of individuals alongside my ability to see people succeed and prosper is truly a gift to us all from Heaven above.

I am heavily, and successfully, involved with the SBCC offices thereof Student Affairs and Student Life, active and quite instrumental in the forwarding and implementation thereof the 2030 Vision and the "25-'28 Student Equity Plan. Being a successful sole custody Dad, I have been a first-hand utilizer and champion thereof the TBN (Uwill) Tutoring, Promise, also Financial Aid, Housing Services, Food Services, and have risen above to excel in school, business, and in life.

I looks towards expounding more upon and adhering to these initiatives.... Educational

Equity:

Connection and Genuine Representation:

Professional Development: Transparency and Accountability:

Organizational Ethics:

Am grateful to sit at the head of the table of the Student Equity Achievement Committee, am on the Curriculum Advisory Committee, and am glad to sit on the Academic Senate. Being the Curriculum Advisory Committee, my experience/maturity a likable/youthful nature has allowed me to have a considerable influence in the totality of the Faculty, Administration, and most assuredly the students. I am a leader at all things, and love the people who am blessed to work alongside.

Of the many initiatives that I'm planning to encourage the implementation of the most pressing to me for advancement this coming timeframe are the equitable advancements of all demographics throughout all California Community Colleges, the advancement of the ChildCare support and programs that encourage additional safe and honorable opportunity to students with families, and the additions of hosing, and healthcare service to become as well used and the pantry services that are in tow. Education that provides healthy Food, Housng, and Healthcare are always of the endeavors.

the bigger picture together because I want everyone to succeed.



Leo Smith

CANDIDATES

Vice President

NAME

COLLEGE

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| 1. Phylis Aya Essandoh | Chabot College |
| 2. Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez | Sacramento City College |
| 3. Destiny McLemore | Los Angeles Trade Tech |
| 4. Aadi Sharma | Diablo Valley College |
| 5. Itamar Zohar | Foothill College |

After reviewing the job description for the Vice President of SSSCC, I believe my experience in student leadership, governance, and community engagement has prepared me well for this role. I currently serve as the Vice President of Government Relations at Chabot College, the Vice President of Internal Affairs for Region 3, the Vice President of Finance, and the ICC Parliamentarian. I am also actively involved in shared governance at my college, where I participate in decision-making processes that directly impact students.

Beyond student government, I balance multiple responsibilities including working as a CNA tutor and serving as a super volunteer in my city, where I support local programs and community initiatives. These experiences have strengthened my leadership, organization, communication, and ability to manage multiple responsibilities effectively.

In addition, I am a member of Friends of the Hayward Library, where I help research and identify local funding opportunities to support community programs. I am also continuing to develop my skills in grant writing and writing funding request letters to strengthen my ability to secure resources for student and community success.

I am running for this position because I am deeply committed to student advocacy at the statewide level. I want to ensure that student voices are not only heard but actively included in decision-making processes that shape education policy, funding, and student success.

Statewide Issues of Interest and Concern

The statewide issues I am most concerned about include the rising cost of education, inequitable access to resources, and limited student representation in decision-making spaces. Many students are balancing school, work, and personal responsibilities, and without strong support systems, it becomes increasingly difficult to succeed.

These issues matter to me because I have seen how students especially those from underrepresented communities are often left out of conversations that directly impact their education. I believe statewide leadership must prioritize equity, access, and meaningful student inclusion in all levels of decision-making.

First Three Priorities if Elected

If elected, my first priority would be to strengthen student voice and representation across all SSSCC decision-making structures to ensure students are actively shaping policies that affect them.

My second priority would be to improve communication between SSSCC and students statewide, making information more transparent, accessible, and engaging so students feel informed and included.

My third priority would be to expand leadership development opportunities for students, including training, mentorship, and skill building programs that prepare students to effectively serve in governance roles.



Phylis Essandoh



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SKILLS

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- Understanding of Shared Governance in SSSCC & the CA Community College
- Public Speaking
- Student Leader

TO

SSCCC Delegates

COVER LETTER

Dear Fellow Delegates,

I am running for Vice President because a "fixed" SSSCC requires an internal leader who translates advocacy into results. As a disability rights advocate, former Regional Affairs Director (RAD), and Region II Vice Chair, I offer the "zero-onboarding" expertise needed to lead on Day 1.

Qualifications & Why I Am Running My readiness is built on firsthand experience within the systems I will manage. Having served on the DEIAA and Internal Affairs Committees, I am uniquely prepared to chair them with professional precision. I am running to ensure our internal policies, stipend reports, and accountability panels are managed with the transparency our 1.9 million constituents deserve.

Statewide Issues of Concern

- **Visibility & Fee Accountability:** I am concerned that the SSSCC remains invisible to the students who fund us through the SRF. I will fix this by making our reports and committee outcomes publicly accessible.
- **Systemic Accessibility:** I am dedicated to fixing the procedural barriers that make governance an "insider's club," particularly for disabled student leaders.
- **Representative Integrity:** We must fix the disconnect between the state level and our local regions to maintain our legitimacy.

First Three Priorities

1. **Direct Outreach & Coordination:** I will maintain constant communication, reaching out to the President and the Vice Chairs to ensure our internal operations are perfectly aligned with our advocacy goals.
2. **Strengthening Vice Chair Support:** Drawing from my time as a Vice Chair, I will fix communication gaps by providing the regular training and support needed to ensure every region moves as a cohesive unit.
3. **Proactive Accountability:** I will manage the Board Accountability and Stipend Reports as tools for integrity, ensuring the students paying the SRF see the work being done on their behalf.

I am asking for your vote to fix our internal operations with integrity and accessibility.

Sincerely,

Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez

ELECT DESTINY MCLEMORE

Los Angeles Trade-Technical College

Candidate for SSSCC Vice President



“**Leadership** should be **accessible, supportive, and people-centered.**”

I am committed to ensuring California community college students feel **informed, supported, and empowered** by a Student Senate that truly **advocates** for their needs—both **academic** and **personally**.

MEET DESTINY MCLEMORE

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

My name is **Destiny McLeMore**, and I am running for **SSSSCC Vice President** of the Student Senate for California Colleges.

I currently serve as the Regional Affairs Director for Region VII and **Associated Student Organization President** at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College. In these roles, I represent and advocate for students across fourteen community colleges, focusing on student engagement, equity, leadership development, and access to resources.

QUALIFICATIONS & WHY I'M RUNNING

- **Regional Affairs Director** for Region VII
- **Associated Student Organization President**
- **Leadership** experience across fourteen community colleges.

STATEWIDE ISSUES I CARE ABOUT

- **Student Housing Insecurity**
- **Basic Needs Support**
- **Mental Health Resources**
- **Equitable Access to Education**

FIRST THREE PRIORITIES

✓ **Create a Functional & Supportive Structure**

Establish clear, consistent systems that provide student leaders with guidance, direction, and the tools needed to succeed.

✓ **Improve Transparency & Accountability**

Strengthen communication and set clear expectations so students feel informed, included, and confident in leadership decisions.

✓ **Lead with Support First**

Ensure every student and student leader **feels seen, heard, and supported**, especially when they need it most.

VOTE DESTINY MCLEMORE SSSCC VICE PRESIDENT

RESILIENCE BUILT ME. SERVICE DRIVES ME.

I promise to remain my authentic and approachable self. I will lead with integrity, compassion, and purpose. I will create space for students who feel like they don't have one—because **every-one** deserves a chance to **lead, grow, and be heard**.

AADI SHARMA

CANDIDATE FOR
VICE PRESIDENT

A - QUALIFICATIONS & PURPOSE

Why I Am Running & What I Bring

I am a **Political Science major** running for Vice President because the most urgent failures in the SSSCC are not budgetary — they are structural. The VP chairs the **Accountability Panel**, the **Audit Committee**, the **DEI and Internal Affairs Committees**, coordinates board evaluations, maintains accountability reports, and serves as the direct support line to all ten regional vice chairs. This role demands someone trained in systems, compliance, and cross-organizational coordination. That is exactly what I have spent the last two years building.

EXPERIENCE

- **Voting member**, District Budget Oversight Committee — Contra Costa CCD — overseeing \$1M+ in student fund allocation across a multi-college district
- **Student Senator**, Associated Students of Diablo Valley College
- **Treasurer**, largest recognized student organization on campus — managing fiscal operations under ICC Finance Code and Budget Code
- **Activities Coordinator & Secretary**, Alpha Gamma Sigma — a nationally recognized honor society
- **Leadership across 8+ student organizations** — organizing campus-wide events, representing clubs in governance, and learning how administrative systems translate into student impact

I understand the full pipeline of the **Student Representation Fee under Ed Code §76060.5** — from the \$2 opt-out collection, through the \$1/\$1 split between local SBAs and statewide SSSCC operations, to the \$2.3M budget that powers this organization. I support **Resolution S25.14.02** to increase the SRF to \$6 because we cannot scale advocacy on a fee structure from two decades ago.

B - VISION FOR SUCCESS & DEI

Equity Is Structural, Not Symbolic

The Vision for Success demands measurable progress in completion, transfer, equity gap elimination, and workforce outcomes. As VP, I chair the DEI Committee — and I will treat that as an operational mandate, not a ceremonial title. Our caucuses need **meeting infrastructure, resolution drafting support, and administrative resources** to function — not just a seat at the table. The transfer equity crisis is a policy failure: only **13% of Black students** and **16% of Latino students** successfully transfer within four years. I will push for full implementation of **Resolution S25.10.04** and reforms to **AB 1705's** corequisite mandates that strip academic autonomy from our most vulnerable students.



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C - DEDICATED ISSUES

Closing the Accountability Gap in Basic Needs

According to the **2025 Real College CA Survey** of 77,000 students across 102 campuses: **67% face basic needs insecurity**, 46% are food insecure, 58% are housing insecure, and 20% have experienced homelessness. The state restored **\$52 million** in CalFresh support and allocated **\$20 million** in emergency aid — yet only **25%** of students have accessed a Basic Needs Center. The funding exists. The administrative systems to deliver it do not. As VP on the Executive Committee, I will build internal accountability frameworks to ensure these allocations reach the students they were designed for — not remain as line items on a report no one reads.

PRIORITIES AS VICE PRESIDENT

Three Commitments

- Structured Vice Chair Support Across All 10 Regions**
The VP job description requires constant communication with vice chairs and regular training. I will hold **monthly working sessions** with every regional vice chair to identify specific regional needs and ensure their priorities shape the Executive Committee agenda. No vice chair operates in isolation.
- Transparent, Rigorous Board Accountability**
I will chair the Accountability Panel and Audit Committee with the same fiscal discipline I apply to district-level budget oversight. Every board member's accountability report will be reviewed, distributed, and accessible. The Stipend Report will be prepared with full analytical rigor. **If we demand accountability from 116 campuses, this board goes first.**
- Active DEI & Internal Affairs Leadership**
I will chair the DEI Committee to ensure caucuses have operational support — meeting space, resolution drafting, and administrative backing. I will push for **AB 1705 reform** and implementation of **Resolution S25.10.04** to close the transfer equity gap.

INITIATIVE I WANT TO SEE DONE

Full implementation of the SRF increase under Resolution S25.14.02 — raising the Student Representation Fee from \$2 to \$6 (\$3 local / \$3 statewide) to expand both local civic engagement and SSSCC's statewide advocacy capacity.

ACTION I WILL TAKE

As a member of the Executive Committee, I will coordinate with the VP of Legislative Affairs and our legislative partners in Sacramento to advance this proposal through the state legislature, while building a delegate-driven advocacy campaign to demonstrate statewide student support. I will leverage my budget oversight experience to model the fiscal impact and present transparent distribution frameworks to the Board and the Chancellor's Office.

"My parents came to this country from North India and Saudi Arabia with no connections and no guarantees. Community college is not abstract to me — it is the first real opportunity for families like mine. I am not performing urgency. I am living it."

VOTE

ITAMAR ZOHAR

VICE PRESIDENT

WHY AM I RUNNING?

Foothill College has given me a second chance. A chance to be the person I've always wanted to be and the environment to look at the world through a different perspective. Because of the opportunities provided to me I want to pay it forward and help as many people as I can.



Experience

- *Events Coordinator: as an events coordinator at Foothill College my job is to plan engaging and supportive events from heritage months showcasing different cultures to Winter formals and dances*
- *ASFC Student Representative: as a member of Foothill's Student government I help vote on and contribute to discussions regarding student activities*
- *Tax aid Volunteer: over 100 hours preparing taxes for low income earners helping low income earners achieve their goals in the education*

Public Transportation

The price of a bus ticket shouldn't keep you from your education. I will fight to expand zero-fare programs and ensure routes actually reach our student communities.

Affordable Housing

Rent shouldn't be the #1 barrier to a degree. I will push for faster on-campus housing approvals and build partnerships to help create more student housing.

Relationship-Driven Outreach

Transparent communication is essential: I will prioritize regional visits to build genuine relationships, ensuring I understand your unique needs to better serve in the position.

Let's Get to Building.

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Vice President of Regional Affairs

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| 4. Valerie Pamphile | Barstow College |
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COVER LETTER

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Qualifications & Why I Am Running My readiness is built on the front lines. Having served as a RAD and on the Regional Affairs Committee, I understand the logistical hurdles our regions face. I am running to be a hands-on partner for every RAD. I am prepared to lead the Region Activation Strategic Plan, manage our rosters with precision, and serve as a stabilizer for inactive regions to ensure no student's representation is silenced by a vacancy.

Statewide Issues of Concern

- **Regional Activation & Fee Accountability:** I am concerned by "inactive" regions. Every student pays the SRF, and I will fix the disconnect by ensuring every region has the support needed to stay active and engaged.
- **Systemic Accessibility:** I am dedicated to fixing the procedural barriers that prevent disabled student leaders from participating in regional governance.
- **Representative Integrity:** We must fix the link between local senates and the state. If our regions aren't thriving, our statewide advocacy loses its legitimacy.

First Three Priorities

1. **RAD Support & Mentorship:** I will maintain constant communication with every Regional Affairs Director. Drawing from my own time as a RAD, I will provide the direct mentorship needed to strengthen regional executive boards.
2. **Strategic Region Activation:** I will work with the Executive Director to develop and execute a Region Activation Strategic Plan, focusing on increasing college participation and filling vacancies immediately.
3. **Standardized Training:** I will provide regular training opportunities for regional officers. By standardizing our knowledge of advocacy and the Brown Act, we ensure every region operates with professional excellence.

I am asking for your vote to lead our regions with experience, integrity, and accessibility.

Sincerely,

Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez

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Lorenzo Jackson

Diablo Valley College

Candidate for VPRA



Why I Am Running/ Qualifications:

I am running for SSCCC VPRA because California community college students deserve leadership that is visible, responsive, and rooted in real student experience. At Diablo Valley College, I have had the opportunity to serve in student leadership, engage in advocacy, and contribute to conversations centered on student success and institutional improvement. Those experiences have strengthened my ability to listen, communicate clearly, and represent students with seriousness and purpose. I am seeking this position because I believe student leadership should not just be symbolic. It should be active, trustworthy, and committed to delivering results for students across the state.

Statewide Issues I Care About:

The statewide issues I care most about are college affordability, basic needs, mental health, and access to opportunity. Many students are working hard to stay enrolled while navigating financial pressure, housing and food insecurity, burnout, and uncertainty about their future. Students should not have to struggle alone while trying to pursue an education. I am especially committed to making sure students from all regions and campuses feel seen, included, and represented in statewide advocacy. Strong representation means understanding both the everyday realities students face and the larger policies that shape their success.

My First Three Priorities:

If elected, my first three priorities would be strengthening student voice, advancing basic needs advocacy, and expanding student opportunity. First, I would work to improve communication and connection between SSCCC and students so statewide leadership feels more accessible and relevant. Second, I would advocate for stronger support around basic needs and student wellness because students cannot thrive if their most essential needs are unmet. Third, I would push for greater access to leadership development, civic engagement, and pathways that help students grow beyond the classroom. My goal is to lead with focus, integrity, and a clear commitment to representing students across California with strength and purpose.

Student Voice. Action.

Representation.



David Orta – Hartnell College

Candidate for VPRA, Student Senate for California Community Colleges

1. Qualifications and why I am running

I am a current student of Hartnell College and a three-degree graduate in computer science, film, and administration of justice, now continuing in cooperative work experience and civil litigation courses to sharpen my advocacy and communication skills. I have served in student government as ASHC Senator-at-Large, Treasurer, Secretary, and now SSCCC Delegate and Regional Affairs Director, and I have sat on key shared-governance bodies including the Advancement Council, Technology Council, and the Racial Equity Task Force. I am running for VPRA because students deserve a statewide organization that is transparent, Brown Act-compliant, and focused on basic needs, not hotel contracts and internal politics.



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First, student basic needs and housing: too many of our 2.1 million community college students face food and housing insecurity while statewide funds and student representation fees are not always spent with students' survival in mind. Second, open and lawful governance: SSCCC has contractually committed to Brown Act transparency through its MOU and AP 1024, yet recent committee actions have violated those standards and blocked delegates from debating resolutions. Third, equitable regional participation: many colleges and disabled and undocumented students lack real access to SSCCC spaces, despite Title 5's promise of meaningful student participation in governance.

3. My first three priorities if elected

- 1. Restore Brown Act and policy compliance in SSCCC.** I will push to fully implement AP 1024, require that all committee materials and agendas be posted as promised, and end ultra vires gatekeeping of student resolutions so that delegates, not small committees, make final policy decisions.
- 2. Reorient the budget toward basic needs.** Building on my resolution to move board meetings off expensive hotels and onto community college campuses, I will advocate to redirect savings and representation-fee revenues into a restricted fund for basic needs, housing support, and emergency aid.
- 3. Strengthen and activate regions statewide.** As a former Regional Affairs Director, I have seen how uneven regional activation and communication leave many colleges and marginalized students without a meaningful voice in statewide decisions. As VPRA, I will focus on supporting RADs, ensuring every region has regular Delegate Assemblies and trainings, and creating accessible, Brown Act-compliant regional spaces so that disabled, undocumented, and rural students can fully participate.





Valerie Pamphile

Every Voice. Every Story. Every Region.

I currently serve as the Regional Affairs Director for Region IX in the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) and as a two-term Student Trustee at Barstow Community College. I also serve as the student representative for the Black and African American Advisory Panel of the California Community Colleges, where I help bring student perspectives to conversations on equity and student success across the system. Through these roles, I work at the intersection of campus governance, regional leadership, and statewide advocacy to ensure student voices are represented where decisions are made.

Relevant Experiences:

As Regional Affairs Director, I have worked to strengthen communication between colleges in Region IX, support delegate engagement, and encourage leadership development among student leaders. These experiences have given me a clear understanding of how regional collaboration strengthens the Student Senate as a whole. I am running for Vice President of Regional Affairs because I believe strong regions are the foundation of an effective statewide student voice. When students across California's community colleges are informed, connected, and supported, our advocacy becomes stronger and more representative of the students we serve.

Qualifications:

One statewide issue I am particularly interested in addressing is ensuring equitable access to leadership and advocacy opportunities for students across all colleges and regions. Students from smaller campuses, rural areas, and historically underrepresented communities often face barriers to participating in governance and statewide advocacy. When those voices are missing, the student perspective becomes incomplete. Strengthening regional engagement and communication helps ensure that students from every college have the opportunity to participate in the conversations shaping higher education in California.

Priorities:

If elected Vice President of Regional Affairs, my first priority will be strengthening communication between regional leaders and the Student Senate so that delegates feel informed and supported throughout the year. My second priority will be increasing regional activation by encouraging participation from colleges that are not currently engaged and helping cultivate new student leaders across the state. My third priority will be to support Regional Affairs Directors through consistent communication, training opportunities, and mentorship so that each region has the tools and confidence to remain active and connected.

Through my experience as a Regional Affairs Director, Student Trustee, and statewide student representative, I bring a leadership style rooted in collaboration, advocacy, and relationship-building. I believe strong regional leadership empowers students to participate, lead, and shape the future of California's community colleges.

Because the strength of our system begins with something simple but powerful:

Every voice. Every story. Every region.

Contact: radregionix@ssccc.org

Good day and God bless you all. My name is Leo V Smith Jr., Political Science major and Commissioner thereof Academics at Santa Barbara City College, Region VI. The office that I'm instructed and grateful to take hold of is the President of the Student Senate of the California Community Colleges.

Being a man of color that is blessed to have overcome many obstacles and challenges in my life, my ability to lead these cohorts are significant. I am grateful to come thereof upright and honorable parentage, however have been able to overcome virtually all the issues that many students have gone through. To walk today, an excellent student, having overcome various abuse, unbiased situations, and self esteem difficulties, My greatest success is caring about peoples, all people. My heart to lovingly heal, sincerely help, and ethically love all backgrounds of individuals alongside my ability to see people succeed and prosper is truly a gift to us all from Heaven above.

I am heavily, and successfully, involved with the SBCC offices thereof Student Affairs and Student Life, active and quite instrumental in the forwarding and implementation thereof the 2030 Vision and the "25-'28 Student Equity Plan. Being a successful sole custody Dad, I have been a first-hand utilizer and champion thereof the TBN (Uwill) Tutoring, Promise, also Financial Aid, Housing Services, Food Services, and have risen above to excel in school, business, and in life.

I looks towards expounding more upon and adhering to these initiatives.... Educational

Equity:

Connection and Genuine Representation:

Professional Development: Transparency and Accountability:

Organizational Ethics:

Am grateful to sit at the head of the table of the Student Equity Achievement Committee, am on the Curriculum Advisory Committee, and am glad to sit on the Academic Senate. Being the Curriculum Advisory Committee, my experience/maturity a likable/youthful nature has allowed me to have a considerable influence in the totality of the Faculty, Administration, and most assuredly the students. I am a leader at all things, and love the people who am blessed to work alongside.

Of the many initiatives that I'm planning to encourage the implementation of the most pressing to me for advancement this coming timeframe are the equitable advancements of all demographics throughout all California Community Colleges, the advancement of the ChildCare support and programs that encourage additional safe and honorable opportunity to students with families, and the additions of hosing, and healthcare service to become as well used and the pantry services that are in tow. Education that provides healthy Food, Housng, and Healthcare are always of the endeavors.

the bigger picture together because I want everyone to succeed.



Leo Smith

CANDIDATES

Vice President of Legislative Affairs

NAME

COLLEGE

1. Frankie Asch
2. Ray Corona
3. Carlo Flores-Olson
4. Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez
5. Alyssa Lua

Diablo Valley College
Merritt College
Rio Hondo College
Sacramento City
Madera College



Frankie Asch

For VPLA 2026-2027

Representing Diablo Valley College & Region 3

Qualifications and Skills!

- Commissioner of Historic Records and Publicity DVC ICC
- ASDVC Senator
- Social Justice Executive
- Public Relations Activities Committee Co Chair
- Photography Club President
- AGS Historian
- I hold the fiscal, literacy, and communication and technical skills needed to manage the SSCCC's legislative communications

Reason for Running:

- I believe that effective advocacy is only possible when it is inclusive and that the best policy is one that protects our most vulnerable.
- I want to ensure that the legislative process is further expanded, especially to those in the LGBTQ+ community, undocumented students, veterans, and non-traditional students who are most impacted by state policy but often least represented in the room.

Top areas of Interest and Concern:

- How funds are allocated for affordable housing and mental health.
 - Without proper legislative tracing of the budget subcommittees, community colleges risk losing the resources needed to support student survival.
- Further overall Legislative transparency
 - The over 2.2 million community college students of California are often unaware of the bills that affect their futures. I want to focus the SSCCC's platform to turn largely bureaucratic language into actionable communication.
- Student Safety and Equity
 - Greater focus on the statewide standards for inclusive campuses. Legislation is not just "politics," its personal safety and academic resources that affect their future and success.

What would your first three priorities be if you are elected, and why?

- Fiscal Transparency
 - Creating Budget Briefs for all Regional Legislative Affairs Directors, ensuring every region understands the state's financial landscape before they head to legislative visits.
- Strategic Legislative Mobilization
 - Creating a streamlined "Legislative Action Toolkit" for all 10 regions, making it easy for students to call their representatives or testify at hearings about areas of concern.
- Equity-Vetted Advocacy
 - Establish an act train of communication that directly involves Diverse Community Coalitions. Before the SSCCC signs onto a bill, you will ensure it is reviewed through the lens of your Social Justice partners (LGBTQ+ and undocumented student groups) to confirm the language actually protects the most vulnerable that it claims to.

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My name is Ray Corona, and I'm running for SSCCC Legislative Affairs. I am passionate about making student voices heard in shaping policies that affect our campuses and communities. My lived experience as a formerly unhoused youth, now housed, my journey as a returning college student, and being a first-generation college student give me firsthand insight into the challenges students face and the importance of student-centered legislation.

I currently serve in participatory governance on the ASMC Board at Merritt College and as Co-Chair of Standards Compliance and Funding for the Alameda County Continuum of Care, where I help lead county-level legislative priorities, ensuring committee standards are met, in compliance, and funding is used properly to affect change in state and federal bills that impact the East Bay. I also served on the Youth Advisory Board in Alameda County, where I learned to engage with decision-makers, communicate effectively with leaders, and advocate for community needs, including addressing homelessness and housing insecurity.

If elected, I will focus on policies to keep armed police off our campuses, creating safe, inclusive learning environments that students ask for, while increasing mental health and supportive programs addressing statewide issues such as homelessness, student housing, and food insecurity. This approach turns student experiences and voices into actionable legislation.

With my experience, dedication, and commitment to voices creating change as a VP in participatory governance, I am ready to represent students in legislative matters.

My Vision:

Advance statewide student-centered legislation that removes armed police from campuses and replaces them with holistic, community-based safety solutions (mental health services, crisis response teams, and basic needs support).

My Action Steps:

- Build a coalition of student leaders across California community colleges to unify advocacy efforts and push for policy change in keeping peace on campus.
- Partner with legislators, advocacy organizations, and community groups to draft and support bills supporting our wants and needs
- Advocate for increased state funding toward non-policing safety resources on campuses
- Host student listening sessions to center lived experiences, especially housing insecurity and marginalized communities
- Translate student input into clear legislative priorities and policy proposals through SSCCC



Ray Corona



CARLO FLORES-OLSON



FOR VPLA

02 Statewide Issues Of Interest

Some statewide issues I want to advocate for as VPLA is protecting and supporting our undocumented students, expanding CCC baccalaureate pathways, expanding and protecting student basic needs on campuses, and removing any barrier to the opportunity the CCC system provides everyone.

03 Priorities

Once elected to VPLA, my main priorities would be to sponsor legislation to expand baccalaureate pathways in the CCC system, revise and improve the LAD training and timeline, meanwhile hitting the ground running in continuing advocacy the second my term starts with phone banking advocacy, and make sure next legislative session in 2027 we have a stance on every student-related higher education bill.

01 Qualifications

Hello, my name is Carlo Flores-Olson, and I am running for VPLA. I am a 2nd-Year community college student at Rio Hondo College. In my first year, I served as my local college student government's Senator of Legislative Affairs and as last year's Rio Hondo College Delegate. In this position, I increased student engagement and represented my college on the statewide level. I made sure to also never miss a voting opportunity for my college as a delegate. This year, I served as the Legislative Affairs Director for Region VIII, representing all of OC and some parts of LA County in advocacy. Throughout this term, I have made sure to involve my Regional Legislative Committee with the legislative process, always been an open resource to any student, always been willing to help with everyone's advocacy activities, and have consistently given students opportunities to advocate. I have also served as the Student Trustee for Rio Hondo College, and in this role, I made sure to advocate for key student infrastructure improvements and fixed the transit problem on campus.

Vote Carlo Flores-Olson
for VPLA @ GA



OLIVIA GARCIA-GODOS MARTINEZ

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ABOUT ME

I am a disability rights advocate and student leader at Sacramento City College. With extensive experience in regional governance, I am dedicated to dismantling the systemic and procedural barriers that prevent diverse students from fully participating in our democracy

SKILLS

- Parliamentary Procedure
- Understanding of Shared Governance in SSSCC & the CA Community College
- Public Speaking
- Student Leader
- Past Secretary of Leg Affairs

TO

SSCCC Delegates

COVER LETTER

Dear Fellow Delegates,

I am running for Vice President of Legislative Affairs (VPLA) to ensure our advocacy is professional, inclusive, and relentless. As a disability rights advocate, former RAD, and Region II Vice Chair based here in Sacramento, I offer the "zero-onboarding" expertise and local presence needed to represent our 1.9 million students at the State Capitol from Day 1.

Qualifications & Why I Am Running My readiness is built on a direct history of legislative lobbying and regional leadership. Living in Sacramento, I am uniquely positioned to fulfill the VPLA's duty of providing a consistent presence at weekly Assembly and Senate hearings. I am running to bridge the gap between student needs and state policy—ensuring the SSSCC is a proactive force in the Consultation Council and a trusted voice in the Governor's office.

Statewide Issues of Concern

- **Visibility & Fee Accountability:** Students fund our legislative work through the SRF. I will fix the lack of visibility by providing transparent, accessible monthly reports so students see exactly how their fees are being used to advocate for their future.
- **Systemic Accessibility:** I am dedicated to fixing the procedural barriers that prevent disabled student voices from reaching the Capitol. Advocacy is only legitimate if it is accessible to all.
- **Representative Integrity:** I will fix the disconnect between state-level lobbying and local concerns by maintaining constant communication with our LADs, ensuring our legislative positions reflect the diversity of our colleges.

First Three Priorities

1. **A Consistent Capitol Presence:** I will leverage my location in Sacramento to attend all relevant Higher Education and Budget hearings. I will ensure the SSSCC's voice is the most professional and persistent in the room when testifying on sponsored bills.
2. **LAD Empowerment & Training:** Drawing from my lobbying experience, I will provide the training and mentorship our Legislative Affairs Directors need to coordinate high-impact district visits and regional advocacy.
3. **Proactive Policy Tracking:** I will collaborate with the Associate Director to modernize how we track and recommend positions on legislation, ensuring the Board remains ahead of the curve and ready to act.

I am asking for your vote to lead our legislative advocacy with integrity, experience, and accessibility.

Sincerely,

Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez



Alyssa Lua

Madera Community College

Candidate for Vice President of Legislative Affairs

I am a Political Science major, concentrating in international relations. I serve as Secretary for Associated Student Government at Madera Community College, President of the Madera Community College Forum for Public Affairs, and student representative for DBRAAC, the District Budget and Resource Allocation Advisory Committee.

Through these roles, I have gained experience in advocacy, communication, leadership, and student representation, and I have seen firsthand how decisions about policy, funding, and resources affect students' lives. I am running for Vice President of Legislative Affairs because I care about students. I care about whether they feel heard, whether their needs are taken seriously, and whether someone is truly willing to speak up for them.

The statewide issues I am most concerned about are basic needs, access to resources, and making sure students are represented in policy conversations. Too many students are trying to succeed while dealing with food insecurity, housing instability, transportation barriers, and other challenges that make college harder than it should be. These are not small issues, and they are not separate from student success. I care about these issues because students deserve support, dignity, and real advocacy from the people who represent them.

If elected, my first priority would be advocating for stronger support for student basic needs, because student success means very little if students are being left without the resources they need to survive and stay enrolled. My second priority would be building stronger connections between SSCCC and local student leaders, so statewide advocacy is rooted in what students on individual campuses are actually experiencing. My third priority would be helping students become more informed about legislative issues affecting community colleges, because representation is strongest when students understand the policies shaping their education and know how to engage with them. I want this position because it would help me serve students more effectively, and there is still a great deal of work to do. Whether I am elected or not, I will continue to be part of that work and continue advocating for students.

CANDIDATES

Vice President of Finance

NAME

COLLEGE

1. Phylis Aya Essandoh	Chabot College
2. Kevin Hill	Sierra College
3. Diamond Martinez	San Bernardino Valley College
4. David Orta	Hartnell College
5. Napat Pryce Phungraksakiat	San Bernardino Valley College
6. Leslie Rojas	Santa Monica College
7. Misael Triplett	Cerritos College
8. Ertunc Erin Tunca	Mendocino College

After reviewing the job description for the Vice President of Finance, I believe my experience in student leadership, advocacy, and organization has prepared me well for this role. I am actively involved in programs such as the Umoja Program and have worked with advocacy organizations like the NAACP, where I support student engagement and community eofocused initiatives. Through these experiences, I have developed strong communication, leadership, and teamwork skills.

I am highly organized, detail-oriented, and committed to accountability skills that are essential for overseeing budgets, reviewing financial procedures, and ensuring transparency. My ability to collaborate with others and manage responsibilities effectively will allow me to work closely with the Executive Director and Finance Committee to maintain accurate and efficient financial systems.

I am running for this position because I am passionate about ensuring that financial decisions directly support students. I want to make sure that funding is used responsibly, transparently, and in ways that create real opportunities for all students, especially those from underrepresented communities.

Statewide Issues of Interest and Concern

The statewide issues I am most concerned about are the rising cost of higher education, inequitable access to resources, and limited funding for essential student support services. Many students across California struggle with basic needs such as housing, food, and access to academic resources, which directly impacts their ability to succeed. These issues are important to me because I have seen how financial barriers can prevent students from reaching their full potential. As a student leader, I believe it is critical to advocate for equitable funding and ensure that all students regardless of background have access to the support they need to thrive.

First Three Priorities if Elected

If elected, my first priority would be to improve transparency in SSCCC's financial processes so students can clearly understand how funds are allocated and used. Transparency builds trust and ensures accountability.

My second priority would be to advocate for increased funding toward programs that directly support student success, including basic needs services, mental health resources, and academic support programs. These are essential to student well being and achievement.



Phylis Essandoh

Hello students of the California Community College system.

My name is Kevin Hill, I am here before you today seeking to be elected to the position of Vice President of Finance. I am currently serving as the Chair of the Caucus Committee and the Regional Affairs Director for Region II. This position is one which is of great importance. You see this position is one that ingrained in the very fiber go what makes SSCCC what it is. Students pay into this system at a time where you are having to chose between eating and getting to work in the morning. As VP of Finance, it will of paramount importance to me to ensure that every dollar we spend is spent to improve the quality of the student experience on our campuses. Additionally, as a Vice President my main role will be to support all of my treasurers and the regions to ensure they have the resources they need to succeed.

When it comes to statewide issues, my message remains clear and consistent from when I ran for Regional Affairs Director: Students cannot succeed if their needs are not met. We must use the resources at our disposal to bridge this gap for all of our students. I would also like to focus on housing insecurity and addressing financial policy within the SSCCC to see where we can provide assistance for those in need. I think it is important to have ambitious, yet realistic goals as those are the ones that are tangible and actionable.

For my priorities, I want to focus on education, specifically around the SRF and the ways in which the funds can be applied. Next, I would like to increase our connection with our basic need centers so we can find a pathway to funding our students directly from the money the students pay in, as they should benefit from the system they pay so much into. Finally, I want to unveil the mysterious nature of the SSCCC finances, as while transparency is great, access to the information and knowing how to decipher it is just as important. I will work tirelessly to make sure that we are providing the students with the experience they deserve.

For all that have made it this far, I greatly appreciate your time reading this. With our financial future so uncertain, it is important that the SSCCC has an established leader with a proven track records, to guide the organization through these perilous times. Thank you all, and I hope to serve you all well as your Vice President of Finance for the Student Senate of California Community Colleges

In community,
Kevin Hill
Caption



Kevin Hill

Good evening my fellow students my name is Diamond Martinez, I am running for this position because I want to be apart of the change and help guide our students into a better future for themselves and help build a stronger community together. The reason I am so passionate about running and helping students like myself and all of you because I have had a very difficult background and start coming from both parents who are drug addicts and growing up in the rural area and living through it and rising above it breaking the chain with all odds against me. I want to help other students reach this goal as well. Because nothing is more important than having someone who can understand the other side of that coin and experiencing it but also leading by example such as being on the president's list at Grand Canyon University and attending community college at the same time. Everyone told me I was worthless and I wasn't going to achieve anything but I am here to tell you I am still standing and I am not worthless and you are not worthless either never let anyone tell you otherwise. I currently serving as region ix treasurer. And I also work at Kaiser hospital and I am a part of the leadership groups of UBT, orientation championships, and the influences council. Against all odds I have the opportunity to be here and speak for those who do not have a voice as a disability and veteran. I struggle with mental health and health problems and learning disabilities and I am standing here before you wanting to change things such as advocating for better access for programs in the rural area and access to health services and financial aid and hell students create a better future for all and work together to create resources that help students across the board. I want to help everyone with mental health and educated students on how to help one another and help others get help because words can make or break someone. And want to start a workshop on mental health and run them on campus all over California community colleges. This issue matter to me because I came from the rural area and I want nothing more than to guide other students to a bigger future building each other is the only way we can make a community strong. Because I honestly shouldn't be alive and mental health is a issue that is constantly over looked and pushed to the side. If I am elected the first three things I want to do is make us move into the future by stop trying to be thinking about just regions and bring us together as all community college students and help each other feel equal and welcome because at the end of the day we are all community college students does not matter which region you are from we are all here to be leaders and all deserve equal respect. Another issue I would like to address is advocating for having more accommodations for disability students because they should be able to have a voice as well and should have the access to the same opportunities and other students. I also would like to run a workshop on proper professionalism and how to speak to one another and role playing because passion can sometimes influence our emotions and forget to how to speak to one another and having proper training to help students try to understand other's position and create a more understanding of communication. I have gain a lot of knowledge on communication and neogatiation after completing the class at University and want to help educate others on this topic especially those in student leadership positions. I want to be the change and move SSCC forward into the bigger picture together because I want everyone to succeed.

Diamond Martinez



David Orta – Hartnell College

Candidate for VPF, Student Senate for California Community Colleges

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- 3. Align every dollar with student basic needs and equity.** Drawing on my experience as ASHC Treasurer and my work on Hartnell's Advancement and Technology councils, I will advocate for transparent budgets, regular financial reports delegates can actually read, and a clear plan to redirect discretionary travel and hotel spending into basic-needs, housing, and accessibility initiatives for students.



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Napat Pryce Phungraksakiat

Candidate, Vice President of Finance



Qualifications & Why I'm Running

Student at Cerritos College studying Business & Economics

- Student government's **ASCC Treasurer** and Chair of the Budget Committee, leading **\$1.5 million** in budget allocations across 140+ proposals from student clubs, departments, and campus services
- Built a **6-year financial model** (10,000 rows of data) to support data-driven decisions
- **Finance Intern** at Ushio, handled over **2,000** transactions ranging from small operational expenses to invoices in the hundreds of thousands of dollars

I'm running to make SSCCC's finances clearer, more transparent, and easier to understand for delegates and all CCC students. I plan to make changes and improvements that will continue to benefit the Senate years after my term.

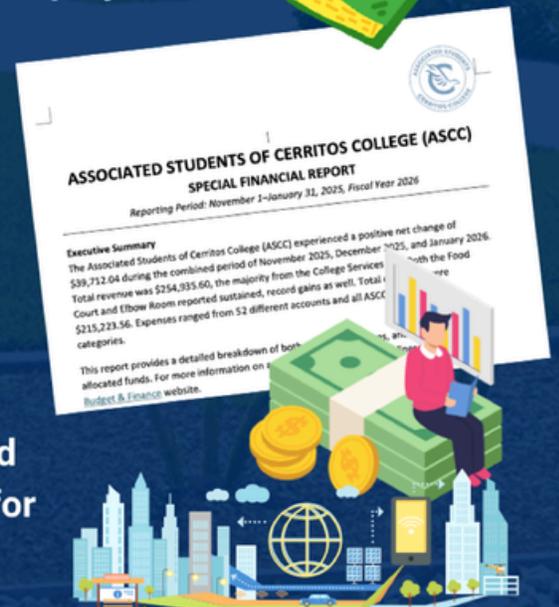
Statewide Issues

1. Support increasing **funding for student representation** so SSCCC can effectively advocate for CCC students
2. Increasing Statewide Investment in **Student Needs** (Student Housing, Food Insecurity, Healthcare Access)
3. Expanding **Financial Literacy and Education** for Student Equity



Priorities

1. **Transparency & Accessibility:** Implement standardized quarterly financial reports to improve accessibility of financial information for all
2. **Continuity & Long-Term Tracking:** Establish multi-year financial model systems to identify trends and support better budgeting for multiple terms, even after my term
3. **Infrastructure & Systems:** Develop tools, resources, and training for regional treasurers, ensuring strong support for SSCCC's financials at all levels





▶ *Smarter Spending, Stronger Students*

Qualifications

Current ASG Vice President of Finance at San Bernardino Valley College

Experience tracking, managing, and allocating student government funds

Leading financial literacy workshops in collaboration with SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union

Strong background in budgeting, organization, and student-centered financial planning

Reason for Running

I am running for Vice President of Finance to expand access to financial resources and education for students across California. As a first-generation Latina student, I understand the barriers many students face when it comes to navigating finances and accessing equitable funding. I want to ensure that all students—regardless of background—have the knowledge and support needed to succeed.

Two Statewide Issues

Lack of financial literacy resources for community college students

Inequitable distribution of funding and resources across California community colleges

Three Priorities if Elected

Expand financial literacy initiatives across campuses through workshops and partnerships

Advocate for more equitable funding allocation to ensure all colleges are properly supported

Increase transparency and student awareness of how funds are distributed and utilized

**Vote
Leslie
Rojas**

VP OF FINANCE

Hello my name is Misael Triplett I am from Fort Bragg CA. I am an adopted person in a broken family and after returning to college post covid in 2023 I worked back my convenience and drive to serve the community. I was nominated by a teacher to get into student government and to this day I drive to live up to that advocacy and belief he gave me. I have served as the Region 1 Treasurer. I was elected in the special election with a job I learned on the fly. As time went on I adapted and started to push things that I felt could help my fellow students and delegates with explanations and communication. I have been a relied upon member of my student counsel even when they barely saw me. Using zoom of distance has helped me grow to understand the worth of our work and mission and seeing it trickle down to our students we represent filled me with hope. Food supplies for our food pantries and supporting our students' life department with events. College is expensive 115 colleges around California have put their foot forward to do zero cost textbooks with 87 others on an accelerated track to help. 70% of teachers have adopted open source textbooks to help students learn on a budget. This is an amazing push for our students and if I find a way to support this I will!

The skills that have helped me are working on a budget and keeping things organized and transparent. I have made drives in learning and adapting in the world of finance. Keeping our delegates and officers in the loop is very important. I will pursue it. I may be a more quiet or shy person but that doesn't mean my voice is quiet. That's why I am pursuing this position. To learn, lead, and succeed.

The statewide financial literacy is a major problem. Where I am from in rural Fort Bragg many learn on the fly and with credit or money a long time is very important to know what you're getting yourself into. I want our students to be sure of themself. For our treasurers I want them to be reassured that the tools and learning are open and easy to access. I want to work with my fellow treasurers to give our students the tools they need to get these toolkits to our constituents.

My first priority is to get the tools we have created disseminated in community college. Getting our name out there will help them trust and recognize us as a tool for their success. Boosting us into the public eye.

My second priority is to host financial literacy workshops across our regions whether it's zoom or in person. Having an educated population is one that is ready for the next step in life. My third priority is creating toolkits and templates for a smooth workflow and straightforward transparency on the website and for toolkits a way to disseminate that down the chain to our students.



Misael Triplett

Biography

I moved to the United States on my own in pursuit of a better education, and that decision has come to define the way I approach everything: with intention, self-reliance, and an unwillingness to wait for opportunity. Studying Business at Santa Monica College has been the academic foundation of that journey, but my most formative education has unfolded through experience. From leading an Investment Club's financial operations and completing a consulting internship, to earning a financial literacy certification, competing in multinational business case competitions, and managing an active blockchain project, I have built a genuine and well-rounded fluency in financial leadership. What draws me to this role is not the position itself, but what it represents: the opportunity to apply everything I have worked for in service of something far greater than myself.

Student Activities and Special Skills

The Vice President of Finance is not simply a financial administrator. It is a role that demands the ability to translate technical knowledge into institutional policy, build trust across a statewide organization, and ensure that every dollar entrusted to SSSCC is managed with both rigor and purpose. My consulting internship developed the capacity to evaluate complex organizational processes and deliver actionable, policy-level recommendations that will strengthen SSSCC's fiscal framework alongside the Executive Director. Financial literacy certification through a private banking institution provided me with the technical depth and instructional credibility needed to train Board members and treasurers with authority. Leading multinational case competition teams under high-stakes conditions has prepared me to chair Finance Committee meetings with structure and confidence. As a current Project Manager in the blockchain space, I operate within the kind of decentralized, accountability-driven environment this role demands daily. Volunteer work in community funding and homeless outreach has reinforced a conviction that financial leadership carries a responsibility extending well beyond spreadsheets. It is ultimately about people, and the degree to which resources either reach them or fail to.

Why I Am Running

I am running because I understand, firsthand, what it means to navigate an unfamiliar system without adequate guidance or resources. That experience instilled in me a profound respect for organizations that manage their responsibilities well and a deep frustration with those that do not. Student government has the power to shape the academic experience of millions of Californians, but only if it is financially led with clarity, accountability, and vision. I believe this moment calls for someone who is not simply qualified on paper, but genuinely invested in what this organization can become.

Statewide Issues

Enrollment Decline and Its Consequences for Institutional Funding

California's community colleges are funded through the Student Centered Funding Formula, meaning when students leave, revenue follows. The system recorded a decline of nearly 12% in FTES between fall 2019 and fall 2020, and as of fall 2024, approximately 74% of students remain enrolled part-time, constraining the apportionment figures that sustain institutional operations. SSSCC must advocate for funding protections that account for this reality rather than penalize colleges still rebuilding.

The Cost of Living Crisis and Its Quiet Devastation of Student Retention

When a student stops attending not because of academic failure but because survival has become incompatible with enrollment, that is a systemic failure with direct financial consequences. SSSCC must champion sustained investment in basic needs infrastructure as a financial imperative, because retention is revenue, and every student lost to economic hardship is a compounding institutional loss.

Structural Underfunding of the Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Program

The SEA Program's allocation formulas continue to fall short of reflecting the true cost of serving disproportionately impacted populations across 116 colleges with vastly different student demographics and regional economies. SSSCC must take a far more assertive posture in engaging the Chancellor's Office and the Board of Governors to demand allocation models that are genuinely needs-based, outcome-informed, and structurally transparent.

Priorities

Build a Cohesive and Supported Treasurer Network

The strength of SSSCC's financial management is distributed across every treasurer on every campus. I will build a network that functions not as a formality but as a living, communicative community of financial leaders, cultivating the collective accountability that elevates the entire organization.

Expand and Strengthen SSSCC's Fundraising Strategy

SSCC's capacity to serve students should not be limited by state allocation alone. Through the Regional Finance and Fundraising Committee, I will develop a proactive, diversified fundraising strategy that identifies new revenue opportunities, strengthens existing partnerships, and builds the financial foundation necessary to sustain the programs our students depend on.

Conduct a Strategic Financial Review to Optimize Resource Allocation

Drawing from a consulting background, I will initiate a thorough review of how SSSCC's resources are distributed across programs and regions, identifying where investment can be sharpened, where gaps exist, and where strategic reallocation can generate the greatest return for students statewide.



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CANDIDATES

Vice President of Communications

NAME

COLLEGE

1. Jayson Alvarado	Grossmont College
2. Priince Bass	Long Beach City College
3. Spencer Cauckwell	Mendocino College
4. Monique Choyce	Merritt College
5. Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez	Sacramento City College
6. Savannah Hui	Chabot-Las Positas
7. Sunshine Marr	Barstow College
8. Jasmine Messina	Santa Barbara City College
9. Jessica Solano	Los Medanos College
10. Garrett Wilkinson	Cerro Coso City College



Hi everyone! My name is Jayson Alvarado, and I'm running for Vice President of Communications for SSCCC. I'm running because I love connecting with students and building community through social media. I believe we can use the SSCCC Instagram as a real outreach tool—highlighting student voices, promoting events, and sharing opportunities in a way that actually reaches people.

I'm the Director of Publicity at Grossmont College, where I grew our Instagram from about 70 to nearly 500 followers by creating content people care about. As a Film and Business major, I combine creativity with strategy to make content that looks good and performs. I've also organized campus events like a talent show and spelling bee, worked with teams, and collaborated with influencers. Statewide Issues: low student awareness, weak engagement, and inconsistent communication.

My Priorities: create engaging content, collaborate with campuses, and expand SSCCC's reach. I'm a go-getter ready to bring new ideas and real energy to this role. I'd really appreciate your vote. Sincerely, Jayson Alvarado

Priince "PRIIZZY" Bass

Long Beach City College

Candidate for SSSCC Vice President of Communications

@ThePRIIZZYShow



Priince "PRIIZZY" Bass is a purpose-driven student leader, storyteller, and advocate who understands the power of communication to transform lives. As the current Associated Student Body President at Long Beach City College, he has dedicated his leadership to making sure students are not just represented, but truly seen, heard, and valued. After reviewing the responsibilities of the Vice President of Communications, Priince knows this role aligns directly with both his experience and his purpose. He has built a strong foundation in communication through public speaking, advocacy, and digital engagement, but what sets him apart is his ability to reach people at scale. By studying algorithms, understanding audience behavior, and mastering digital marketing strategies, Priince has generated millions of impressions monthly across platforms. He does not just post content, he creates impact. He understands how to take a message and turn it into a movement. On campus, Priince has used that same skillset to advocate for equity and visibility. He challenged the misrepresentation and underrepresentation of Black students in campus media, helping ensure that all students have an equal platform to be recognized. He also founded the MLK Voter Education and Registration Booth, where he helped register and guide over 500 students to the polls, turning awareness into action. Even in the face of harassment, cyberbullying, and public scrutiny, he has remained consistent, transparent, and committed to serving students with integrity. Priince is most concerned about statewide issues such as inequity in education, student homelessness, and the disconnect between student leadership and the students they serve. As someone who has personally experienced homelessness, he understands what it means to navigate school while fighting to survive. That experience fuels his urgency and shapes how he communicates. For Priince, communication is not just about information, it is about access, opportunity, and survival. If elected, Priince's priorities will focus on elevating communication across California Community Colleges in a way that actually reaches students. He will work to expand and modernize statewide communication so it is consistent, clear, and accessible to all. He will amplify student voices by creating space for real stories, especially from those who are often overlooked. He will also increase awareness and engagement by using digital strategies and marketing techniques that meet students where they are, not where we expect them to be. Priince "PRIIZZY" Bass is not just running for a position, he is stepping into his purpose. His mission is to elevate, amplify, and connect students across the state through powerful, intentional communication.

I grew up in a rural town named Ukiah where I was raised with my brother Jasper throughout my life. I have always been the middle man in managing things, whether on the football field or at home. I value our fellow Californians and I want us to come as a state and truly unite as one, no matter our sex, age, gender, or beliefs.

My experience with reaching out to other remote campuses of Mendocino College, and reaching out to fellow students that needed help and assistance. I am running for this position because I believe that as Californians we need to come together as students and people, especially during these hard and unpredictable times.

I am most interested in our statewide issues of homelessness and our lack of access to education.

My first priority if I was elected was to get into contact with all of the presidents of the student councils of community college in California and ask for their and their boards' contact information so I could connect with all of them. My second priority would be to get in contact with all colleges to get more access to basic training as an adult and student. My third priority would be to talk to on-ground students to see what they need and if they have proper access to their student council.

Spencer Cauckwell



Monique Choyce

Merritt College

Candidate for Vice President of Communications – SSSCC



My name is Monique Choyce, and I am a student leader at Merritt College currently serving as Vice President of Communications. Through my leadership experience, I have developed strong communication, organization, and collaboration skills that align with this position. I manage student outreach, create announcements, support campus engagement, and ensure that student voices are heard and represented. I have also participated in additional leadership roles and governance spaces, strengthening my ability to work with diverse groups and advocate effectively.

After reviewing the job description for Vice President of Communications, I understand that the role requires strong communication, collaboration, and the ability to support and connect students across regions. My experience as Vice President of Communications has prepared me for these responsibilities, as I regularly

coordinate outreach, support student engagement, and work with leadership to ensure information is clear and accessible. These experiences have equipped me with the skills necessary to effectively fulfill this role at the statewide level. I am running for this position because I understand how powerful communication is in shaping student involvement and access to resources, and I want to expand that impact across California community colleges.

The statewide issues I am most concerned about include student access to resources, basic needs insecurity, and equitable communication across campuses. Many students are unaware of opportunities, programs, and support systems simply because information is not reaching them effectively. This creates gaps in access, participation, and student success. I am also passionate about ensuring that all students—especially those from underrepresented backgrounds—are included in communication and decision-making processes.

If elected, my first three priorities would be improving communication accessibility across all regions, expanding student engagement, and strengthening support systems for communication officers. I would focus on ensuring information is clear, consistent, and reaches students effectively, while increasing awareness of statewide opportunities and creating collaboration and training spaces for communication leaders.

Overall, I am committed to being a strong, reliable, and authentic leader who prioritizes transparency, inclusivity, and student connection. I am ready to serve, represent, and amplify the voices of students across California.



OLIVIA GARCIA-GODOS MARTINEZ

Sacramento City College | VPC

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ABOUT ME

I am a disability rights advocate and student leader at Sacramento City College. With extensive experience in regional governance, I am dedicated to dismantling the systemic and procedural barriers that prevent diverse students from fully participating in our democracy

SKILLS

- Parliamentary Procedure
- Understanding of Shared Governance in SSSCC & the CA Community College
- Public Speaking
- Student Leader
- Past Sec of Public Relations

TO

SSCCC Delegates

COVER LETTER

Dear Fellow Delegates,

I am running for Vice President of Communications (VPC) because the SSSCC needs a strategic voice that is both professional and accessible. As a disability rights advocate, former RAD, and former Public Relations Officer for my local student senate, I have the "zero-onboarding" expertise to unify our 10 regions from Day 1.

Qualifications & Why I Am Running My readiness for the VPC role is built on a direct history of local and regional engagement. Having managed Public Relations at the college level and served as a RAD, I understand how to translate state-level decisions into local-level action. With technical skills in digital design and brand management, I am prepared to lead our communications efforts, maintain our Content Calendar, and ensure our organizational records are transparently distributed to our 1.9 million constituents.

Statewide Issues of Concern

- **Visibility & Fee Accountability:** Students fund us through the SRF, yet many don't know who we are. I will fix this by creating a brand identity that is visible on every campus, ensuring students see the value of their contribution.
- **Systemic Accessibility:** I will fix the digital barriers in our messaging to ensure all students—particularly disabled student leaders—have equal access to our records, updates, and advocacy materials.
- **Regional Connectivity:** I will fix the communication "black holes" by serving as a direct link for regions without officers, ensuring no college is left out of the statewide conversation.

First Three Priorities

1. **Regional Coordination & Support:** I will prioritize constant communication with RADs and Communications Officers. Drawing from my PR experience, I will provide the templates and training needed to ensure every region has a high-impact presence.
2. **Strategic Brand Management:** I will collaborate with the Executive Director to develop a cohesive branding strategy and a year-long Content Calendar to transform our digital presence into a powerful advocacy tool.
3. **Transparency & Record Integrity:** I will ensure all Board actions are recorded and distributed within seven days. By maintaining accurate, accessible records, I will ensure our organization remains accountable to the students we serve.

I am asking for your vote to lead our communications with creativity, integrity, and accessibility.

Sincerely,

Olivia Garcia-Godos Martinez



Savannah Hui

VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

QUALIFICATIONS

As the current Communication Officer for region III, I bring leadership experience community engagement through effective outreach and engagement skills utilizing social media and and personal outreach. Through my experience as a Marketing Intern and APIAVote Student Ambassador, I am committed to fostering clear, consistent communication across campuses to keep organizations connected, informed, and operating efficiently. I encourage collaboration, inclusivity, and supporting others to create a productive and positive environment.

STATEWIDE ISSUES & PRIORITIES

Concerns I am passionate about are equitable access to resources and student and ensuring that all students, regardless of their campus or background, are informed about opportunities available to them. Communication gaps across regions can lead to missed opportunities and underrepresentation, which is why I believe improving transparency and outreach is critical. Strengthening communication systems can help amplify student voices and create a more unified statewide student community. My first three Priorities If elected would be improving communication channels to ensure timely and accessible updates for all campuses, focus on increasing student engagement by utilizing social media and outreach strategies to make information more engaging and widely distributed, and building stronger connections between campuses by creating opportunities for collaboration and consistent check-ins, helping foster a more inclusive and supportive environment.

ABOUT ME

Hi everyone! I'm Savannah! I'm an Engineering & Business major at Chabot College and a Student Trustee for the Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.

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 Bay Area, Region III

My name is Sunshine Marr, I am the Senator of Commissioner of Equity and Diversity at Barstow Community College. I am currently running for the role of Vice President of Communications for SSSCC. I'm in my second year being full time at BCC after being a dual enrollment student and graduating at 16 years old. Fun fact, I was 16 when I was elected to my role in ASG and I am currently still the youngest member in BCC's ASG at just 17. This is going to be my last full year in community college before I graduate in 2027 and transfer to a university.

Aside from my role in ASG, I am also the vice president of the True to You club, treasurer of the LatinX Society, secretary of the Callboard Performing Arts Club, as well as a member of Shades of Sisters, Black Student Union, and our Active Minds Club. My roles in these various clubs and e-boards cause me to have to maintain communication not only within these groups and clubs, but also initiating and maintaining said communication across the various clubs to help maximize resources and student engagement. I am continuously starting initiatives for events, advocacy, and boosting student engagements not only because it is expected of me in some cases, but because this is my genuine passion. I love creating an environment where students feel welcome, safe, and listened to. I have worked one on one with many students to help them achieve their goals and empower them to be able to do actions on their own. One of my favorite examples is when an indigenous student approached me about wanting to see more indigenous representation at BCC, specifically surrounding Native American History Month. This student had pitched an idea for one event, but I worked with them and others around the college to make a month-long series of events and I was able to empower them to advocate for mandated visibility of Native American people through events. Furthermore, I was able to dedicate a spot for students to not only get educated about MMIW, but also contribute to the discussion by sharing their support or stories. However, this is not an isolated event. I am constantly working with people of all backgrounds, groups, identities, organizations, departments, etc. to organize and run events and initiatives.

I am extremely passionate about advocacy work, not only because I have many intersecting identities, but because I am highly empathetic towards others and have supported and been supported by people of all backgrounds. I am personally low-income, former foster youth, LGBTQIA+, hispanic, formerly housing and food insecure, female, and have struggled with mental health, being diagnosed with anxiety, depression, and PTSD. I use my life experience to highlight those in marginalized communities, and that's my area of interest. I am a huge believer in equity over equality and pledge to do all that's in my power to help people in marginalized communities including things such as being a single parent, people with disabilities, and veterans. I have recently worked with another student to create a resolution that will hopefully bring more safety to our marginalized communities, especially our LGBTQIA+ community that has recently been threatened. I am constantly seeking out new viewpoints and opportunities to advocate for others.

I know I have what it takes to be the Vice President of Communications and rise above my station and responsibilities. I've already been doing the work on a smaller scale with keeping up communications, taking minutes, and organizing events, and I pledge to try my best to go above and beyond if given the chance. Thank you for your consideration.



Sunshine Marr

a. Qualifications & Why I Am Running

My qualification for this role is grounded in hands-on leadership and a deep commitment to authentic communication. As Commissioner of Sustainability at Santa Barbara City College, I lead collaborative initiatives with the UCSB Environmental Coalition, bringing diverse campus communities together around shared goals. At 17, I founded my nonprofit, Saint Sorella, to support survivors of domestic violence—work born from personal experience that has since raised over \$25,000. These roles have taught me that meaningful communication is not just about broadcasting a message; it is about building trust, fostering relationships, and ensuring every voice is heard. As a woman of color who has experienced firsthand what it feels like to be unheard, I am driven to make sure SSCCC's communications reflect the full diversity of our student body. I am running for Vice President of Communications because I believe connection is the foundation of effective advocacy, and I want to bring that belief to the statewide level.

b. Statewide Issues

I am most concerned about minority representation and student equity across California's community colleges. Too many students, particularly students of color, first-generation students, and survivors of trauma, navigate higher education without seeing themselves reflected in leadership or feeling that their concerns reach decision-makers. I am also deeply invested in how we communicate about sustainability and campus wellness. These issues are interconnected: when communication systems are inaccessible or impersonal, underrepresented students are the first to be left behind. Closing these gaps requires not just policy, but deliberate, human-centered outreach that meets students where they are.

c. First Three Priorities

1. Strengthen Digital Presence & Accessibility. I will modernize SSCCC's social media strategy and website to ensure information is timely, visually engaging, and accessible to all students—including those with disabilities or limited digital access.

2. Bridge Leadership and Students. I will create regular feedback channels so students across all 116 colleges can share their concerns directly with the Board, transforming one-way broadcasting into genuine two-way dialogue.

3. Center Equity in Every Communication. I will ensure our outreach strategies intentionally reach marginalized communities, translating materials, partnering with equity-focused campus organizations, and amplifying the stories of students who are too often overlooked. This role is about trust; and I will make sure every student feels seen, heard, and represented.

Jasmine Messina



ALL ABOUT

ME



Jessica Solano
Los Medanos College - Region III
Candidate for Vice President of
Communications, SSCCC

Jessica is committed to ensuring all students especially first-generation students and students of color—have access to information, resources, and leadership opportunities. If elected, she will improve communication, outreach, and student voice.

- Improve statewide student communication
- Expand digital outreach & social media
- Increase access to SSCCC resources and opportunities

With experience as Junior Vice President and Senior Class President, Jessica has strong skills in collaboration, organization, and student engagement. She believes effective communication builds trust, inclusion, and opportunity.



Vice President of Communications

Garrett Mark Wilkinson

Cerro Coso Community College

Priorities

Direct, on-grounds communication:

Institutional emails go unnoticed. Information needs to be distributed in a fashion that students will see. Information needs to be displayed physically on campuses.

Institutional Clarity:

The purpose and capabilities of SSCCC need to be clarified. As a Chapter 401c(3) organization the actions we are legally able to take are limited. Many laudable efforts brought before SSCCC are not under our purview. A consensus on what we can and cannot do is essential to being an efficient and effective organization.

Building inter-college relationships

The best solutions rely on local solutions. Powerful communication means learning from one another. I'd like to facilitate casual discussion spaces to allow brainstorming. We should be stealing each other's ideas a lot more

ABOUT ME

I have been a Community College student for 4 years, having started college in the Fall of 2021. With the student population of Cerro Coso being spread over hundreds of miles, I've come to understand the challenges facing California's rural campuses. I've witnessed the damaged state that Student life was put in by Covid and the steps towards recovery that have been made. Serving as RAD V has taught me about institutional problems and needs. Ideas and solutions to local problems within our districts already exist within our local area. Powerful movements start at bottom, not the top. We just need to work together.

Priority Statewide Issues

- Housing
- Job Readiness
- Student cost and timeline to completion

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2025-2026 Region V Affairs Director representing the Central Valley
- Student Government of Cerro Coso President
- SGCC Vice President
- SGCC Event Coordinator
- Lone Pine Youth Coalition Branch President
- Lone Pine California Scholarship Federation President

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