

2019 Associated Students General Election Candidates



President

ALFONSO CALDERA

Hello, Wildcats! My name is Alfonso Caldera I am passionate to have the opportunity to run for AS president for the 2019-2020 academic year. This past year I had the opportunity to be a part of College of Business Council of Representatives (COBCOR), representing Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE). I had the privilege of collaborating with other student leaders on campus to ensure the students are heard. Given my past experience I have developed a passion for helping others through my various involvement on and off campus that includes: SAGE, Delta Sigma Pi, The Animal Shelter, FLO, EOP, Chico Peace and Justice Center, Delta Chi, and Study Abroad. I am grateful I've been able to have opportunities that not everyone has. My goal is to create opportunities for all of the students by having the students voices heard. "The Best Way to predict your future is to create it"



GUSTAVO MARTIR

My name is Gustavo Martir, and I am running for AS President. I arrived at Chico State six years ago, and as a first-generation college student of color from a low-income background, I felt out of place. But through experiences of depression and isolation, I learned early on that there is power and hope in community. When people like us become leaders, become a voice for the voiceless through their education, and advocate for student's rights, students will know that they belong. The purpose of our campaign is to make students feel that Chico State is their home. I represent kindness and I stand for service, which is why I intend to give all of my time, experience, and knowledge to fight for you and the prosperity of all students. This ain't about me; this is about all of us, for a better Chico State begins when we all collaborate.



TREVOR GUTHRIE

Hey Wildcats my name is Trevor Guthrie! As President I want to #AmplifyAS by increasing our shared governance, culture of caring, and our advocacy efforts. In my time here at Chico State I have connected with and served a plethora of communities and been able to keep my finger on the pulse of campus climate. I have served as vice chair of the Student Academic Senate and Director of Legislative Affairs for Associated Students. In this capacity I have lobbied the state legislature for financial aid reform to increase Cal Grant eligibility and increased student representation on the Curricular Advisory Board where important decisions are being made by a majority of faculty. My time in office has allowed me to understand every aspect of the

Associated Students and given me the necessary skills to take the next step and become your AS President. Vote for me, and vote to #AmplifyAS



Executive Vice President

ANTHONY RUIZ

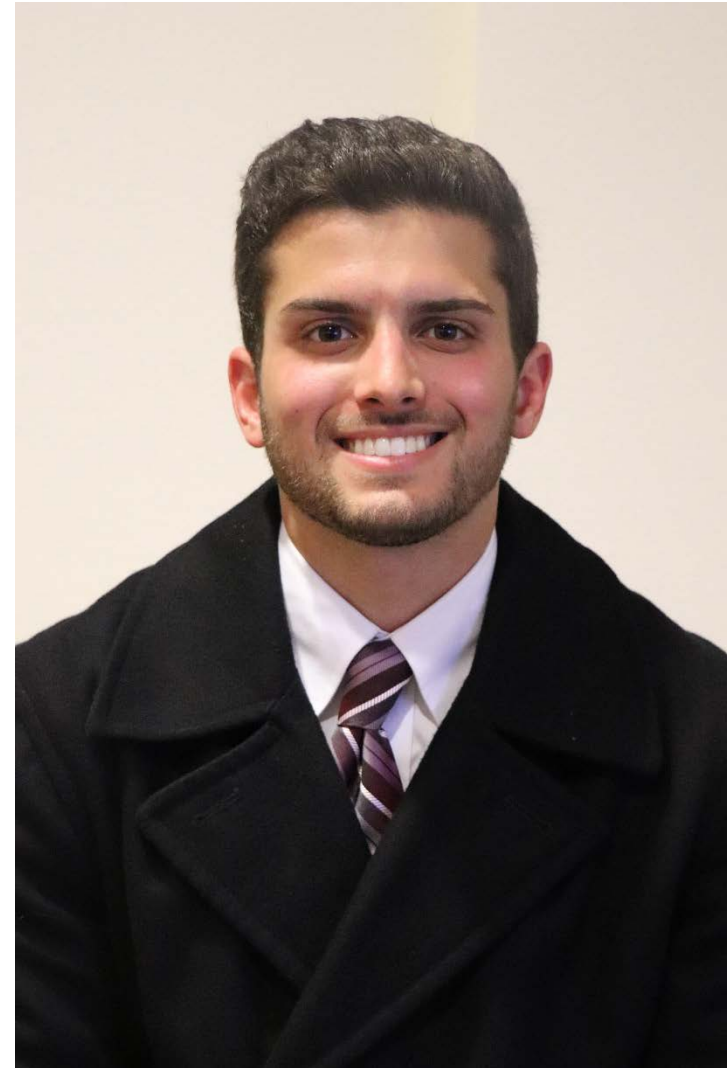
Hello Wildcats, My name is Anthony Ruiz and I'm thrilled to announce that I'm running for the position of AS Executive Vice President. This year I had the opportunity to serve as your AS Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources (SOAR) and had the privilege of working alongside students, administration, and your fellow AS Government Officers to promote student advocacy and representation at our University. Given my previous experiences working directly with students in various leadership roles such as with the AS Freshman Leadership Opportunity Program, I can ensure you that I'm the most qualified candidate for this position. My leadership roles have been geared towards assisting our students so that they have the best Chico State experience possible. My involvement on campus has helped me discover my passion for working with students so I'll strive to make sure student's concerns are being heard by AS and our campus administration.



Vice President of
Business and Finance

CHRIS TAVERRITE

Hey there Chico State Students! My name is Chris Taverrite, and I am running to be your next Associated Students Vice President of Business and Finance. I'm currently finishing up my Junior year here at Chico State as a Business Management major with a minor in Economics. Throughout this past year, I have been lucky enough to serve the AS as the Senator for the College of Business. Within this role I have learned crucial skills such as how to reach out to constituents about their needs, how the AS operates, and understanding how the administration handles both long term and spontaneous events on campus. I believe that this past year of Government experience has prepared me greatly for taking on a larger role, and I would love to have your support. Go Wildcats!



LEILANI GIGENA

As Business Affairs Director of Butte College during spring semester 2018, it was my responsibility to chair the grant proposal committee, review and edit club membership grant proposals to be added to the associated students' board agenda to go through final approval. It was important for me to make an appropriate analysis for each grant request and prioritize my time efficiently. In addition, I was in charge developing and completing the Associated Students' Budget for the fiscal year.

My second leadership role during spring semester was Vice President of the Butte College Accounting Club. My club adviser entrusted me to attend every club meeting and report back to members about my experiences. This position demonstrated me as a reliable leader because I was entrusted with several responsibilities to help contribute with growth of membership.

If elected, I will make responsible financial decisions and help growth in the wildcat community.



Vice President of Facilities and Services

KAYLEE BIEDERMANN

My name is Kaylee Biedermann and I'm running for Vice President of Facilities and Services. I'm a sophomore pursuing a degree in Health Administration. Through my involvement in CAVE, the Student Philanthropy Council, and the Community Affairs Council, I've developed a deep passion for our university. In addition, being President of Love Your Melon has given me the belief in myself to pursue opportunities of higher importance and influence. As your Vice President, I will strive to create welcoming spaces on campus that promote an interconnected student body. If elected, I promise to allocate student fees that truly benefit students with an emphasis on maximizing our campus sustainability goals and efforts. I will always advocate for your goals, your wants, and your needs to ensure what's best for us all. Your money should be used the way you want and I will make sure your voice is heard.



GRACIE PACHIE

Hey Wildcats! My name is Gracie Pachie and I am so excited to be running for Vice- President of Facilities and Services. As a Junior at Chico State I understand the importance of knowing where your student fees are going. That's why I hope that over the coming year together we can work on transparency with our funds. After sitting on the Bell Memorial Union Committee for the past two years, the committee which votes on where these students' funds are being implemented, I have seen firsthand the changes which are important for services offered by both the WREC and BMU.

It is important that with these changes we value the diversity this campus has to offer, and strive to make the facilities offered here inclusive to everyone. Join me as we use #yourfundsyourway.



Director of Legislative Affairs

BRE HOLBERT

Hello! I'm Breanna Holbert, a sophomore majoring in Agricultural Education. I didn't grow up in Agriculture, but understand the significance of the industry sharing mine and others' experiences as a State and National FFA Officer. Being an advocate for all people in that role, I understood that our differences in perspective and practice can build strong communities. While enjoying time as a "Flomie" for Freshman Leadership Opportunity and a peer advisor for the College of Agriculture, I realized I could facilitate that same growth on campus. If elected to Director of Legislative Affairs, I desire to implement policy that supports students of every academic standing by evaluating tuition in relation to each students' use of facilities, ensuring that all experiences reflect students' graduation requirements, as well as proudly share our unique stories on the CSU Chico Board of Directors and on the California State Student Association. "Different. It's what we should SHARE."



Director of University Affairs

ALEJANDRO ALFARO RAMIREZ

My name is Alejandro Alfaro Ramirez, I'm a third-year student double majoring in Multicultural and Gender Studies and Latinx Studies and minoring in Latin American Studies and Womxn Studies. Since 2017, I have been an activist/ organizer with Student for Quality Education. I served on Student Academic Senate as the Diversity and Inclusion liaison during the 2017-18 school year. Since May 2018, I have been active in attending monthly California State Student Association (CSSA) meetings, which comprises of AS representatives from all CSU's. Working with AS and the activists that work to hold student government accountable has given me a deep understanding of how AS's corporate structure prevents it from being a true student union to speak out against administrative corruption. My goal is to reform the corporate structure as much as possible through revision of bylaws in order to prioritize the demands historically marginalized students and activists at Chico.



Commissioner of Community Affairs

ALLYAH PEREZ

My name is Allyah Perez. I'm a junior, pursuing a B.S. in Agricultural Sciences and Education and I am running for Commissioner of Community Affairs. During my time at Chico State, I have participated in different leadership activities that have helped me understand why Chico is such a special place. I was a part of Freshman Leadership Opportunity, and for the past two years I have been a Resident Advisor which has allowed me to serve as a role model for the housing community. Currently I am serving as President for my sorority Sigma Alpha. I want to be a voice for the students and make sure all concerns are addressed on and off campus. If elected I will do my best to represent the students of this University, and to help make a positive impact on our campus while making sure every student feels at home.



CHRISTIAN WEAVER

My name is Christian Weaver, and I am a second-year Legal Studies major running for the position of Commissioner of Community Affairs. As soon as I came to Chico, I fell in love with the sense of community that our university has and all of Chico's as a whole. I am currently sitting on two AS committees, making sure that your student fees are being put to good use. The experience I gained from these committees certifies me to run and represent Chico State to the community. After the devastating events of last November Chico State's status in the city is subject to change, and as your commissioner I will do everything I can to ensure that the police, public safety boards, and city council do not overlook us. We are residents of the amazing town of Chico, and I would love to help your voice be heard!



Commissioner of Diversity Affairs

GUADALUPE SANTANA

My name is Guadalupe Santana and I am running to be your Diversity Affairs Commissioner. I want to ensure everyone feels they have a voice on campus that recognizes and values who we are. My experience interning with the Gender and Sexuality Equity Coalition, and as a first generation Latinx women, I understand many of your struggles of oppression. As a member of the Student Advisory Board for Campus Climate, I want to have monthly discussions on diversity where you can openly speak your mind and voice concerns that I will address in meetings. I want to ensure the continuation of standing events, and create space for more events that bring in every diverse group; Multicultural clubs, the LGBTQ+ community, religious groups and so many more that should be showcased by our campus. Vote Guadalupe Santana as Diversity Affairs Commissioner to ensure equity is held over equality at Chico State.



Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources

SYDNEY PUCCETTI

Hi Wildcats! My name is Sydney Puccetti and I am very excited to be running for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources this year. I am a freshman majoring in Psychology with a minor in Criminal Justice. I am currently involved with Associated Students through the Freshman Leadership Opportunity along with holding the position of Vice President of Community Council within University Housing. This year, I hope to continue to amplify the voices of students where everyone feels connected and heard. My involvement on campus has helped me find my passion for being an advocate for students and I would be so grateful to continue to “discover the possibilities” alongside my peers.



EDGAR HERNANDEZ

Hey y'all! I'm currently a Sophomore double majoring in Legal Studies & Communication Studies. I've been heavily involved around campus with Speech and Debate, Community Council, and the Wildcat Leadership Institute through Freshman Leadership Opportunity. I'm running for Commissioner of Student Organizations and Resources because I'm passionate about service, enthused to be a part of fostering campus growth, and exemplify positive leadership qualities. I believe that I am qualified to fulfill the responsibilities of this office largely because I have previous experience closely related to the Event Funding Allocation Committee. I was a member of Youth Making Change, a county-wide committee given \$15,000 through grants, to allocate to organizations in my county who wanted to make a positive difference in the community. This experience provided me with useful insight on how to effectively distribute funds and make critical decisions that would be invaluable to the position of Commissioner of SOAR.



Commissioner of Sustainability Affairs

JARED GEISER

I am a global citizen who gives a shit. I advocate for the environment and for social justice as I believe that an equitable and ecological society is integral to sustainability.

I am currently the Executive Vice President of the Associated Students and advocate for sustainable practices, basic needs, college affordability, and social action. In my position I chair the Government Affairs Committee and this past semester we passed resolutions supporting civil disobedience and social action as well as climate action. I have extensive knowledge on University sustainability policies and issues from my past year in student government.

As a Geographer, I study the Earth and humanity's interaction with the natural world. I learn how humans can live on the Earth sustainably.

In a world where the sustainability of our environment is threatened and urgent action is needed, we need bold leaders.

Elect me and I'll fight the good fight.



Senator

College of Agriculture

HUNTER ANDRADE

Hey Hi! My name is Hunter Andrade and I am a second-year Agriculture Education Student. I am hoping to be representing you this upcoming academic year as your College of Agriculture Senator. I want to know your needs and desires of the college but also serve as your representation to our campus leaders regarding larger decisions being made. Ultimately, I want to highlight the success of our students as they Harvest their potential within the College of Agriculture.



DAMIAN ARCEO

Howdy Y'all! My name is Damian Arceo and I'm running for the position of Senator of the College of Agriculture. As a Junior majoring in Agricultural Education and specializing in Agriculture Business, I've invested my time participating in numerous organizations within our college and around our campus. These include Collegiate FFA, Summer Orientation, and being a 3-year leadership committee member for the annual CSU Chico FFA Field Day - one of the College of Agriculture's largest community events that welcomes thousands of attendees from all over the state.

Next year, let's make it our goal to ensure our voices are heard and respected. The College of Agriculture is a family, and I'm filled with the passion to make connections, strengthen our community, and maintain consistency as a leader- ready to advocate for our safety and education, including improving our University Farm and introducing free self-defense classes. "Let's Make It Happen!"



Senator

College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

ELLA SNYDER

Hello Wildcats! My name is Ella Snyder, and I am super excited to be running for the position of Senator, for the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Currently, I am a freshman, working towards Bachelor's degrees in my three majors: Political Science (Legal Studies), Psychology, and Criminal Justice.

Although my journey at Chico State has only begun recently, I have demonstrated my passion for working with our students and campus community through the leadership positions I hold in different clubs and organizations. If elected, I will utilize my position to achieve my overall goal of inspiring and supporting students' voices and needs, by taking action to make positive changes and foster involvement. Specifically, I plan to focus on the success of the Behavioral and Social Sciences College, as my three majors in this college provide me with a greater ability to understand and relate to this group of students.



HARRY HATCH

Hey Wildcats! My name is Harry Hatch and I am running for BSS Senator. I hope to represent our college by focusing on three major points I like to call "The Three C's": Cooperation, Collaboration, and Communication. I believe with these focus points, we can better address our students' needs and enact real and lasting change.

A little about me: I am a Child Development Major with a concentration in Special Education. I also enjoy politics, philanthropy, and dance. I have established the Chico State Colorguard as well as other clubs on campus and have participated in Leadership Certificates and Programs since my first semester. With the skills gained through these programs, I hope to be given the privilege to represent the students of the BSS and take our college all the way up...All 7 floors.



TAYLOR DOWNING

Currently a third-year Criminal Justice major minoring in Psychology and aspiring to enter into law enforcement, my goal is to improve the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences to the best of my abilities when hopefully serving as your Senator. My passion for leadership has shown in several organizations including having served as both Vice President and President of my fraternity, Phi Delta Theta. As a Senator, I hope to develop an advisory group for our college comprised of various leaders from clubs within the college to obtain a better understanding of student needs and how to accommodate for them. I am looking forward to this opportunity to make our college the best that it can be.



DEVIN JATKO

My name is Devin Jatko. I am a junior pursuing a bachelor's degree in psychology. There is no prior experience I have in government to guide me through this process, and if elected how to lead this office. However, I have solid interpersonal skills, a keen focus, and splendid organization. I am dedicated to lead this position. It is my goal to create a positive energetic atmosphere here on campus. I have ambitions of creating more research opportunities for students on campus as well as providing enriching hands on experience towards your career goals. I want to spread awareness of resources available on campus and in the community.

Remember Jatko – I am here to create a diverse, inclusive community on campus! My desire is to give you the opportunity to have an experience like none other here at Chico state while on your pursuit of happiness, success, and fulfillment.



DUNCAN YOUNG

Hi my name is Duncan Young and I was born and raised in Livermore, Ca. I am a Freshman majoring in Economics and minoring in Business Administration. Over the past 2.5 years I have served the community by serving the classic Californian burger at In-N-Out. My time there has taught me how to treat everyone with respect and work towards a common goal even under extreme pressure. In my time here at Chico state, I have served our residential halls through COCO and also was selected this semester by our current AS President to sit on CFAC, which allocates part of our tuition fees for student learning activities. If I am elected I will work to build more community among students in the college of BSS and my goal is to coordinate a career/graduate school fair for our students. Thank you for your consideration!

Senator

College of Business

AUSTIN ROGERS

My name is Austin Rogers and I'm running for Senator of the College of Business. I'm a junior at Chico State and am pursuing a career in Finance. For the past four summers I've had an internship at two different financial service companies (Northwestern Mutual, UBS). I am running for this position, because I have a strong passion for the business world, and possess the experience and drive to thrive as the Senator of the College of Business. At Northwestern Mutual and UBS I got my first glimpse of the business world where I learned a lot about how to diversify business and maintain a strong work ethic, but most importantly, I understood the social and soft skills required to be successful in this industry. This drive and passion for business has caused me to pursue the position of Treasurer of my fraternity where I continue to develop these skills I learned.



NICOLE LOISEAU

Hello Chico State students!

My name is Nicole Loiseau and I am currently a junior majoring in BIS Operations and Supply Chain Management. I transferred last fall and I am loving every moment being here at Chico. Everyone on this campus is so loving and welcoming and I would love to spend my senior year helping others feel the same way. I was given endless love and support for my academics in the College of Business from other students. I am running in this election because I want to help those in the College of Business reach their goals and connect students to the campus as a whole. I want to hear everyone's input on how to grow the College and make it even better than it is now. I want to help you succeed!

Passionate, Wise, I'll make your voice heard!

Best,

Nicole Loiseau



Senator

College of Natural Sciences

ALYSSA MYERS

I am a Social and environmental advocate, and I feel that I would be a strong candidate to represent to College of Natural Sciences. When representing our student voice I will ensure all voices are heard. I am a Passionate leader and Believe in order to have a functional society we need equity and ecological soundness.

I am a third year undergraduate student here and Chico State, like many of you this place has become my home. It has allowed me the opportunity to pursue a degree in Biology: Ecological, Evolutionary, and Organismal and a pathway minor in sustainability. I've also had the chance to be involved on campus. Currently, I am serving on the sustainability affairs council, acting as co-coordinator for the annual This Way to Sustainability Conference, the President of EcoReps, and an associate member of Omicron Theta Epsilon, the Biology Honors Club.

I will work to effectively communicate the desires of the student body to the university administration and the leaders within the Associated Students. I am a strong advocate that the students' needs should be prioritized.



KENDALL BLOCK

I am a junior majoring in chemistry and biochemistry. Since the beginning my college career I have been an active member of the chemistry club (SAACS) which I am currently president of. With this position I have been able to engage in the natural sciences senate meetings. I was selected to serve on the student learning fee committee as the representative for the chemistry department. As the Vice President of Academic Development for Alpha Omicron Pi I gained the necessary leadership skills for this position.

I aspire to grow the connections between students through continuation of collaborative club events like the annual bowling and softball tournaments. I would arrange a career fair specifically tailored to the students studying the sciences. To continue the growth of current clubs I would establish an annual STEM event specifically for freshmen where they can meet the clubs and their professors in a casual environment.



JESUS GARCIA

Hello, Wildcats!

My name is Jesus Garcia and I am excited to run for the College of Natural Sciences Senator position!

As a first-generation, third year, Cell and Molecular Biology student I understand some of the many struggles we face as students.

That is why I aspire to serve as a bridge of communication between our students, faculty, and staff to create a strongly bonded community and offer you a rewarding experience during your academic career at CSU, Chico.

Working at the Chico Student Success Center (CSSC) and serving as president for the 1st Generation and Proud Student Association, I am reminded daily on the importance of hearing out the concerns of our students to best prepare them for a successful future. From these experiences I can attest that I will put forth my best in serving you.



Senator

College of Humanities and Fine Arts

No Declared Candidate

Senator

College of Engineering, Computer Science, and Construction
Management

No Declared Candidate

Senator

College of Communication and Education

No Declared Candidate