



Associated Students

California State University Chico

2023 AS General Election Candidate Profiles

President

JJ Arciga



I am JJ Arciga, son of immigrant parents and a first-generation student. I'm running for President in the 2023 AS General Election in order to elevate the collective voices of my peers, thereby catalyzing our shared prosperity. I am a third-year undergraduate pursuing a degree in Animal Science and am driven by my aspiration to obtain a doctoral degree in Veterinary Medicine. I engage in regular volunteer work at the Chico Animal Shelter, dedicating my time and effort towards improving the lives of these precious animals. Additionally, leveraging my expertise and passion, I launched my own dog training business in 2022. I originate from a small town in the Bay Area where many of my peers were unfortunately deprived of the chance to graduate high school or pursue higher education. However, it is their story that fuels me to strive toward excellence and to catapult Roseland onto the global stage.

Autumn Alainz-Wiggins



My name is Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins (she/her/hers), and I am running to be your 2023-2024 AS President!

I am a double major, 5th year, in Multicultural & Gender Studies and Sociology, and I am in the Chico State Student Philanthropy Council. I have served in a multitude of leadership roles, most notably as the 2022-2023 Director of Social Justice & Equity with AS Government. My additional experience as a Peer Mentor with the BLM program, alongside having worked in nonprofit, tech, and research, creates a breath of experience and knowledge that I am confident will lead to a successful presidency if I am elected. My goal is to protect the resources that Chico students need most, foster collaboration among students and departments, and empower students to participate in committees and forums.

"The most common way people give up their power is by

Oscar Cisneros-Magana



My name is Oscar Cisneros and I hope to be your next AS President. I've attended Chico State since 2020 as an Agricultural Business major. I was born and raised on the Central Coast, I have a long history of community involvement and student engagement. Through my roles with the STAR Center, Men of Chico, and other collaborations, I've expanded my knowledge and made Chico my second home. With recent challenges on campus, it is important for student voices to be heard. I plan to work to increase transparency from administration, promote student engagement, while working to make Chico State a place that puts students' needs first. With your support I know we can create a campus that is, proactive, inclusive and forward- looking.

Executive Vice President

Kyleigh Davis



Mia Sanchez-Bejar



Greetings Wildcats! My name is Kyleigh Davis, and I am currently in my third year at Chico State studying Animal Science with a pre-veterinary focus. During my time in high school, I served as Junior Class Representative in 2019 and as All-Student Body Treasurer in 2020. Additionally, I held the role of Idaho 4-H Public Relations State Officer in 2020. Before attending Chico State, I was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at Fort Scott Community College and served as Vice President of the Chapter. I am excited to utilize my skill and knowledge to enhance the student life experience at Chico State next year. While I will continue with existing projects, I am excited to hear the new ideas from my fellow students and make it a great year!

Hello! My name is Mia Sanchez-Bejar and I have been your senator for the College of Natural Sciences for the past two years. Its been so fulfilling being your senator for these previous terms, but I'm excited to step into this new position and its challenges- A little about me is that I'm a Peruvian first-generation student from Sacramento, majoring in Cell and Molec Biology on the pathway to med school! Being given the opportunity to run again means a lot. I can't wait to be able to meet more of you, and I hope to be able to voice your concerns or questions and serve you to my best potential. Please don't be scared to reach out by email or in person, once again, I can't wait for what this year has in hold for us! Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve as your Vice President!

Vice President of Business and Finance

Johnathan C. Montes



I am Johnathan C. Montes, a junior studying Business Administration with a focus on accounting. As my studies progress, my goals have become more refined. Recently, I have been exploring accounting in the context of politics, recognizing the crucial role of ethical accounting practices in the government sector.

I'm passionate about ensuring local government funds are used to benefit communities to their fullest potential. Through my involvement in the Associate Students (AS) organization, I have seen firsthand the impact of decision-makers on individuals and families.

As a father myself, I feel responsible to ensure that educators and public servants are doing everything in their power to prepare the next generation of leaders. If elected, my priority would be to clarify what resources are available to students such as safety, nourishment, and wellness. By doing so, I am confident that we can help students succeed both in and outside the classroom.

Vice President of Facilities and Services

Vincent Sy



My name is Vincent Sy (he/him). I am a first generation American, from Filipino and Jewish parents, and am excited to have the opportunity to run for VP of Facilities and Services. As a driven student, and a construction management major, I strive for excellence and involvement by maintaining a high GPA, and participating in many organizations on our campus.

As a candidate, my goal is to foster an inclusive and collaborative environment for all students, as well as implement the leadership skills I've learned from my years in coaching, greek life, and competing on the Chico ASC Electrical team. I plan to work closely with student organizations and actively seek out feedback from the student body to address and implement necessary changes that strengthen our community.

I am confident and eager to make a positive impact on our Wildcat community. Thank you for considering me for this position.

Director of Academic Affairs

Mia Arisman



Hey! I'm Mia Arisman, an Agriculture Science and Education major. I am elated to be running for Director of Academic Affairs this year. I grew up south of Sacramento, in a small rural community called Acampo. My passion for leadership was fostered during my time in high school and a year after graduation as I served California FFA's 98,000+ students as a State Officer. Coming into Chico State, I found my home in the College of Agriculture and had the good fortune of serving as the Senator for my college this past year. These experiences confirmed my love of growth and ability to be both a dreamer and a doer. As the Director of Academic Affairs, my mission is to see, know, and understand all students who call Chico State home. I envision a year of creating opportunities and building bridges, and look forward to leaving a positive impact.

Director of Social Justice and Equity

Aishwarya Gowda	Christian Sullivan
	
<p>Hello! I'm Aishu (Aishwarya Gowda), an electrical engineering major with minors in MINS, Math, and CMPE. I am an international student from a country that values unity within diversity, and I am deeply committed to building an inclusive community that celebrates our differences. I am involved with the Global Student Society, which aims to give international students a home while also fostering relationships with local students. My internship at the Cross Cultural Leadership Center aided my multicultural understanding, which keeps me active in that community. As the founder of the Bollywood Dance Club, I encourage people to dance from the heart, regardless of their background or experience. As I advocate for equity and respect for all, I hope to bring people from different cultural backgrounds together, and my dream is to create a diverse and united Chico State family with the same ethos.</p>	<p>I am Christian Sullivan, but I go by Chris. I am from Inglewood, CA, and my major is Sociology, with a minor in Multicultural Studies, including a pathway minor in Ethics, Justice, and Policy. I am a 5th year looking to enter the Social Science graduate program focusing on career and life planning. I have actively supported first-year students as a peer mentor and event coordinator for the First-Year Experience Program. I am also a peer mentor for the Chico Student Success Center's REACH Program, where I assist underrepresented first-year students in navigating their academic and personal lives. If elected, my priority is to promote equitable distribution of resources for Chico State students. I aim to see that all resources are utilized effectively to benefit students, regardless of their backgrounds or circumstances. To achieve this goal, I am committed to hearing and addressing the community's needs.</p>

Commissioner of Community Affairs

Imani Martin	



Hi everyone! My name is Imani Martin, and I am thrilled to be running for the position of Commissioner of Community Affairs. I'm a Bay Area native studying Communications and Public Affairs with the hopes of working in Diversity, Equity, and inclusion in the near future. I'm excited about the opportunity to make a difference on our campus as a student representative, and if elected, I promise to bring my energy, passion, and commitment to representing and advocating for the student community. I know that feeling welcome and included on campus is so vital to student success, and I'm committed to doing everything I can to make that a reality for everyone. Thank you for considering me for this position, as I look forward to the opportunity to represent and advocate for our student community.

Commissioner of Legislative Affairs

Katie Chai



Hi Wildcats! My name is Katie Chai and I'm running for Commissioner of Legislative Affairs. I'm a third-year majoring in Political Science Legal Studies with a minor in Psychology and the goal of going to law school! I'm currently the President of Pre-Law Society, a paralegal intern at the Community Legal Information Clinic, the VP of Programming for Chico State's Panhellenic Council, and I was the Senator for The College of BSS from 2021-2022. I love being involved on campus and I wish to continue my involvement throughout my last year at Chico State. My biggest goal is keeping the campus informed on legislative action that affects students and encourage students to vote as the country is nearing election season. I wish to plan events that empower students and inform them of the political world we live in! Every voice matters on campus, and I want to ensure this!

Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy

Itzel Saucedo Dominguez

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Hey! My name is Itzel Saucedo, and I am a 3rd year majoring in Journalism and PR from Sonoma County. As part of the Women's Volleyball Club, I hold the position of Safety and Travel officer pushing me to become more involved and be an advocate for my team. This inspired me to take a running position for Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy and be given the opportunity to join AS Government Affairs. I hope that as commissioner I will be able to voice your concerns and represent you, the students, because that's what matters. I am excited to be running and have the chance to give back to the Chico State community and become more involved with the student body. I can't wait to make new connections and represent you all!



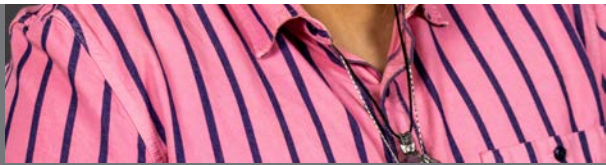
Chico State is rad. Like many of you, my experience here has been incredible. Yet, there is so much potential for our university to cultivate a strong student culture. I plan to implement strategies that boost awareness for events, promote student athletics, clubs, and other organizations. The work you put in for your organizations should be promoted and celebrated. I also believe you shouldn't need Instagram to know what is happening on campus. When in office, I hope to plan and facilitate more on-campus events to further develop our student culture. Be cool, vote for me, and I'll put chocolate milk in the drinking fountains. ROCK ON!

Chris Navarrete



Hello everyone,

My name is Chris Navarrete and I am running for Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy! I am a third-year Chico State student studying animal science with a focus in pre-veterinarian. I am currently the First Year Leadership Opportunity (FLO) Student Coordinator for the academic year of 2022-2023. I have been a part of FLO for the past three years here at Chico State and it gave me and many students an opportunity to get involved on campus, learn about campus resources, and feel a sense of



community. Now, I want to do the same thing for every student on campus. I am well adapted to give different campus resources and events to help students feel engaged at Chico State and have a voice along the way. I want your voice to be heard, and it will be, with me.

Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs

Cristian Rameño-Amezcu



Hello Wildcat!



You and I both know the earth and the environment’s importance in our day-to-day lives. My goal is to show and expose you to a greener mindset. My name is Cristian Rameño-Amezcu, I am an Environmental Science major and have previous experience in both the science and leadership realms. At Chico state, I have taken multiple STEM classes that help challenge and push my knowledge. Classes like Chemistry and Soil Process have been beneficial in understanding what occurs in our microscopic world. When it comes to leadership, I have filled many roles at different levels and paces. Most recently I have facilitated for FLO and am an active member at TRIO SSS. If elected as Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs, I hope to follow the duties called upon me by this role with ease and determination to accommodate and be at the forefront of innovation for our campus’s future.

Hola Wildcat!

Tú y yo conocemos la importancia de la tierra y el medio ambiente en nuestra vida cotidiana. Mi objetivo es mostrarte y exponerte a una mentalidad más ecológica. Mi nombre es Cristian Rameño-Amezcu, soy estudiante de Ciencias Ambientales y tengo experiencia previa en el ámbito científico é el liderazgo. En Chico State, he tomado clases de STEM que me ayudan a desafiar y mejorar mis conocimientos. Clases como Química y Proceso del suelo han sido beneficiosas para comprender lo que ocurre en nuestro mundo microscópico. Cuando se trata de liderazgo, he desempeñado posiciones en diferentes niveles y ritmos. Más recientemente he facilitado para FLO y soy miembro activo de TRIO SSS. Si soy elegido Comisionado de Asuntos de Sostenibilidad, espero cumplir los deberes que me

impone este cargo con facilidad y determinación para adaptarme y estar a la vanguardia de la innovación para el futuro de nuestro campus.

Senator for the College of Agriculture

Enrique Rodriguez	Damon Gallegos
	
<p>Hello Wildcats,</p> <p>My name is Enrique Rodriguez, a 4th-year undergraduate student majoring in Agriculture Science Education. I am running for the College of Agriculture Senator. I have served as the Director of East Campus and Vice President for two years in Associated Students at my community college. During my time here at CSU Chico, I have established a strong sense of communication and belonging as the COA Academic Advisor by providing our student's support and resources to succeed. My vision is to invite the college of agriculture students to share any concerns or comments they may have about the college. I want to create a student culture with an open-door policy that encourages students to have a voice in their higher education. Through this position, I hope</p>	<p>Hey Wildcats! I'm Damon Gallegos, an Animal Science major on a Pre-Veterinary pathway, with a minor in the Biological Sciences. I am thrilled for the opportunity to run to be the 2023-2024 Student Academic Senator for the College of Agriculture. I am originally from a small town in northern San Diego, called Fallbrook; where I was able to sow the seeds of my journey in agriculture and leadership. Throughout my time here, whether it be as an AG Ambassador, within the Crops Club, or at our farm units, I have found a home in the loving and supportive community of the College of Agriculture. As your College of Agriculture Senator, I hope to continue to promote this environment by inspiring creativity, fostering unity, and cultivating agriculturalists to create a better place for all who walk into Plumas Hall, or through the gates of the University Farm.</p>

to model my favorite quote, “ Leadership is an action, not a position.” - Donald McGannon

Vote for Enrique Rodriguez

Zackary Machado



Hello everyone! My name is Zackary Machado and I am a sophomore here at California State University, Chico. I am currently majoring in Agricultural Science and Education with an emphasis in agricultural business. I have served in numerous leadership roles throughout high school and in college. To name a few, I was Associated Student Body (ASB) Secretary, FFA Chapter Treasurer, and the most recent being the ICC Representative for the Dairy Science & Industry Club. I have three main goals for my campaign - 1. Promote diversity in agriculture, 2. Strengthen our community within the College of Agriculture, 3. Expand our presence on campus. I appreciate your support and consideration, and I'll leave you with one of my favorite motivational quotes.

“All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.” —Walt Disney

Senator for the College of Behavioral and Social Science

Zion Fozo



Madison Parella



Hello, Everyone! My name is Zion Fozo (they/them/theirs/ella). A first-year Chico State student with a background in leadership, I participate in the First-Year Leadership Opportunity, Community Council, and the Student Learning Fee Committee for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. I want to grow the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences to better represent student needs, to make the college more diverse and inclusive, and to advocate for social change on campus and beyond. My goal is to include a more diverse range of beliefs and opinions. If I am elected, I want to work together with students to address any issues they may have with the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. I believe firmly that there is a collaborative future—and that future is one worth fighting for.

My name is Maddie Parella! I am a third-year student here at Chico State majoring in both Psychology and Criminal Justice and am an aspiring criminal defense lawyer. I have served on the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Student Government for the past year and am striving to get more students involved within the college. I plan to serve as an open resource for all students in BSS, helping aid your journey to your degree. In my term, I want to become educated in all of the resources available for us as students in the college and encourage involvement from all of you! Becoming involved in a hands-on way in this college has been such a rewarding experience for me. I want to take it up to the next step, striving to make your experience here at Chico State everything you could want it to be and more.

Marc Sassarini



Hello everyone,

My name is Marc Sassarini, I am a 4th year here at Chico State. I am a Health Services Administration major, and I am running for Senator of College of Behavioral and Social Sciences! My goals and aspirations for this position if elected include promoting nothing but the best interests for all Chico State students. I want to continue to build on the progressions made by those before me, as well as bring

Francie Polinski



My name is Francie Polinski and I am a second-year Public Health major. I currently serve on the Executive Board of my sorority as the Vice President of New Member Education and Member Experience. I have also been in leadership programs such as peer counseling and ASB in the past. My goal for serving as the Senator for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences is to provide adequate services for the students within this college in order to create a finer environment for them. I would like to promote

undivided attention and energy to the position. As for experience in a leadership position, I have learned distinctive leadership skills from my time as being Vice President of the Delta Chi Fraternity. The opportunity to assist in the operation of a fraternity here on campus has projected me to be a perfect candidate for this position. I hope I can count on your vote!

Thank you,

Marc Sassarini

student success and engagement within our community by using students’ opinions to make changes that benefit both the school and students. I believe that I’m a qualified candidate for this position because my past experiences have taught me how to be a trusted leader.

Arely Saldana



Hi Wildcats! My name is Arely Saldana, and I am running for Senator of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. I am a First-year graduate student in the Psychological Science program, and my career goals include conducting psychological research relevant to the criminal justice system, as well as teaching at the university level. I am a first-generation ESL student originally from Jalisco, Mexico. I currently work as an Adelante Program Outreach Coordinator. Additionally, I am the Vice-President of the Council of Graduate Students, and I am the Treasurer and President-Elect of The Adelante Club. I decided to run for the position of Senator because I want BSS students to have their voices heard and their needs met, as well as to support AS in its mission to enrich the quality of campus life for all Chico State students. Allow me to represent you as the next BSS Senator!

Hola Wildcats! Me llamo Arely Saldaña, y me estoy postulando para Senadora del Colegio de Ciencias Sociales y Comportamiento (BSS). Estoy en mi primer año de la maestría en el programa de Ciencia Psicológica, y mis metas son hacer investigaciones científicas relevantes para el sistema de justicia criminal, así como también enseñar a nivel universidad. Yo crecí en Jalisco, México. El inglés es mi segundo idioma, y también soy la primera de mi familia en ir universidad. Trabajo como coordinadora de difusión del Programa Adelante, soy Vicepresidenta del Consejo de Estudiantes Graduados, y también Tesorera y Presidenta electa del Club Adelante. Decidí postularme para Senadora porque quiero que los estudiante del Colegio de BSS sean escuchados y sus necesidades sean cubiertas. También quiero ayudar a AS en su misión de enriquecer la calidad de

vida de los estudiantes de Chico State. ¡Permíteme representarte como la siguiente Senadora de BSS!

Senator for the College of Humanities and Fine Arts

Senator for the College of Communication and Education

Senator for the College of Business

Senator for the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Construction Management

Senator for the College of Natural Science