IT'S YOUR TURN to Vote!
VOTE!
April 9th to 12th

VOTING BEGINS:
Monday, April 9 at 7:00pm
(immediately following Candidate Debates)

VOTING ENDS:
Thursday, April 12 at 8:00am

HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE
Vote online using your SJSU ONE login credentials at: as.sjsu.edu/vote

Polling Locations April 10-11
- Corner of Tower Lawn (Behind Spartan Memorial) 10am-1pm
- Clark Hall (Outside) 10am-2pm
- Campus Village 2 Courtyard lawn 1pm-4pm, and April 11, 1pm-7pm
- San Fernando & 10th Street Entrance 10am-2pm

VOTA ELIGIBILITY
All matriculated SJSU students who have paid the most current A.S. activity fees are eligible to participate in the 2018 A.S. Elections. Continuing Education and Open University students are ineligible to vote.

ENDORSEMENTS
Official Student Organization endorsements for each candidate may be found online at as.sjsu.edu/vote

QUESTIONS?
Contact the Students’ Election Commission (SEC) at student-elections@sjsu.edu, (408)924-6242 or at the A.S. House.
MISSION

To represent the students of San José State University and continually improve the quality of their educational opportunities and experiences.

DEPARTMENTS

César E. Chávez Community Action Center
Child Development Center
General Services Center
Human Resources
Marketing & Events
Print & Technology Center
Transportation Solutions
Student Government

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS: YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Associated Students of San José State University has been a student owned and operated organization on campus for 120 years! We are committed to providing services and activities that enhance the opportunity to meet, recreate and maximize student life. Opportunities to get involved and obtain leadership skills are among our highest priorities.

The A.S. Board of Directors is the voice of SJSU students and advocates on their behalf on campus, statewide and national issues.
A MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENTS’ ELECTION COMMISSION

Dear Fellow Spartans,

It’s your turn to get involved! The A.S. Students’ Election Commission is proud to announce elections for the 2018-2019 A.S. Board of Directors. Cast your vote from April 9 to 12 and help elect San José State University’s new student government leaders! We encourage all students to take this opportunity; to make your voice heard on campus and to vote for the future representatives of our Associated Student body.

The Board of Directors works collectively to improve the academic and co-curricular experience for more than 33,000 students and 450 recognized student organizations on campus. They advocate on behalf of students and represent our interests, concerns, and issues with regards to campus climate and overall student success.

All SJSU students are encouraged to participate in election season by attending election events and by casting their votes online at as.sjsu.edu/vote between April 9th at 7:00pm and April 12th at 8:00am.

Our mission is to collaborate with students, staff, and SJSU departments in order to present what we hope will be a promising and successful election season. As always, the A.S. Students’ Election Commission is dedicated to providing a fun, fair, and transparent election this year and we would like to thank everyone involved in this process.

Spartan Up,

The 2018 A.S. Students’ Election Commission

Zayna Seyedi, Chief Elections Officer
Ashley Thomas Williams, Ethics Officer
Joseph Sandoval Rios, Events Officer
David Rhoads, Marketing Officer
Akshay Bijapur, Election Consultant
Yaritza Anguiano, Election Consultant
Parth Bharwad, SEC Student-at-Large
Mika Manalastas, SEC Student-at-Large
Kajal Agarwal, Election Appeal Board Student-at-Large
Aditya Trivedi, Election Appeal Board Student-at-Large

ELECTIONS CALENDAR

ELECTIONS KICKOFF
Tuesday, March 20, 12pm to 3pm,
Campus Village 2 - Multipurpose Room

MEET THE CANDIDATES
Wednesday, April 4, 11am to 2pm, Smith-Carlos Lawn

CANDIDATE DEBATES
Monday, April 9, 5pm to 7pm
Diaz Compean Student Union, 2nd Floor, Meeting Room 4B

VOTING BEGINS
Monday, April 9, 7pm (immediately following the Candidate Debates)

VOTING ENDS
Thursday, April 12, 8am

ELECTIONS RESULTS PARTY
Thursday, April 12, 12pm to 1:30pm
Diaz Compean Student Union, Meeting Room 2

WIN PRIZES!

MAJOR PRIZES
• Nintendo Switch with Neon Red and Blue joysticks
• Kindle Fire 8
• Amazon Echo Dot
• Hydro Flasks

Gift cards: Amazon, Apple and Starbucks

Winners will be chosen throughout promo period using a randomizer. To read full contest mechanics, please visit: as.sjsu.edu/vote
Chelby Gill came to San Jose State University from Sacramento, California. She studies Political Science with a minor in Human Rights. Chelby has been heavily involved in all facets of student/campus life throughout her college career. Currently she serves as the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities for Associated Students. Previously she worked as a Cultural Programming Coordinator for the MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center and as a Research Assistant to faculty in the Department of Special Education. Last semester she was a panelist for the Spartan Speaker Series with well-known comedian, activist and YouTube personality Franchesca Ramsey. Chelby is continuing her work in diversity and inclusion education as a trained facilitator for the Intergroup Dialogue Institute.

Chelby has spent her time on the board advocating and informing students on academic policy. Last semester she hosted the Know Your Rights workshop series where she facilitated dialogue between administrators and students about students’ rights and responsibilities within the classroom. Earlier in this semester she was the keynote speaker at the African American College Readiness Summit. Recently she lobbied in the capitol to increase funding for the California State University system and against rising tuition and fees for the CSU. If elected Chelby will promote initiatives to ensure that all students have better access to housing, food and mental health/wellness services. Spartan Up!

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Hello Spartans!

I am beyond humbled to be a running candidate for A.S. President. I currently serve as your A.S. President and would be honored to serve you for another term. I am a fourth year, first generation undocumented student at SJSU majoring in Political Science with a minor in Mexican American Studies. My passion for advocacy led to my involvement with student organizations like MEChA and Student Advocates for Higher Education. This has showed me the impact of student empowerment and the change we can create once we learn about our different experiences and collaborate.

I have been a part of Associated Students since my Frosh year at SJSU, throughout this time I have ensured to become knowledgeable about our university in order to improve our campus life. Since serving on the board through different capacities, we have taken on a number of initiatives that ranged from improved support services, the establishment of resource centers, monetary support for DACA students, to collaborations to fight food insecurity.

Ultimately, my purpose is to nurture and support our existing diversity at SJSU. I would like to build from my experiences to continue to improve our awareness on mental health and continue to be a mechanism for you all to improve our engagement. This can be possible by working within our campus, but I also plan on building supportive relationships with the City of San José and our surrounding community. With your continued support we can make this happen!
Fellow Spartans,

My name is Oladotun J. Hospidales and I am seeking your vote to represent you as your Vice President of Associated Students. I am a fourth year Political Science major from Los Angeles, California. My student leadership experience includes serving in key roles both on and outside of campus including Residence Hall Association, Freshman Orientation, Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, the A.S. Lobby Corps Committee, and California State Student Association and serving as your former Associated Students Director of External Affairs. In these roles, I have come to understand the importance of transparency, empathy, ambition and fostering collaboration.

As your Vice President and Chair of the Board of Directors, I will work to encourage and ensure students that their voice will be heard, with substantive ways to communicate and address any potential collaborations, issues, and concerns. I love San Jose State University for the opportunities that it has given me, but also for the opportunities it has given me to help others. I have a passion for students, especially their progress and growth. I will work tirelessly in advocacy of students to foster a sense of purpose and community within the organization and across campus. There is power in the unified voice of the student body and the Spartan community. By continuing to further established efforts and by mobilizing new avenues, together we can be the change we want to see in our community.

OLADOTUN HOSPIDALES
for Vice President

Fellow Spartans,

Why vote for me? I currently serve as the Director of Business Affairs which has provided me the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair for the Finance Committee, and work closely with the current Controller. These roles helped me understand how A.S. functions, and identify areas for improvement.

My background as a Resident Advisor has made me adept at utilizing appropriate resources in order to better serve our SJSU community.

I am a founding father of Pi Kappa Phi, which has provided me an abundance of experience with budgeting.

As a fourth year Business MIS major, I constantly work with systems such as Microsoft Excel in order to effectively organize, and simplify information.

Why am I running? I have always enjoyed being a part of organizations that allow me to help others. Serving as a Director has allowed me to become a greater resource for student’s success. However, it has also exposed me to the different issues facing students today. I plan to create and improve different programs and services to alleviate these issues.

What are my goals as Controller?
Understand the needs of our Spartan community and push forward supportive funding.
Provide transparency of the funding opportunities offered to students.
Improve campus partnerships to enhance the Spartan experience.

I hope I can count on your vote to uplift our Spartan community! Please reach out to me at malik.akil@sjsu.edu if you are interested in learning more about my proposals.

MALIK AKIL
for Controller
Hi, Spartans! My name is Jason Crudo and I am very excited to be considered for the position of Director of Business Affairs. Born and raised in Sacramento, CA, I moved to San Jose to study Business Entrepreneurship in hopes of starting my own business in the future. During my three years at SJSU, I have worked as a Resident Advisor for University Housing Services, served as the founding President of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, and currently serve as President of Residence Hall Association. I am very passionate about leadership, and throughout my experience here, I have learned how positively impactful strong leadership is for a group, organization, or community. As I progress into my fourth year at SJSU, I aim to integrate a strong sense of leadership into the business affairs of our student community. Throughout my potential term, I plan to encourage transparency, open-mindedness, and student-focus. One of my goals is to work with the Director of Communications to find innovative ways to include the general Spartan community in business decisions or discussions. Overall, I aspire to spark conversation with fellow Spartans and SJSU officials that aim to create a better experience for our students. I hope to instill positive change and productive collaborations for our community through Associated Students next year!

Hello, everyone. My name is Drew Gonzales. I was born and raised in Riverside, California and I’m currently a freshman majoring in Political Science and Economics. I’m thrilled to be running for your Director of Business Affairs. I’m deeply passionate about community building, helping people and problem-solving. I think one fundamental principle of being Director of Business Affairs is always being accessible on campus. As director, I intend to fully promote inclusivity and diversity, improve regulations within committees, and regularly keep you updated. I will encourage the implementation of new technologies and advocate for creative solutions to financial problems that might burden students at large. Just know that if you elect me as your Director of Business Affairs, I will represent you to the best of my ability; I have the drive to serve, like no other. Finally, I promise to make sure that your voice is always heard. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns at all. My email is Andrew.Gonzales@sjsu.edu. I hope to see you at the booths; Go Spartans!
Hello Spartans!

My name is Marco Buelna and I am a fourth-year student here at SJSU campaigning for the Director of Co-Curricular Affairs position.

My past experience as a former Director of Programming Affairs has taught me an incredible amount about the time requirements, obligations, and passion focused towards students needed to fulfill a Board of Directors position in this organization. It also expanded my awareness towards other issues students face on campus and ways for me to help solve these issues that I never knew existed.

I plan to use my experience of how this organization runs and my ability to care and help others to continue its values and traditions.

My plan is to become even more inclusive with the board's interests and reach out to my liaisons such as Athletics, Housing, Greek Life, Student Involvement, etc. in order to collaborate all of our interests in providing the “Spartan Experience” for ALL SJSU students.

We all have so much going on in our lives as students and learning to manage this has been my biggest struggle personally. This is why I have made it my goal to boost student morale through events so that we all can have a little distraction from our hectic lives and have fun on campus through events, concerts, and celebrating Spartan Pride with one another.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime. I’d appreciate anyone’s vote during this election. Thank you and GO SPARTANS!

Howdy Spartans! My name is Cameron Lutz and I am running for YOUR A.S. Director for Co-Curricular Affairs. I am a freshman Mechanical Engineering student and entrepreneur from Sacramento, California. My pursuit of this position stemmed from my overwhelming amount of ideas of how to improve the sense campus identity, bolstering programs for students, and reinventing what it means to have Spartan Pride at our school. My candidacy should strike you in your interest because of my relentless effort in bringing all ideas presented to me to fruition. I am eager to work with anyone and everyone with making San José State the college experience you’ve always dreamed of. Lofty claims like these are nothing without a plan, so I made one.

My Five Point Plan details my goals and intentions in the event of election and is as follows: (1) Expanding Recreation Programs, (2) Bolster Student Resources for School-Life Balance, (3) A Tailor-made Liaison Program to Match Students with the Best Student Orgs on Campus, (4) Seamless Integration of South and Main Campus, and (5) A Complete Restoration and Reinvention of Spartan Sporting Culture. Now, this enticing plan is nothing without YOUR HELP! Vote Cameron Lutz for A.S. Director for Co-Curricular Affairs and together, we can redefine what it means to be a San José State Spartan.
What’s Good! My name is Kameo Quenga and I am running to be your next Director of Co-Curricular Affairs. I am currently a third year Psychology student. I am a proud sister of Alpha Kappa Omicron, former United Sorority and Fraternity Council President, and a student assistant for the office of Student Involvement. It is with these and other areas of involvement on campus that inspired me to run for this specific position. I want to be your next Co-Curricular Affairs director because I wish to redefine what it means to “Spartan U.P.” --- with “U.P.” standing for unity and partnership. My goal is to help the Spartan community’s vision, come to life. Being involved within my various capacities on campus have helped me live my full college experience, now it is your turn. I aspire to help the Programming Board create events tailored to each diverse Spartan population, which is necessary in order to truly continue the unity and spirit within San Jose State. In regards to partnership, it is my promise to keep my commitment of being YOUR liaison. I will ensure to always have a listening ear and to always stay informed within the departments and the communities that I will be responsible for. During my time here at San Jose State, I have truly developed a love and passion for this campus. I desire for each of you to share the same love, so come on Spartans. Let’s “Spartan U.P.”!

Hi everyone!

My name is Jennie Saenz. I am running for the Board of Co-Curricular Affairs because I know I am the right fit for this position from my experience with past leaderships roles. I been taking on leadership positions throughout 6 years. From those year I had the opportunity to develop skills necessary for this job. I am a 2nd-year student and majoring in Public Health. I love being involved with the campus and I love to be active. Key factors everyone notices about me are I bring positivity and I always have a smile on my face. During my last two years at SJSU I have been in the Forensic Science Club for 3 semesters and now I am in the clubs She’s the First and Real Options as well as play intramural volleyball. Throughout my time at SJSU I have developed into a leader that can guide this school to success. From the moment I stepped onto campus I fell in love with it. I want the best for this school and for the students to love this campus just as much as I do. Thank you for your time for reading my bio statement and voting for the Associated Student Government for next school year.
Hello Everyone! My name is Maximo Lacerca and I am excited to announce that I am running for the position of Director of External Affairs.

A little bit about myself; I am a business marketing student and rising senior! After college, it is my ultimate goal to pursue a law degree and work in international law.

As a first-generation American I naturally strive to foster an environment of equal opportunity for all Spartans. I feel that as the next director of External affairs I will be able to be the voice of the student body and an advocate for uncompromising equality for all students.

In my time here at San Jose State I have been involved in various communities. I served as a frosh orientation leader (2016-2017), welcoming and transitioning incoming students into Spartan life. I have also served as an executive officer within my fraternity (2016-2018). Most recently I co-founded and am now president of ALPFA (2018), a student organization of Latinx professionals seeking business exposure.

I plan on using all the experience and all the connections I have gained along the way to help me serve the student body to the best of my ability. External Affairs is a position that demands networking and dealing with many different communities within the larger student body. I have prepared for this role and would be honored to represent you! Please vote for me, Maximo Lacerca, for the position of External Affairs!

Hello my fellow Spartans! My name is Trevor Magno and I am running for the position of the Director of External Affairs for the 2018-2019 academic school year. I am a third year Political Science major and a double minor in Radio-Television-Film along with Public Administration and Public Policy. I am running for this position to be the next Director of External Affairs to be the voice for the student body that represents our campus community. This position handles the duties and responsibilities to work with those in the local and state legislature to promote the interests of San Jose State. My goal as being the Director of External Affairs is to strive and encourage for more political participation on your campus. Whether it be going to city council meetings or registering to vote, I believe that being politically active in our community is very important in making sure that all of our voices our heard. I look forward to a great election season and I encourage each and every one of you to go out and vote for your next Associated Students Board of Directors! Spartan Up!
GRACE PANG

for
Director of External Affairs

What’s good student body of San Jose State! My name is Grace Pang and I am grateful for the chance to run for Director of External Affairs and serve you! I am a first year, public relations major and public policy minor from Oakland, California! I am a new spartan, but that also makes me energized and ready to advocate tirelessly on behalf of SJSU at the CSU system and legislative level. I want to make sure students interests are in the minds of policy makers when decisions are being made. We deserve to be part of the conversations that impact our funding, campus safety, and more. My agenda is also to increase voter participation and amplify the voices of students. Congratulations to you for taking that step and exercising your right to vote! Your voice is incredibly meaningful and integral to this community. If you have any questions about my campaign please email me at grace.pang@sjsu.edu. Spartan Up!

TYREKE KING

for
Director of Intercultural Affairs

Hey Spartans! My name is Tyreke King, i’m a Sociology Major with a concentration in Race and Ethnic Studies with a Minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. My passions are Social Justice, Politics, and Music. Growing up my inspirations were activist like Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, and Martin Luther King Jr, individuals who so injustice and took and stand to fight for what they believed in. I decided to run for A.S. Director of Intercultural Affairs because I want to create a campus atmosphere that is inclusive of every student on campus. I am tired of sitting back and waiting for change to happen, so i’m stepping up and making my voice heard. If elected I will do everything in my power to ensure that the student bodies voices are actually being heard, improve community involvement, and advocate for additional resources on campus.
Hello, Spartan Community! My name is Mira Mustafa, I am a second year Psychology major, and I am very excited to be running for the position of Director of Intercultural Affairs. A unique and beautiful aspect of San Jose State is its diversity. We have students and faculty who have different backgrounds, interests, and beliefs, making this school extraordinary. My aim is to protect this diversity and ensure that every student feels safe and has access to the services they need in order to thrive as students and community members. In my time here at SJSU, I have been a member of Students for Justice in Palestine, Muslim Student Association, a writer for Odyssey Online, and a member of the Poets and Writers Coalition. Each of these groups have given me the privilege of getting to know a diverse array of students who continuously introduce me to issues that need to be addressed by the campus community. If I am elected to be your next Director of Intercultural Affairs, I will work to make all students feel safer on campus, decrease wait times for mental health services and make them more available to the students who need them, and I will do my best to not only make students feel welcome on campus but make them feel eager to participate and become a part of the community. With this in mind, I hope you will choose to elect me as your next Director of Intercultural Affairs.

BRANDEN PARENT

Hi Spartans! My name is Branden Parent and I was born and raised in the Los Angeles county area. I chose San Jose State for its social justice history and activism. I am a Political Science Major and Public Relations Minor to hopefully one day start my own Non-profit which advocates for, but not limited to, mass incarceration reform, women’s rights, people with disabilities, and undocumented students. I’m running to be re-elected as the A.S. Director of Intercultural Affairs.

Finishing my first year as Director of Intercultural Affairs, I understand what the job entails and what it takes to represent students here at SJSU. As Director, I have brought back the SJSU Disability Awareness Fair and organized a mental health campaign to bring more funds to our Counseling & Psychological Services. I also lobbied at the California state capitol against the tuition increase, which, if it passes, would be the second increase in a year. In addition, SJSU students pay the most fees of all Cal States and that needs to change.

I’d appreciate your vote this April for Director of Intercultural Affairs!

Branden Parent
Director of Intercultural Affairs
I believe it is important to recognize and celebrate the different cultures that we have on campus. It is imperative that we showcase this attribute that SJSU continually champions in order to leave a lasting impression on our student body; it is not enough to simply allow numbers and percentages be the only thing associated with our diversity. My involvement with a number of student organizations with an emphasis on social justice has allowed me to immerse myself with a tiny smidge of what I know SJSU has to offer. I do my best to be as involved as I can on campus whenever possible. I am an aspiring Child and Adolescent Development major and the focus of my studies does not always correlate with my passion for social justice, but as in all things I plan to devote my time to advocating for diversity on campus. I have held various leadership positions in a variety of student organizations therefore, I feel I am suited and well prepared for the Intercultural Affairs position. Diversity should not be something that we take for granted, but rather; we should strive to demonstrate pride in our diversity.

I have been at San Jose State for four years, and it is difficult to not pay attention to the great diversity on campus. Although I have seen great improvements on this campus, I do want to advocate for more.

Hi, my name is Sean Burton and I am running for the position of Internal Affairs position in the 2018-2019 Associated Student’s election here at San Jose State. I want to be your next Internal Affairs Director for several reasons. First, I have some experience with this position back at my Community College. Second, I know how important the Bylaws and Constitution are to students. Third, is that I want to try new things and come out of my comfort zone and have a voice for the students here at San Jose State University. Next, I am right now part of the Programing board here at San Jose State University which helps plan events for students here at San Jose State. Another reason is that I want for the students here to understand the policies and procedures that are the by-laws that are being put into the Documents that can change what the Associated students may do when fighting for students. In conclusion I would appreciate your vote if you want somebody with experience and a organized person and someone who would fight for students voice vote Sean Burton for Director of Internal Affairs. Thank you very much Sean Burton.
Hello fellow Spartans! My name is Cynthia Fernandez-Rios and I have the pleasure of running for A.S. Director of Internal Affairs.

I am currently a first-year student transitioning from a Political Science Major to a Business Major with an undecided concentration. In high school I did not get involved as much as I have wanted. Given I am a freshman in college, I would like to do things differently and apply myself more. I started out this school year by being a student-at-large on the Finance Committee and I have truly enjoyed being an active member on this committee. However, I would like to carry out a bigger, more impactful role.

If elected, I will encourage every student to speak up and express their opinions. After all, directors are in place to represent the student body. All perspectives are crucial, and everyone should have the courage to speak out. I am here to serve and represent every student as best as I can, and if provided the privilege I will do so when revising the Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws. I will try and make SJSU a better community and enhance student’s experiences. Go Spartans!

Hello Spartans!

My name is Kenya Gallo and I am super excited to be running for your Director of Internal Affairs! I am currently a first year student majoring in Political Science with a minor in Spanish and I am in the process of adding legal rights as a minor. I decided to run for office because I was not very involved my first semester at SJSU because I was adjusting to the college life and my new independent lifestyle. It wasn’t until I joined the programming board for A.S and became the Social/Political officer for A.L.M.A.S (Academic Leaders And Mentors Aiming For Success) that my interest in student activities/orgs on campus started growing. I enjoy planning events and advocating for students to have a voice on campus. That is one of the reasons why I am a Political Science major and why I am running for your Director of Internal Affairs. The position itself is a combination of the two things that I am most passionate about--Human Rights and Politics. I aspire to attend law school and hopefully become an Immigration Lawyer after SJSU. I believe that I am qualified in becoming your Director of internal affairs because I want to make sure every student has a voice on the decisions that are made around campus.
Hello SJSU Spartans! To introduce myself, I am a 4th year Hospitality, Tourism and Event Management major with an emphasis in Event Management. Some of my dream jobs are to work as a Disney Wedding Planner, Event Coordinator for the Golden State Warriors or maybe one day, to plan the Grammys!

My interest in event planning actually started through student government in high school while holding various Associated Student Body (ASB) positions such as ASB President. My love for events grew even more coming into college becoming a Resident Advisor as well as joining organizations such as Akbayan SJSU where I planned a high school conference, introducing the youth to higher education at San Jose State. As for my Spartan Pride, my experience as a Frosh Orientation leader has helped me fall in love with this school so much more and I would love to give back to SJSU through A.S.

My multitude of experiences of student involvement as well as my education through my major, has more than qualified me for this position because I have seen the needs and wants of our students through many different lenses and capacities. Some goals that I have if selected for this position, is to move away from SJSU’s climate as a commuter school, recognize the diverse population of our campus through events and to bring the fun through entertainment AND education.

Join me in bringing events to our campus that our whole Spartan community and campus can enjoy!

ANDY NGUYEN
for Director of Programming Affairs

I am Andy Nguyen. Currently, I am a B.F.A. senior student majoring in Art with the concentration in Photography. Special attributes in my life are my academic achievements, work experience, community services and photography skills. I always make a difference due to my motivations, humanity, and sensitivity in relating to the student population in our community. I can bring out the best in others and accomplish the task at hand in several programs on the campus community.

Currently, I am an intern at the Assemblymember Ash Kalra’s Office, District 27th. I have worked directly with the City of San Jose Councilmembers, and the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District’s trustees, administrators, faculty, and students regarding the projects that empower local ethnicity communities. For student community, the major accomplishments that I made were the 1st and 2nd Annual Creative Arts Contest in fall 2013 and 2014 during I was the Associated Student Director of Activities at San Jose City College. I have been blessed with the people that I am working with on the campus and in diverse communities.

Besides, through my fundraising exhibitions, I have been generating resources for educating special needs children globally by using my passion for art education and photography that I learned from SJSU.

My goal is to be a positive influence by connecting with people and working together to promote united campus community in the near future. I wish to become the next A.S. Director of Programming Affairs.
My name is Kyle Norman, and I am a third-year philosophy major aspiring to go to law school. I went to high school in Porterville, CA and moved to San Jose in 2015, right after graduating. In my time at state, I have been a member of the Spartan Marching Band, the Spartan Men’s Club Water Polo Team, and the Associated Student Programming Board Committee. I am running for Director of Programming Affairs because not only did my experience serving as a student-at-large change my entire life, but I believe I have what it takes to rejuvenate the lifestyle on campus, with brand new hopes and ideas for our events. I am currently the A.S. Director of Internal Affairs; this opportunity has allowed me to engulf myself in a very real understanding of the culture of SJSU students and the everyday issues we constantly face. I think students are being faced with some of the harshest times and realities the United States has ever seen, and not enough is being done by our legislature to advocate for marginalized and oppressed communities, especially in the spaces WE PAY FOR. I am most concerned right now with justice for undocumented students, the need for more mental health resources, issues involving the LGBT community (with an emphasis on trans discrimination), and dismantling stereotypes and microaggressions of the many represented groups we have on the SJSU campus. Change is necessary friends. Be positive, be supportive, and make a difference. Stay wonderful Spartans.

JOE ORDAZ-ALVARADO

for
Director of Student Fee Affairs

Hello fellow Spartans! My name is Joe Ordaz-Alvarado, and I am a third year majoring in Business with a concentration in Management Information Systems. I am a first-generation college student that was born and raised in Inglewood, California. As someone who grew up going to public schools with deteriorating conditions and lack of resources, I understand the constant pressure of having to deal with issues that make getting an education difficult. For example, things people take for granted such as books, laptops, and cars (transportation). I want to bring awareness to small issues like this and let students in the Spartan Community know that they are not alone. There are multiple services that are available on campus, which many students might not be aware of.

A goal for me would be to advertise our resources more in order to let students make the most out of what they pay, and attempt to find ways to help improve resources already present. In addition, it is my hope to be able to work closely with the Financial Aid office in order to help students get the most out of scholarships and grants. I hope to help my community grow, and I hope to continue growing myself. I am grateful for leadership opportunities that I have had through working for University Housing Services as a Resident Advisor, as Treasurer for Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, and hope to continue being a leader through Associated Students.
Hello My Fellow Spartans, My name is Jyotsna Kethepalli and I am humbled to be running for your A.S. Director of Student Resources.

Allow me to be your continuous support for your student success journey. I will help to develop new learning opportunities to improve campus climate and to impact not only during your time at San José State but also every moment after!

About Me: I am a second year undergraduate Spartan and a Bay Area native pursuing Business Management Information Systems and currently serve as your A.S Director of Student Fee Affairs. In this role, I serve as a liaison between the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office (FASO) and you, the students. I continue to improve and fill gaps and opportunities between the students and SJSU’s services and programs by serving as a Director-at-Large on several A.S Committees such as Operations, Finance, Lobby Corps, and University Affairs.

What I Believe: As Spartans, we encompass values such as continuous learning, student success, excellence, integrity, diversity, and community. Our student experience and excellence are the most vital components to our college career here at San José State and our success revolves around learning opportunities that go beyond the classroom and is reflected by the many programs and services SJSU has to offer.

My Commitments to you: Support and enhance your student experience personally and academically to ensure your success — Inspire, guide, and motivate the Spartan Community to excel beyond minimum expectations — Help students make a continuous impact during and beyond SJSU

Hello, my fellow Spartans!

My name is Noemi Madrigal and I am currently a first-year finance major. I am beyond excited to run for this position and give us all the chance to voice our thoughts and opinions. I serve as the VP of Finance for the Latino Business Student Association, which has helped me strengthen some core leadership skills such as teamwork, communication, and flexibility. These skills along with a good work ethic and a positive attitude would allow me to be successful in this position.

As a first year, I am constantly exposed and reminded of the resources that SJSU has to offer. As the Director of Student Resource Affairs, I want to make it known to ALL students that these resources are here specifically for us! If you see me around campus, feel free to say hey and ask questions!
Hi, my name is Diego Ortega Hernandez, and I am a graduate student in the Mathematics Department here at San Jose State University. I am running for the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities this coming election because I believe every student has a continued right to be aware of the administrative policies and procedures that govern them, especially if the student body pays to their administration with taxes and tuition. In the unfortunate event that those rules are broken, every student should not be alone in handling such situations.

I will submit proposals recommending changes in academic policies pertaining to student rights and responsibilities to the Board of Directors and the Academic Senate in coordination with the Student Senators in order to promote fairness through the university with academic and administrative manners. These changes will remove vague and ambiguous language to improve consistency in interpretations and academic sanctions, especially for students with affairs and situations that fall between the cracks and don’t know what to do.

I believe our administrative system is a closed system to anyone who is not on the payroll, and despite any effort of transparency, any outside population -- especially SJSU students -- are at the mercy of their governing administration and practices whether they are ethical or not. Each student has a privilege to proper and ethical administrative services; I’m going to help you make that a right.

Please join us for the announcement of winners.

ELECTIONS RESULTS PARTY
Thursday, April 12, 12pm to 1:30pm
Diaz Compean Student Union, Meeting Room 2A/B