

2022 AS Declared Candidate Biographies

PRESIDENT

Hi everyone! My name is Krystal Alvarez and I am currently a third year student here studying Communication Sciences and Disorders with a minor in Child Development. I currently serve as the Senator for the College of Communication and Education and I have developed a passion working with Associated Students since I've been elected. Through this position I have learned how important it is to be involved with everyone on campus. I have learned the importance of being able to advocate for students, especially as a student of color. In this election cycle, I plan on running for President. Not only would it be an honor to serve as your President, but it is also another opportunity to help represent diversity within the University. If you believe in my ability to help amplify your voice then vote Krystal Alvarez as your choice!



KRYSTAL
ALVAREZ

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Hey Wildcats! My name is Aishani Dutta, and I am so excited to be running for Executive Vice President! A few things about me, I am from a small town in the East Bay, called Pleasanton. I am going to be entering my third year as a double major in Finance and Management Information Systems. Here at Chico State I am a part of the professional fraternity Delta Sigma Pi, of which I've served in various leadership roles. My goal as your EVP is to push for complete transparency and open communication to make sure students are aware of what is going on in Associated Students and how it can impact them. I can't wait to work with all of you and help you get what you need! "Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." So let's make it happen together.



AISHANI DUTTA

Hi Wildcats! My name is Jade Tsao and I am a junior majoring in psychology along with minoring in family relations. My experience as Chief of Staff this year has given me plenty of insight into the world of Government Affairs and I'd love to use my knowledge to advocate for students on our campus. In this election, I will be running for Executive Vice President which I believe will allow me to create a positive impact and build connections with everyone I come across! I am committed to working hard to provide a platform that elevates student voice and opinion.



JADE TSAO

I am running for Executive Vice President (EVP). EVP, like many other AS positions on the ballot, remains a mystery to many students. After spending considerable time researching this organization and speaking with people with extensive experience, I have found the Associated Students to be convoluted, bureaucratic, and honestly insanely expensive for the average student (nearly \$1000/year for each of us). I want to change that, by bringing a referendum to the students to vote on whether the Associated Students should even exist as we do today. That way, students can get their fees back, and focus on paying for day-to-day necessities like rent.



JUSTIS KUSUMOTO

VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

NO DECLARED CANDIDATE

VICE PRESIDENT OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Hello Wildcats! My name is Michelle Davis and I am running to be your next Vice President of Facilities and Services. I am a junior majoring in sociology who has been involved with the AS for three years. This past year, I have been serving as your Commissioner of Legislative Affairs! This election season, I am seeking to earn your vote for Vice President of Facilities and Services because of my passion to transform our facilities into a more welcoming space for students, as well as my desire to develop more sustainable practices on campus. If elected into this position, I plan on hosting wellness events in the BMU throughout the year, creating a more centralized composting center on campus, and ensuring that our facilities are an accessible space for all students to enjoy. Thank you for your consideration and happy voting!



MICHELLE DAVIS

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY

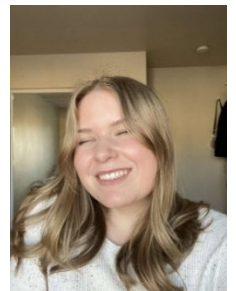
My name is Autumn Alaniz-Wiggins (she/her/hers), and I am running to be your next Director of Social Justice and Equity! I am a Multicultural Gender Studies Major aiming for a minor in Managing Diversity in Organizations. With your help, I will gain the necessary experience to lead initiatives, design memorable events, and broadcast that special message of Equity! Coming from a military family means that I was afforded the opportunity to walk with people from all walks of life. As an adult, I sustain that compassion, working with Inner-city youth teaching gardening, working on farms around the US, and familiarizing myself with the systemic injustices in our society. My post-college goal is to lead Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion initiatives around the US and cultivate a safe work environment. Discover that "Prejudice is a burden that confuses the past, threatens the future, and renders the present inaccessible." Maya Angelou.



AUTUMN
ALANIZ-WIGGINS

DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

Hey! My name is Allison Wagner, and I am running for Director of University Affairs. I'm currently a second-year Junior with a double major in Psychology and Spanish. A connection between students and student government is vital to progress. Without a student to Director connection then progress is halted. If elected to Director of University Affairs my main goal is to reestablish that connection. I want student ideas to be the main driving force in the direction that I take. As a staff member at the WREC, I have experience in making that connection. As a Coordinator for CAVE, I know what it means to navigate the politics of campus. As a Facilitator for the First-Year Leadership opportunity, I know how to involve students of all backgrounds and ages. A vote for Allison Wagner is a vote for yourself, experience, and progress. Thank you for your help in making a difference.



ALLISON WAGNER

COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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CANDIDATE**

COMMISSIONER OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

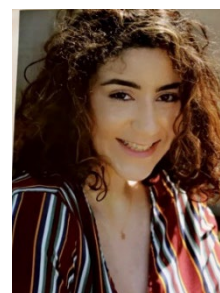
I am applying for AS Commissioner of Legislative Affairs because I think civic duty is very important. I believe voters should be informed so they make the largest impact on their community. As an active member of the Legislative affairs council we are working to inform people about voting. I want to go beyond that and help fellow students contact their representatives and learn the processes of petitions. As a member of the officer core of the Model United Nations team I've been exposed to a wide variety of issues and solutions that play a role in the international community. I want to continue to educate myself and help the student body reach a high level of student civic engagement, continuing our success in voting in elections. Please vote Joshua Rubinoff for AS Commissioner of Legislative Affairs.



JOSHUA
RUBINOFF

COMMISSIONER OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY

Hello fellow Wildcats! My name is Belèn Espinoza. I am a second year Political Science major, and the current Commissioner for Student Engagement and Advocacy. As Commissioner, my job is to advocate on the behalf of students, organizations, and support student engagement. I am here to communicate your issues and build up our Chico State community. If elected, I plan to continue my efforts to promote engagement on campus and make sure all student voices are heard and listened to. I am here to help the students, so help me help you!



BELÈN ESPINOZA

Hi Wildcats! My name is Chloe Renner, and I want to be our next Commissioner of Student Engagement and Advocacy! I'm currently a third year Psychology major with a minor in Child Development. Currently, I work on campus as an Involvement Coordinator for Student Life and Leadership, as well as off-campus as an after school teacher. I currently serve as the VP of Public Relations for the College Panhellenic Council, and last year I served as my sorority's VP of Marketing. I'm extremely committed to the communities I am a part of on campus, and I want to get all of our students involved in everything our wonderful campus has to offer! If elected, I will provide meaningful outreach and memorable campus wide events!



CHLOE RENNER

COMMISSIONER OF SUSTAINABILITY AFFAIRS

Hello, my name is Daisy Chavez and I am a fourth year here at Chico State. I am originally from San Diego, California, but I now view Chico as my home. I am currently studying for my degree in Parks and Natural Resource Management with a minor in Environmental Studies. It is my love for nature and my passion for sustainability that has driven me to run for the Commission of Sustainability Affairs. I have been an advocate for the Earth throughout all my college years and have gained experience with advocacy through my time as the former A.S. Recycling Office Manager and the current Zero Waste Project Coordinator for Green Campus. If elected, I will not only raise awareness around the importance of sustainable practices but also push for policies or referendums that can make our campus a more sustainable college.



DAISY CHAVEZ

SENATOR FOR COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Hey everyone! I'm Mia Arisman, a sophomore student majoring in Agriculture Science with an option in Education. I am excited to be your candidate as the College of Agriculture Senator. I grew up just south of Sacramento, in a small rural community called Acampo. Both agriculture and leadership are areas that I am incredibly passionate about. After my high school graduation, I was elected to serve over 95,000 students in the California FFA Association as the State FFA Secretary. As your College of Agriculture Senator, my mission is to see, know and understand all students that call the College of Agriculture their home. I am a dreamer and a doer. I envision a year of building community, forging new connections, and the creativity to bring us to new heights. I'm ready to do what it takes to make Chico State and the College of Agriculture a place for all.



MIA ARISMAN

SENATOR FOR COLLEGE OF BEHAVIORAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

NO DECLARED CANDIDATE

SENATOR FOR COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND EDUCATION

Hi friends! My name is Amy Ledergerber and I am running to be the College of Communication and Education Senator. As a junior, my absolute favorite part of my journey at Chico State has been engaging in any and all opportunities to get involved! I currently serve as the Associated Students Wildcat Leadership Center's Student Inclusion and Involvement Coordinator where I serve the students every day! I also perform the role of Vice President of Programming for our Panhellenic Council, having previously served on my sororities Executive Board as the Vice President of New Member Education and Member Experience. I would absolutely love the chance to help those in my college and community discover what Chico State has to offer and build towards a brighter future for our college campus with my fellow representatives!



AMY LEDERGERBER

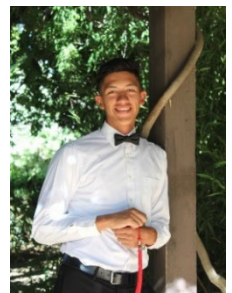
SENATOR FOR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

My name is Katie Lakey. I'm a Business Administration major with a concentration in Project Management and a minor in Tourism. I have a passion for connecting people. After years of serving as president and secretary of the Association for Women in Business and taking part in other College of Business clubs such as the American Marketing Association and Project Management Group, I have learned the importance of equipping students with professional development skills and chances to collaborate. An important part of connecting students is giving them networking opportunities. I'll advocate for moving more business classes to an in-person environment to allow students to get to know one another on a personal level. As a member of multiple organizations, I'll also work to encourage collaboration between College of Business clubs to create more opportunities for students. Vote Katie for a connected campus.



KATIE LAKEY

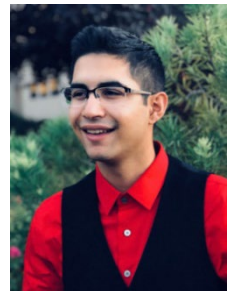
My name is Eric Celis. I am a sophomore majoring in Business Administration with a double concentration in Finance and Marketing. If I were elected as the Associated Students Senator for the College of Business, my promise is to continuously listen to my fellow students. I will do whatever is in my power to help aid your concerns and promote your wonderful ideas. I am excited for this new journey and all of the experiences I will make along the way!



ERIC CELIS

SENATOR FOR COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, COMPUTER SCIENCE, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

Hey Wildcats! My name is Behnam (Ben-num) like venom, but with a "b". A little bit about me is that I am from San Ramon, CA. This is my second year at Chico State as a transfer student. I am majoring in Computer Information Systems with a minor in Business Administration. In my free time, I like to go on Reddit, do video editing, and create DJ mixes. My goal as being a senator is to get feedback from students within ECC and increase transparency.



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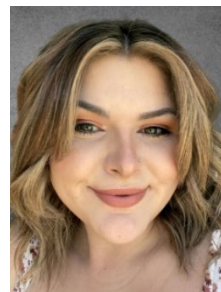
Hello everyone, my name is Diego Valdez and I am currently a sophomore studying mechanical engineering. I plan on going into the Navy after college by joining their NUPOC program, which is their nuclear division. I have taken up leadership positions in the past and will continue to take leadership goals in the future. I am looking to apply the experience that I have gained from my previous roles to the senator position here at ECC. I have always wanted to be more involved with my college and found that this was a great opportunity. My goal is to bring about change where it is needed and allow those to let their voices be heard. I want to become the person that people go to whenever they see issues among the college and have desires to find solutions. Thank you for your time and consideration. Go Wildcats!



DIEGO VALDEZ

SENATOR FOR COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

Hi Wildcats! My name is Mykenzie Mack and I am a Junior majoring in Interior Architecture and Design. I have experience working with the Associated Students and have a great understanding of how the organization functions and the many programs it oversees. If elected, I plan to use the resources and connections available to me to advocate for students of all majors within the college, and make changes where changes are needed throughout the departments. I hope to be someone who students feel will listen to their concerns and advocate for them and their needs within the college. I plan to dedicate my life to providing a proper education and resources for higher education students, and this position would be the perfect opportunity to begin my journey of doing so. With a passion for higher education, I believe I would be a great addition to the Government Affairs team.



MYKENZIE MACK

I am a Studio Art major with a minor in Psychology in the hopes to become an Art Therapist. My goal in this position is to help make sure that students know about what resources are available to them within the college as well as the university as a whole. I would also like to amplify information about current events such as guest speakers, performances, workshops, etc. I feel that there is a lot of knowledge that students do not know in regards to the College of and I aspire to connect them to this information through monthly newsletters. My voice will represent those of my fellow students as I participate in the Student Academic Senate here at CSU Chico.



MCKENZIE
KUSHMAUL

SENATOR FOR COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Hi! My name is Allie Allen and I am Running for Student Academic Senator for the College of Natural Sciences. I am a rising senior at Chico State majoring in Cellular and Molecular Biology. Following graduation, I plan of attending medical school and pursuing my passion for science. If you are a natural sciences major you might recognize me! I have been SI leader for BIOL 162 for over a year, and am involved in Omicron Theta Epsilon, the biology honor society. if elected I will be a direct line of communication between the student body and campus leadership. I love getting to know everyone and I cannot wait to get our voices heard. I want to help all of you reach your highest potential here at Chico State, so vote for me, Allie Allen, for Student Academic Senator for the College of Natural Sciences.



ALLIE ALLEN

Hey guys! My name is Mia Sanchez-Bejar and I'm running to be your Senator for the College of Natural Sciences! I've been a part of the Chico State council for two and a half years. A little about me is that I'm a Peruvian first-generation student from Sacramento, I'm a second-year majoring in Cellular and Molecular Biology with a Minor in Neuroscience. Other than AS I'm involved in CAVE, clubs, and play water polo for the school. I plan to be a voice for all and be able to create a connection between the college and the students. As a woman in STEM, this position means a lot to me, I want to be able to create and share opportunities with all of you. Thank you for this opportunity!



MIA
SANCHEZ-BEJAR