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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS GENERAL ELECTION 2020
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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OFFICERS

Associated Students Government Affairs is the official voice for the students at Chico State. It is comprised of 17 student elected officer and senator positions who represent and advocate on behalf of the student body. The positions sit on several AS and campus-run councils and committees that provide support to University administration and ensure student dollars are being used in ways that directly benefit the students.

All AS officers serve as the chair of an Associated Students council or committee. Select positions, including the AS President, Executive Vice President, both vice president positions and both director positions, also sit on the AS Board of Directors.



AS PRESIDENT – ALEX SMITH

I'm Alex Smith. I am running for the President of the Associated Students to bring basic needs, student wellbeing, and a student-first mentality to Chico State. Students' basic needs are not being met: 50% are food insecure, 43% have experienced housing insecurity in the last year, and nearly 15% of our students are homeless. Mental health is another basic need given the pressing issues students face day-to-day. I want to develop a housing assistance program to help students find and reserve off-campus housing. Through grants, I hope to enhance the university's basic needs program with much-needed funding. Having all our students' basic needs met will allow students to focus on their education, support their well-being, and prepare them for the future. This is the mission of Chico State. This is my mission. This is our mission. Vote Alex Smith for AS President.

I am, because WE are. Wildcats! I'm Bre Holbert and I would love to share with you what this phrase means for our campus, our community, and us as individuals if elected as AS President. We can't ignore all our campus has seen these last three semesters. As AS Director of Legislative Affairs, our Legislative Affairs Committee, Government Affairs Committee, and Board of Directors all worked to decipher how to mend the turmoil we experienced. We understood that we are better collectively when we are individually supported. Being active in FLO, National and State FFA, Chico State Cru, College of Agriculture and AS Government, I have found a passion to support our students with mental and physical health concerns, our Chico community where we can promote physical and emotional safety for our students, and our campus to provide equitable opportunities for education. Like said before, I am, because WE are. Let's do this together!



AS PRESIDENT – BRE HOLBERT

AS PRESIDENT – LANCE HUBER



Vote Lance AS President! Taking Steps to Ensure All Students Feel Involved in Their Campus and Can Take Pride In the Direction the School is Moving – “TAKING CHICO TO NEW HEIGHTS”
Previous Student Body President • Business Major Focus is GREEN ENERGY • NCAA Track and Field • Athlete in Pole Vault • Over 4000 Volunteer Hours • Paint Pictures for Cancer Patients • Achieved Success: Four Years of Student Government Leadership Experience, 4.0, 2019 CCCA Champion, JR Olympic Medalist, National Team USA, Honors, 2x HS State Championship, #7 All-Time Chico Record Holder

My Pledge: Improve Campus SAFETY

- 1- Fight Fiercely to Fix Downtown Lighting Situation
- 2- Better Use of Cameras to Enforce and Catch Crime
- 3- Work to Have Stronger Relations with Campus Police

Neighborhood Welfare:

- 1- Work with the Mayor, Police Chief, and Establish Outreach Programs
- 2- Work to Eliminate Street Trash Pirating and Debris
- 3- More Recycling, Green Street Options

My name is Jennifer Mendoza and I am currently a Sophomore.

My hometown is Oakland and my majors are Sociology & Political Science with Legal Studies. Through my journey, I realized that I am a student leader who leads by serving others.

Currently, I am a TRIO mentor and I organize events as well as lead study sessions to help facilitate students' transition. My leadership work in high school allowed me to gain experience in advocacy skills by planning gun violence teach-ins, gentrification awareness workshops and working alongside Mayor Libby Shaf for projects. These experiences helped me realize that I want to create an impact in my community through my level of government. Working at a AS Student Government will give me the necessary skills that will be instrumental to bring back to my own community to organize support for measures that will push an agenda that will provide equitable resources to the marginalized communities. I am thrilled to be running for this position because my presence in this space will demonstrate representation of Latina women because our voices and stories need to be heard.



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
JENNIFER MENDOZA



EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
JESSICA EAGLES

My name is Jessica Eagles and I am a Project Management Major here at the Chico State College of Business. I am currently in my junior year and am looking forward to leaving a positive, lasting impression on Chico State before I graduate. As Executive Vice President, I plan on focusing on diminishing student food insecurity, increasing student diversity, and helping students feel more confident in their financial wellness. If elected, I will work hard to raise awareness of all the amazing opportunities that Chico State has to offer! My favorite idea is implementing a text-alert system that tells students when there is extra food after a catering event or from the cafeteria. As president of The Management Club on campus, I have learned how to effectively communicate with mass amounts of students, plan events, and get things done! As Executive Vice President of Government Affairs, my doors will always be open to any student who wants us to start a change in our school!#EaglesforEVP

VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE
AUSTIN LAPIC

Hello, my name is Austin Lopic. I am a first generation, second year student studying both Business Administration: Finance and BIS: MINS. When I came to Chico State, I didn't know what I wanted to do. However, once I joined the Legislative Affairs Committee in my first year, I knew that I wanted to do more for the university. I've previously been the VP of Finance for my fraternity, served on both ASBC and BMUC, and I am looking to gain more experience by services as VP of Business and Finance.



VICE PRESIDENT OF FACILITIES
AND SERVICES
KAYLEE BIEDERMANN

Hey Wildcats! Re-elect me, Kaylee Biedermann, to serve as your Vice President of Facilities and Services. As the current VPFS I have accomplished initiatives improving transparency of student fees, increasing inclusivity of the WREC, and expanding safety measures at the BMU. I will continue to create welcoming spaces that promote an interconnected student body and strong sense of shared governance. My dedication to student wellness allows me to push forward efforts towards the Wellness Center promoting all aspects of well-being for our student body. I look forward to continuing the allocation of student fees truly benefiting all students with an emphasis on maximizing campus sustainability goals and efforts. Through my involvement with CAVE, University Advancement, Love Your Melon and others, I've developed a strong passion and understanding of our university and community operations. I will always advocate for your goals, desires, and needs to ensure what's best for us all as Wildcats.



DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
ANTHONY RUIZ

ELECT me, Anthony Ruiz, to serve as your AS Director of Legislative Affairs. I'm passionate about higher education policy and reform and will advocate for accessibility, equity, and inclusion at Chico State as well as at the California State Student Association (CSSA) plenary meetings. I'm currently serving as your AS Executive Vice President and I also previously served as the AS Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources (SOAR).

As the current AS Executive Vice President, I have had the opportunity to chair the Government Affairs Committee which advocates for student rights and representation while tackling sensitive and urgent campus issues. I've also been a voting member on various AS and University committees which has allowed me to promote student representation at Chico State. I will ensure that the policies that directly affect students are being properly addressed and that students' concerns are being heard by the AS and University administration.

DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
TATIANA YBARRA

Junior. Criminal Justice Major, American Indian Studies Minor. I have previous experience with the Legislative Affairs committee as Lobbying Chair. Goals and aspirations I have if elected is to bring new ideas to campus such as more awareness of student rights, issues to tackle student insecurity like affordable housing, food and hygiene products. I would also advocate working with more student clubs to bring inclusion on campus and awareness of events. I am always open to more ideas and thoughts of what can brought onto campus to improve the lives of students and the community. "We need diversity of thought in the world to face new challenges" - Tim Berners-Lee



DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS
ELLA SNYDER

Hello Wildcats! My name is Ella Snyder, and I am thrilled to be running for the position of Director of University Affairs. My majors are Political Science (Legal Studies), Psychology, and Criminal Justice. Currently, I hold the position of Senator for the College of Behavioral & Social Sciences. My current involvement as Senator, within the Associated Students, has been an amazing experience, where I have realized my passion for participating in student government. Since being a member of the Student Academic Senate, I have enjoyed listening to student needs, University issues, and taking action to create positive change. If elected, I will utilize my position to achieve inspiring and supporting students' voices, and needs, by taking action to make a difference, and foster involvement. I have gained tremendous leadership skills through my work with the University, and I plan on only continuing my growth as a leader to better represent you!

COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – CAMY WILSON



Hello, Wildcats! My name is Camy Wilson! I have 6 years of student government experience including ASB Secretary for my high school and officer positions in both Key Club and Hands4Hope, nonprofit organizations. I proudly served over 700 hours of volunteer work in my communities back home. Since then, I have served my Chico community through volunteering for CAVE, as well as being involved in many campus activities and ministries. As a Communication Design major I have hands-on project experience and I am currently designing an app-based, on-demand shuttle service for students to travel safely at night around Chico. With your voice and your vote I would work to implement this project and others under my position as Commissioner.

My experience and passion for serving my greater community, organizing events, and being a voice for all of you, is why you should vote CCC! Camy for Commissioner of Community Affairs!

COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – KILEY KIRKPATRICK

Hello Wildcats! My name is Kiley Kirkpatrick, I am currently running for Commissioner of Community Affairs and have a strong desire to really make every student feel as though Chico is a home away from home. Chico State is very involved with our city, and I plan to strengthen and expand that bond to the greatest extent. I understand that being away from home is a real challenge, and I believe that the more connected we all are to our community the better experience we will all have. I plan to create a safe and inclusive relationship with our community that involves your opinions and ideas! I have experience serving our community, as I am Co-Captain of Love your Melon and we do a great deal of service within our community. I leave you with the thought that to build a better community it must be done through unity.



COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS – TYLER JENKINS



Greetings all! My name is Tyler Jenkins and I am currently serving as the Vice- Chair of the Community Affairs Council in Associated Students! I am very familiar with the Commissioner of Community Affairs position and my service leadership experience has enhanced my membership in Tau Kappa Epsilon. Within this position I wish to bridge the experience and knowledge gap between students and administration regarding campus and community issues. I would also love for our campus community to understand that everyone's perception of safety is different and that addressing this critical issue is an inclusive effort. Having interned with the City Manager in Rancho Cordova, CA, I know what it takes to become involved with our local government and plan to be invested in our community's endeavors. If you want a committed commissioner to get you connected to your campus and community, vote for me, Tyler Jenkins!

COMMISSIONER OF DIVERSITY AFFAIRS – LOGAN LEE

Hi, my name is Logan Lee, I am an Agriculture Education Major and minoring in Gender and Sexuality. If elected to serve as the Commissioner of Diversity Affairs, my goal is to promote the varied experiences of students that reflect different identities and viewpoints. I want to help create an environment that respects all of our perspectives. Ultimately I want to make room for connection and respectful dialog at Chico State. I have served in many different capacities on campus like the Freshman Leadership Opportunity, the Legislative Affairs Committee and the Event Funding Allocation Council. As a Hmong American man, I find that often people do not know very much about the Hmong community and there are misconceptions that arise about our culture. Using this perspective, I hope to broaden this campus's understanding of not only my culture but all the cultures that make campus a dynamic place.



COMMISSIONER OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES – KYLIE LINDQUIST



Chico State students, my name is Kylie Lindquist and I'm so excited to be running for the position of Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources. I'm in the midst of my third year pursuing a BS in Business Administration. I plan to continue my education and obtain a masters degree. I have had the pleasure of being a part of many student run organizations which has helped me gain leadership and facilitation skills. I have been involved in many volunteer ventures to benefit community needs and won a University wide award for my service. Alongside my volunteer involvement, I have an internship for the Chico Inspire School of Arts Foundation. I work with community members all throughout Butte County and plan fundraising events. I'm very familiar with our community, our school and what changes need to be made. Let your voice be heard, together we soar!

COMMISSIONER OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND RESOURCES – SYDNEY PUCCETTI

Hey Wildcats! My name is Sydney Puccetti and I am running to be re-elected as Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources! As the current Commissioner of SOAR, this year I have been able to allocate thousands of student dollars to clubs and organizations to make our campus the home for each and every one of you, I have also created an advocacy council as part of Diversify Affairs that gives students the opportunity to amplify their voice on campus. My involvement in Government Affairs, University Housing, Love Your Melon and much more has provided me with a lens in which I believe that students enhance their education through co-curricular experiences and with this I want to continue to grow the opportunities for students through campus involvement by continuing to provide resources and support to student organizations and programs. Vote for me if you'd like to continue to "discover the possibilities" alongside your peers!



ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SENATORS

Within AS Government Affairs, the senators act as representatives of all students served by their perspective colleges. Each senator is a voting member of the Student Academic Senate and coordinate with academic/department student organizations for the general purpose of creating a true link between the AS and colleges within the University.

MICHELLE BORGES – AGRICULTURE

Hi Wildcats! My name is Michelle Borges, and I would like your vote to be the next Senator for the College of Agriculture. I am committed to serving the students at Chico State with effective leadership, consistent communication, and genuine authenticity. My involvement on the Legislative Affairs Committee has given me the necessary experience to hit the ground running beginning day one if elected as your senator. Vote Michelle Borges, I will strive to improve the Chico experience for all Wildcats!



MATTEA BERTAIN – BUSINESS

My name is Mattea Bertain! I am running for the position of Senator for the College of Business. I am a sophomore majoring in Business Administration with an option in Marketing. I love being involved in the College of Business: I am in the American Marketing Association, the Association for Women in Business, and currently work in the Seufferlein Sales Program office. As a Senator, I will connect our student organizations to more funding so that we continue to encourage student success. I will seek representation and input from College of Business organizations to establish a strong core support for our various interests. I will also foster prosperous relationships within our college and encourage students to get involved so that they develop not only professionally but personally. Let's grow together!



ANASTASIA SMEECKLE – ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Hello my name is Anastasia Schmeeckle, I am a Construction Management major. I am currently a Junior pursuing the Senator position for the College of ECC. I am currently involved in Women in Construction, Legislative Affairs Committee, while participating in nonmajor extracurricular activities including Momentum and the school musical, In the Heights. I have participated as a staff member in Associative Students of Construction in 2020 and Informative speech competition, winning finalist position; Sponsored by the CSU Chico Communications department. I am very involved with my campus community and seek new opportunities to expand my skill set and encourage others to try something new. Being a woman in a male dominate industry is a little challenging, but I hope to encourage other women/ girls to go beyond stereotypes and participate in difficult STEM related fields. I believe in Building a better Tomorrow with Innovation while defying Labels.

HEATHER RODRIGUEZ ORTIZ – ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

My name is Heather Rodriguez and I am a Junior majoring in Civil Engineering. Coming from a small rural school of 189 total students, I strongly believe that there are opportunities for everyone no matter how specific, as the real challenge is knowing where to find them. During my time at Chico, I have had the opportunity to work with both faculty and staff from multiple departments in completing the efforts of making college a reality for high school seniors. Whether it has been strengthening relationships between high schools and the university or revising personal statements. I have strengthened my networking skills in finding opportunities for seeking individuals. If elected, my goal is to create similar opportunities for students at Chico State. I plan to work diligently as senator in creating relationships with faculty and their research from all departments, as everyone can benefit from a helping hand.



MICAH PEREZ – ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

My name is Micah Perez and I am currently a junior studying Computer Science. Previously, I've held positions and been a member in various clubs including the IEEE and LTC. In addition to this I also have on campus experience currently working two jobs for university housing. If elected, I hope to update the curriculum in the College of Engineering and make changes to the goals of each department. One main goal I have is that I would like to make the Computer Science curriculum here at Chico State more Software Engineering and theory focused rather than just programming, and hope to make similar needed changes to other departments as well. Thank you!



ROGELIO DAVILA – HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

Hello Wildcats, My name is Rogelio Davila. I am thrilled to announce that I'm running for AS Senator for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. My major is Interior Architecture. With my previous experience as the Director of Marketing for University Housing I am qualified to plan and execute various events that will create more engagement within our college. I am immensely passionate about advocating for student life. I want to stress how talented the students are in our department. I want to showcase their true talents and artistic capabilities at a campus wide level by generating events and encouraging student representation. Our students in the college of humanities and fine arts spend hundreds of dollars each semester on art equipment. As a Senator I want to help support and promote a catalog that contains scholarships for students in our college to apply for, in order to receive funding for their expenses.

JOSE CALDERON – HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

My name is Jose Calderon III. I'm an Interior Architecture major finishing off my 3rd year at Chico State. I've worked in University housing as a Resident Advisor and currently working as a desk attendant. I'm the current philanthropy chair of Tau Kappa Epsilon and an officer of the interior architecture club. My passion has always resided in helping others, serving them, or representing them. I want to help raise awareness of what the College of Humanities and Fine Arts has to offer students, new and current.

There are many opportunities for our students that they aren't aware of and I want to bring those opportunities and experiences forward. Through open studios, our students showcase their talents and work in the arts; through exhibitions guest lectures, and performances, we see what our humanities has to offer students. Join me in bringing the opportunities that our college has to offer forward.



TARYN BURNS – HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

Hey everyone! My name is Taryn Burns. I'm a sophomore here at Chico State and I am studying history and English education. I'm running to be your senator for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts. I currently serve our campus on the Legislative Affairs Committee and in other clubs on campus. Throughout my education, I have dedicated my time and effort to serve my fellow students and community members. As your senator I plan to support the artists, writers, historians, philosophers, linguists, and performers of our college. Through coordination with our students, staff, and faculty, we can grow our college and the opportunities within it. I will advocate for each of you in the academic senate and make sure your needs are met. Our college is known for its creativity and I know that when we work together we can paint progress!

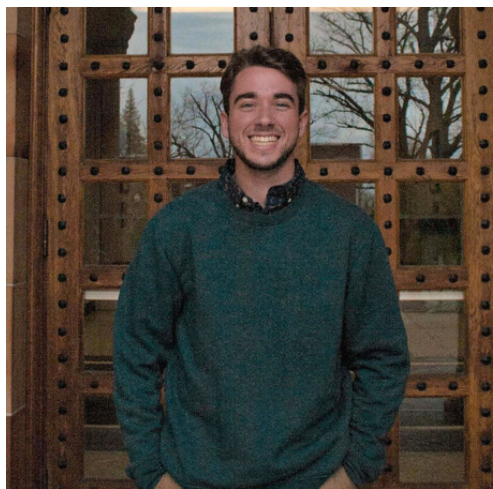
NIRVANA ALMADA – NATURAL SCIENCES

Hi everyone! My name is Nirvana Almada and currently am running for the position Senator of the College of Natural Sciences. I am a third-year student majoring in biochemistry and am involved in various organizations on campus including, being an officer of the chemistry club, an active research student, and a Supplemental Instructor for the Student Learning Center. If elected senator, a few goals of mine to continue uprising our college to support and include all students, consists of developing more events comprising of monthly meetings, fun activities, and alumni panels. With my experience working in the student learning center, I also desire to help clubs and departments find additional ways to support their students learning needs. Lastly, I hope to start evolving ideas to move towards environmentally friendly practices throughout our departments. I hope I can support you next year as your representative!



KEVIN KAMM – NATURAL SCIENCES

Hello, my name is Kevin Kamm, I am running for AS Senator for the College of Natural Sciences. I am a sophomore majoring in Natural Sciences who is an aspiring teacher looking for a way to advocate for scholars through our student government. As an Eagle Scout I am both familiar with the skills needed to be a leader and the importance of conserving our natural world. I'm currently working in the Hands on Learning Lab in the Physical Science building where I am able to teach elementary school students about the natural worlds most fascinating concepts. If elected, I will advocate for the implementation of the effects of climate change across the universities curriculum. I will also fight to bring more opportunities for students to become involved with the Gateway Science Museum as I feel that it is a great way to interact with our community.



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