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The Candidates

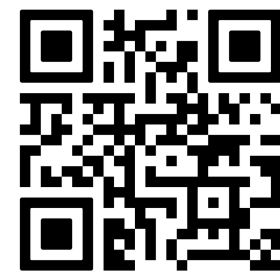
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May 2023

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CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE



Chris Rosenquist
He/Him/His



Candidate Statement:

Hi everyone, I'm super thankful to be running for one of the at-large student senate seats. I really want to use this position to advocate for the collective opinions of all Western Washington students. We all know how important it is that someone in government represents your interests and I want to be that person for you. I know that there are so many complex issues that people face daily, and I want to understand and contribute to possible solutions. If elected my eyes and ears would always be open so I can help to bring change where Western students want it most. I also pledge to work collaboratively with Western administration to ensure student voices are continually elevated in decision making. To instill confidence in the student government I will work on implementing maximum transparency in all out work. I hope that you'll work with me to make Western a better place for everyone, especially the marginalized communities that call this campus home. Thanks!



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

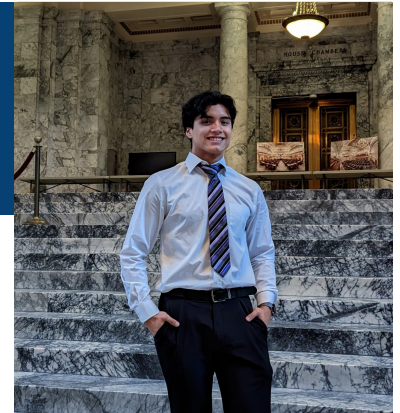
Western International Affairs Association, Western Political Science Association, Enrollment and Student Services Advisory Committee. Intern with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Volunteer Transcriber with the National Archives



CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE

James Dinh
he/him/his

Major: Psychology
BS interest (not declared)



Candidate Statement:

My name is James Dinh, I am a third year student at WWU and I am running for the AS At-Large Senator position. I've been on campus since the outset of the pandemic and I understand much of the confusion many students may experience when considering their path at Western. These paths may not be clear and there are additional complications that I vow to keep my ear to the ground and listen for. I will attend WAWU meetings and join other committees and represent a voice for students when and where it is needed. I plan to increase the awareness of and streamline student resources so students will have an easier time navigating their experience at western. I hope to especially represent the voice of BIPOC and uphold their place on Western's campus, especially those of black students as they are continually targeted and threatened. After attending Western Intersectional Lobby Day, I not only deepened my understanding of the vital role representatives and senators play, but also the power that large bodies of students can hold.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

BSU, VSA, KSA, JSA, MSO, Psychedelic club, Wade King clinics. Yoga, Meditation, Reading, Chess, Boxing, MMA



CANDIDATE FOR AT-LARGE

Mariana Flores
she/her/hers



**Major: Business
Administration-
Marketing Concentration**

Candidate Statement:

Hello! My name is Mariana Flores, and I am currently a second year here at Western. I will be majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing, and minoring in UX Design and Spanish. I am hoping to bring my perspective as a first-gen BIPOC student to represent my fellow students and to show them that people from my background are deserving of a voice in decision making. I am passionate about breaking down barriers in professional development that historically exclude marginalized communities. In Alpha Kappa Psi I have helped students hone their professional development skills through resume work, interviewing, networking, and more. I'm a part of many extracurriculars, specifically like Student Marketing Association, Alpha Kappa Psi, Latine Student Union, and North 2 Campus. In North 2 Campus I work with high school students and encourage them to pursue higher education and break through the barriers that society has presented to them. These experiences make me a good candidate for the At-Large Senate position and I will be honored to serve the student body.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Student Marketing Association, Alpha Kappa Psi, Latine Student Union, North 2 Western

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Spirit of Service Award 2019

CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE

Lauren Johnson
she/her



**Major: Political Science
and Communication
Studies**

Candidate Statement:

My name is Lauren Johnson. As a double pre-major in Political Science and Communications Studies, I believe I am a suitable candidate for the ASWWU Senate to represent the general student population. I believe I can represent a variety of student interests, as I am a queer financial aid student who advocates for mental health awareness, and someone who is always mindful of different perspectives. I am interested in running for Senate because I want to advocate for accountability, commitment, and difference from Western. If elected, student safety and health would be my number one priority. As many have experienced firsthand, mass shootings in the US are on the rise, as living beings we all deserve to feel safe not only on campus but in general. We all deserve better. When casting your vote for me, you would not be electing someone who will advocate for students with similar cultural, social, and economic backgrounds as my own. You would be electing an individual who will listen to EVERY voice apart of the student body. Your representation matters.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

I am a part of Western's Welcome Team Volunteer program at the start of every fall term. The program welcomes more than 4,000 new on-campus residents while assisting in moving belongings to student rooms. Tasks include directing traffic, unloading vehicles, and assisting with move-in. I have participated in both Western Lobby Day and Western Intersectional Lobby Day. These events took place in Olympia, where I was able to advocate to state legislators on student issues that are part of the ASWWU agenda, such as measures on gun allocation and financial aid grants. I volunteer at the LAW Advocates Street Law Clinics once a month. A volunteer lawyer program, which provides free legal advice, assistance, and representation in civil law in all of Whatcom County. I am a sales associate at Tumbleweed Bead Co. located in Wenatchee Washington. A women-owned lifestyle boutique that sells handcrafted jewelry, as well as other brands owned by women with a local US presence. As a part of Decision Desk HQ, I have been a Remote Reporter. Responsibilities consisted of acquiring and updating election night results remotely for a given set of counties or cities. While also communicating with the team in the event of any sort of technical issues. I was assigned to report votes in several counties in Indiana for the primary and the general election in 2022.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

As of February 9th, 2023 I am a lifetime member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS). This is an honors organization that recognizes and elevates high-achieving students

CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE

Autumn Kay-
Chapman
she/they



Candidate Statement:

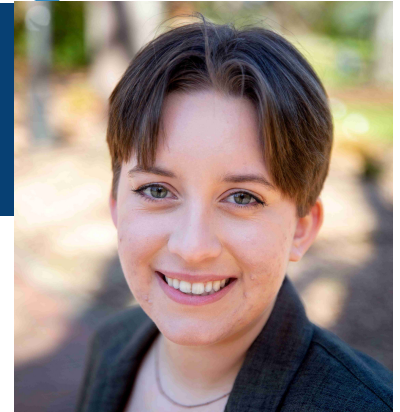
In the 2023 legislative session so far there have been 452 separate bills targeting LGBTQ individuals introduced on the state level. These bills, tracked by the ACLU, have been introduced in nearly every state in the union. While thankfully we, in Western Washington, are sheltered from this increase in hate and extremism, we are by no means free of it. As a trans feminine person, I am uniquely aware of the rampant hate even within our own community and intend to address it in any way I can. I am running for ASWWU Senate to address hate within our community and further the rights of LGBTQ students within Western Washington University.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Plant Club, Hiking Club, and Pride Community Housing activities

CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE

Lily Van Mullem
she/her/hers



Major: Sociology and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Candidate Statement:

On campus you'll find me giving tours for Admissions, in my ASWWU office communicating with committees, or organizing with Students Demand Action. I have five years of experience in public speaking, leadership, and student affairs. Elect me to ensure you have a supportive, engaged, knowledgeable peer in your corner.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Tour Guide (Student Admissions Representative), Students Demand Action, Food Recovery Network, Girl Gains

CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE

Sydney Parker
she/they



Candidate Statement:

Hi. I'm Sydney parker. (she/they) I am a freshman here at WWU and I am running for the At-Large position of your WWU student senate. I have been participating in charities and Student Government since elementary school, when I organized my first charity concert at the Hard Rock Café. I have held positions in Student Council as well as various leadership positions in Choir and Theater. My passion is helping others, no matter what the role. I have been involved in everything from fund raising to event planning to plain old paperwork. I have worked and will continue to work hard to gain experience and knowledge to better serve our university and community. I have what it takes to elevate WWU to our maximum potential, keeping an accepting and loving environment for all students. I believe that we are at our best when we all work together, and I want nothing less than to be a catalyst to bringing us all together as fellow Vikings for the betterment of the individuals as well as the whole. I will never stop working towards this end. This is my commitment to you.



CANDIDATE FOR AT LARGE

Daniel Husseman
he/him



Candidate Statement:

Hello, I'm Daniel and I'm running on behalf of the average college student. I am running on the premise of making our time here at western better for everyone, and it is important that everyone has access to bare necessities, such as food and water. I understand the financial burden that everyone has, as the only external help I've had towards my tuition are my loans and scholarships. I understand the common student, and I want to represent you in the student senate to make life on campus better for everyone. This is why you should vote Daniel Husseman for at-large student senator.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

I currently work for Aramark, at the Viking commons. I am currently active in the Rocket League club, and have participated in Western Intersectional Lobby Day.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

I have received a Presidential Education Award.



CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

Dacey Durbin
she/her



**Major: Politics /
Philosophy /
Economics**

Candidate Statement:

Hi! My name is Dacey Durbin and I am running for re-election as a Senator for the College of Business & Economics. As a current Junior with a major in Politics/Philosophy/Economics and a minor in Communication Studies, I have an academic background that gives me a unique, interdisciplinary perspective when it comes to problem-solving in the College of Business & Economics. I loved being a senator for the 2022-23 academic year, and I would be honored to be re-elected. In my time as a senator, I served on many committees. For instance, I advocated for all students and worked on inclusive projects in the ADEI committee, met with the Deans and many department chairs of CBE biweekly in Policy Council, reviewed applications and provided student representation on the Dean Search Committee, and made myself available to students twice a week during my office hours. Cultivating and maintaining the community in CBE is one of my biggest goals as a Senator, and there is still work to do! I hope to spend my senior year at Western continuing to build a safe space and advocate for all students voice's to be heard.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Student Senator for the College of Business & Economics 2022-2023, DJ at KUGS-fm Bellingham, member of Western's Advanced Treble Chorus

CANDIDATE FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL

Britta Eschete
she/her



**Major: I am pursuing my M.Ed
degree, and have an
undergraduate degree in
Anthropology from WWU in 1998**

Candidate Statement:

Hello! My name is Britta Eschete, and I am inspired to run for office and represent graduate students at WWU. Several decades ago, I was the struggling undergraduate student with a toddler, working two jobs and an internship and attended two on-campus activities during my time at WWU (Jane Goodall and Julia Butterfly Hill campus visits). I never dreamed I would one day be working at WWU in what I call my "second career" and return as a graduate student, to pursue my M.Ed. It's a program that many current staff at WWU have pursued, but there are many graduate students -especially those in the evening programs such as I, that don't necessarily know of all the benefits of being a Western Student. If elected, my aspiration will be to be a resource for incoming and current students, ensure their voices are heard when decisions are made, and seek out opportunities to encourage graduate students to engage past curriculum and coursework, participate in campus activities and utilize resources such as career services, the library, Lakewood, and find out how I can contribute to their feeling welcomed here! It would be an honor to serve in this role. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

For the past several decades, I have volunteered at the Lincoln Theatre and RiverSong Farm in Mount Vernon, and numerous community festivals and events. I am a graduate from Leadership Skagit, and have a 28 year old daughter who works for UW, and a 5 and 4 year old granddaughters. Currently I am on the board of the Skagit Valley Food Co-op (first term) and Skagit Poetry Foundation. I maintain an outback garden plot growing rhubarb, herbs and strawberries, and appreciate attending events on campus such as Back 2 Bellingham, Earth Day activities, and other campus events I read about in Western Today or on WIN.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

In 2021, I received the Philip E Sharpe Jr Community Engagement Award

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Ella Byerly
she/her



Major: Music Education

Candidate Statement:

My name is Ella Byerly and I am in the Music Education program here at Western. I am running for the ASWWU senate because I want to advocate for the arts. I have been in choir and theatre for over 8 years now and it brings so much joy to my life. I have been president of both choir and theatre club all throughout high school and have learned even more skills here at Western. I believe that I would make an excellent asset to the senate because I am smart and incredibly hard working. If I was elected, I would like to advocate for more representation and promotion for the fine arts here at WWU. I want the arts to be an inclusive place where everyone can be, not just fine art majors/minors. Thank you.

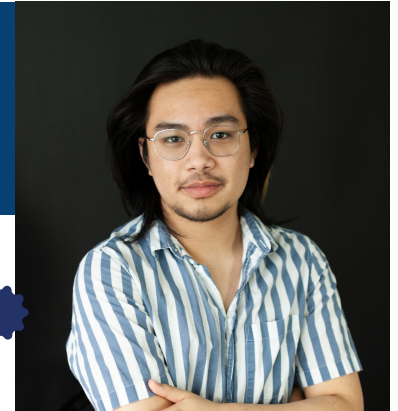
Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Theatre and choir, Hiking, crocheting, singing, dance, and bake.



CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

MJ Dizon
He/Him, She/Her



Major: Theatre

Candidate Statement:

Hello and warm regards to everyone. My name is MJ Dizon, a proud student at Western's college of the Fine and Performing Arts. In my first year at Western, I had the wonderful opportunity to serve as a Senator for the students at my college, whom I am ever so grateful to work and bond with. Alongside my work as a senator, I have also been an active member of Western's performing arts community. From my inspiring cast and crew from Student Theater Productions to my talented musical peers through University Choir, the relationships I have made have been invaluable to me. I wish to give back to my ever-inspiring community of artists by serving as their biggest supporter to the construction of their academic experience. Especially to the often-underrepresented voices of marginalized students. As a student leader and public activist, advocating for accessibility, equity, and inclusion of my fellow students is my biggest priority. I look forward to another year of proudly serving the artistic and academic endeavors of the students of Western Washington University.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Student Theater Productions, Filipino-American Student Association, University Choir. Starbucks Barista, Union Leader for SBUX workers united



CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

John Hardgrove
he/him



**Major: Electrical
and Computer
Engineering** *

Candidate Statement:

I am an Electrical and Computer Engineer student and I plan to have a concentration in Energy. I grew up in Bremerton where I attended Olympic Community College working towards a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After almost two years of attending my local college, I toured Western and immediately fell in love with the campus and the community of students who Embody it. Having been here for the year I wish to provide a voice for the concerns of STEM students and help push for change. Western is the third largest institution in the state and deserves to have a more comprehensive STEM department. If elected I will advocate for the creation of a Mechanical Engineering program, many students I have spoken to would have preferred to pursue Mechanical Engineering over Electrical. I will work with my fellow senators to pursue a reasonable alternative to the current Aramark food services contract. When working towards any policy change I will ensure that those decisions will be made in the best interest of the students.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement *

Bouldering, Mountain biking, Hiking, and Reading.

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

Marv Locke
they/them



Major: Geology BS

Candidate Statement:

I am a Geology B.S. student in the College of Science and Engineering who is passionate about science and education. I want to do my best to facilitate communication between students and the faculty and institution of WWU. I will represent the interests of the students at the College of Science and Engineering in the ASWWU Senate. I have experience as a student representative on my high school's Board and I would love to expand related leadership skills in a place and student body that I am dedicated to. As a bonus, I have great organizational skills!

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades *

Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award

CANDIDATE FOR FAIRHAVEN COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Miguel Estevez
he/him



**Major: Law,
Diversity, Justice**

Candidate Statement:

My name Miguel Estevez, I'm running to be a Student Senator for Fairhaven College. I'm a Law, Diversity, Justice major, currently interning for the Whatcom Public Defenders Office. Throughout my time at Western I've known that there was a senate but can't name any major change AS has made. My goal in this position is to become an advocate for my peers by being transparent about AS activities and keeping AS accountable towards its goals and purpose. I want to increase access to senate by improving lines of communication between students and campus government and find out what issues matter most to students and where they wish to see improvements.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Vietnamese Student Association, Photography Club. Pharmacy Technician (Fred Meyer), Investigative Intern Whatcom Public Defenders Office.

CANDIDATE FOR FAIRHAVEN COLLEGE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Quincy Ingalls
he/him



**Major:
Ecopsychology**

Candidate Statement:

I have proudly served the students of Fairhaven for 2 terms. This term, I serve as Vice Chair of the Senate. I have worked tirelessly to WWU's progress to be an equitable, just, and enjoyable campus. Projects such as Fairhaven College's Canvas page I began myself. I have assisted in reporting & responding to bias incidents. WWU's new artwork collection "Arbitrary Borders," produced entirely by artists of color, will be distributed equitably across campus and was spearheaded, organized, and managed by me. This project is essential to create an opportunity for creativity not often seen at WWU, and my passion for the arts fueled the project. I bring crucial Fairhaven teachings & ethics to the Associated Students government. I offer unique ways of thinking, centering equity, social justice, and empathy to my work. My Concentration is in ecology & psychology, I have a Psychology minor, and a Salish Sea Studies minor. I am honored to be a part of the Climate Leadership Certificate program. This ensures that sustainability, kindness, and creativity are present in all my actions. In my next term, I plan to work with Western Art Gallery to create a community space with underprivileged communities beyond Arbitrary Borders project, root out unjust structural issues, and serve the students of Fairhaven College in any form needed! Vote for me so I can continue my work!

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Snowshoeing, video games, cats, and visual art!

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Meli Bernal
she/her



Candidate Statement:

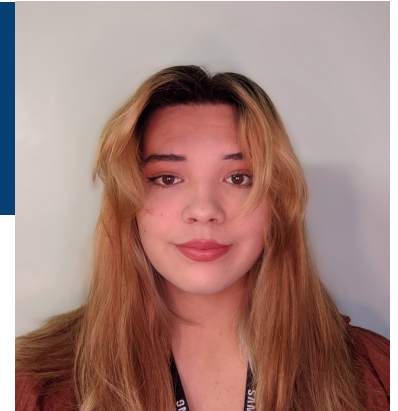
Hello hello! My name is Melissa Bernal I use she/her pronouns and I am in my second year at Western hoping to major in environmental studies with a policy, politics, and governance emphasis. I am running for student senate because I struggle feeling like I belong within the college of the environment and I know other BIPOC first-gen students feel the same. Growing up in an urban setting gives me a unique perspective that will be valuable and I believe that my previous experience in social justice and current work in grant preparation and community outreach make me a great candidate for AS Senate. I have a strong passion for equity and environmental justice and want to create a more diverse and welcoming environment within the college and community. I want to be more involved with the school and advocate for student voices and would love to be your senator. In case I don't see you, good afternoon, good evening and goodnight ;)

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Sustainability Engagement Institute, LSU

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Lola Thompson
hers



Major: Urban Planning and Sustainable Development

Candidate Statement:

I will use my position as a counterweight against Western's Board of Trustees to benefit both Western students and employees. Currently, the Disability Access Center cannot make accessibility accessible. It is tucked away in Wilson Library's basement and doesn't have the resources to help students. Additionally, the digital systems this university runs on, from myDAC to the Parking Portal are needlessly unclear. As a representative for the people, I will center Senate actions on making the daily lives of all students easier and more secure. For the workers who make our education possible, from the groundskeepers to educators to the dining staff, I will push for better wages, conditions, and schedule flexibility. As a Student Employee, resident, club member, and advocate, I will forward community thoughts and my email will always be open.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Wildlands Firefighting, Gardening, Writing, Personal Projects. Debate Union, Coordinator of Public Outreach, Urban Planners club

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

1st Place in both Community and Analysis at the WWU Debate Tournament

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Sean Kaiser-Hakala
He/Him



Major: Urban Planning and Sustainable Development

Candidate Statement:

In my first term as Senator I learned a lot about how to manage my priorities, time, and expectations of the position. I came in with the lofty goals of ensuring that WWU transitioned to a self-operated dining system and a better bike registration system. The second of I have made significant progress on and expect to be able to implement next year if I am able to stay in my current position. The first, however, taught me a lesson about managing expectations and setting realistic goals. With the move to a new contract I am pushing wherever I am able to get as good of a deal for us students as possible, and will continue to do so next year. After a year serving as Senator for the College of the Environment I can say with strong conviction that this position is what you make of it. Next year, I will make of this position significantly greater outreach to my constituency and working towards greater transparency in both the College of the Environment and the University. I pledge to be a servant of those College of the Environment students who I represent, and the interests of those students

.Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Urban Planning Club, Shred the Contract, Seattle Transit Rider's Union, Internship for Washington State Department of Transportation.

CANDIDATE FOR WOODRING COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Matt Condon
he/him/his



Major: Special Education and Elementary Education

Candidate Statement:

My name is Matthew (Matt) Condon, and I am running for the ASWWU Student Senate Woodring position. I am a junior (ish) in the Special Education and Elementary Education Dual-Endorsement Program, and I am thankful to be a Woodring student! I believe I am qualified for this position because I have a strong work ethic, great leadership abilities, and a flexible and adaptable attitude. I have experience collaborating with others in several clubs at WWU, and I also have experience leading students in the classroom setting. I would like to be on this board because I am very passionate about being a voice for Western Students in AS events on campus. Additionally, I have loved taking classes with both Special Education and Elementary Education students, and I would be honored to represent all Woodring students in the senate. If I am elected, I will listen to the wants and needs of all students and work to better their college experience in any way that I can. Furthermore, I want to make Western an inclusive school and make sure that all students are represented. Thank you.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

RA in Alma Clark Glass Hall, Member of Model United Nations Club, Member of Ping Pong Club, Intramural Pickleball Participant

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Co-Recipient of Distinguished Delegation Award at the 2023 Portland Northwest Model United Nations Conference - Outstanding Staff Member Award Recipient: Hollingsworth Academy - Inaugural WWU Intramural Pickleball Champion

CANDIDATE FOR WOODRING COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Lily Duong
she/her



**Major: Language,
Literacy, Cultural
Studies - Elementary
Education**



Candidate Statement:

Hello! My name is Lily Duong and I'm running for the Woodring College of Education Student Senator position. I'm currently a peer mentor for the Woodring Diversity, Recruitment & Retention Office where I provide resources for prospective students and freshman part of the Future Woodring Scholars pathway program. As an Elementary Education - Language, Literacy, and Cultural Studies major, I love working with students from all backgrounds and experiences. I'm interested in re-running for Student Senate because I want to continue to expand my reach and see more representation for students of color in the senate. If elected, I promise to do my best to reflect the voices and needs of our student body as well as make the student senate more accessible to everyone.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Peer Mentor, Woodring Diversity Recruitment & Retention Office | (Current) Woodring Student Senator | Intern, Vietnamese Student Association. Support Teacher, Blossom Childcare and Learning Center



CANDIDATE FOR WOODRING COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Elizabeth Coleman
she/her



**Major: Inclusive
Teaching with
Elementary Education
endorsement**



Candidate Statement:

My name is Elizabeth Coleman and I am running for the Woodring College of Education Student Senate position. I am a junior attending WWU and Woodring for Inclusive Teaching P-12 and Elementary Education. I have a passion for working with students from all backgrounds and being an advocate for student needs. I would like to extend this passion to the WWU student body. I am running for this position because I want amplify student voices and make sure they're heard to aid in a more welcoming and inclusive environment.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Wanting to start with NASU. Waiting for the next meeting. I am signed up to vend at the upcoming powwow, Tutoring

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Graduated with Honors from WCC



CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

★
Hannah Lerman
they/them



Major:
Graduation Year:

Candidate Statement:

My name is Hannah Lerman (they/them). I'm currently a Junior, majoring in Psychology, and minoring in Sociology. My goal is to become a therapist specializing in counseling for queer youth. When I was younger, I did not have access to mental health care that affirmed my sexuality. I aspire to be able to provide equitable care for LGBTQ+ identities by creating a safe space within clinical work. For me, becoming involved in the student senate means focusing on inclusivity and intersectionality. We need to be doing a better job of uplifting marginalized voices. Every student should feel that they have a say in the administration. This can be accomplished by reaching out and connecting with the community. A great example of this is mutual aid, a practice that I hold close to my heart. Through distribution events, I have learned the importance of sitting down and talking with each person to figure out their individualized needs. Unfortunately, Western's system is lacking this perspective; we need transparency and support from our administration. I can no longer be a bystander to a system that does not represent its' people; it's time to take action. I hope to be able to implement this change that our community deserves.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Shred the Contract, Mutual Aid (Gig Harbor Mutual Aid & Bellingham Occupied Protest)



CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Andrew Kudrna
he/him



**Major: Political
Science**

Candidate Statement:

My name is Andrew Kudrna, currently, I am a Junior majoring in Political Science. Previously, in the fall before the 2022 midterm election, I worked for AS as a Voter Registration Coordinator where I learned why it is crucial to help give Western students more of a voice in a consequential election. I want to run for ASWWU Student Senate for that same reason, to elevate student voices, concerns, and priorities. I plan on continuing the hard work that previous student senators who have represented the College of Humanities and Social Sciences have done to ensure that Western is an inclusive and safe university where students feel supported while here. I would be grateful to have your vote.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

I have worked for AS as a Voter Registration Coordinator leading up to the 2022 Midterm Election in the fall. Outside of college I enjoy the outdoors through trail-running, camping, and hiking with friends.



CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

**Miguel Angel
Acuña-Martinez**
he/him/his

**Major: Sociology
and Spanish**



Candidate Statement:

Greetings everyone! My name is Miguel Angel Acuña-Martinez, I am a second year student here at Western Washington University studying Sociology and Spanish. I am also one of the current Latine Student Unions co-secretary. I am very passionate about learning and talking about the injustices that BIPOC individuals face in not only our society but all societies, hence the sociology major. I hope to receive my masters in Sociology to help aid my Migrant working community with aid and support. I am running for Co-senator of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. With our college being the biggest college on campus, it can be hard for some voices to go unheard. My time here at Western shows my willingness to bridge the gap between different communities, especially those within the Ethnic Student Center and its clubs .If elected, I would work diligently to uplift the voices of the students in our college.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Latine Student Union (Co-secretary) , Lowell elementary school volunteer

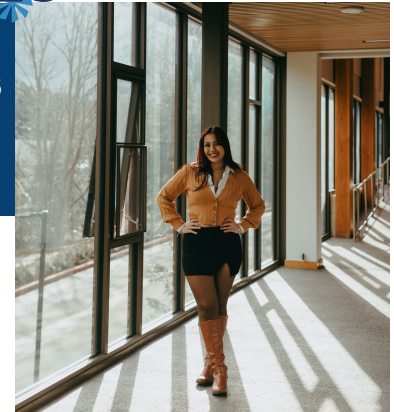
Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Deans list WVC 2019-2021

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Yasmin Lamas Flores
she/her

**Major:
Sociology/Psychology**



Candidate Statement:

Greetings and salutations. My name is Yasmin Lamas Flores, I'm currently a second year student here at Western. I will be majoring in Sociology and Minorng in Psychology. I am the current Co-Secretary for the Latine Student Union and Co-Senator for the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. I feel that many BIPOC face struggles whether it's their parents' struggle from first coming into the country and the pressures of being a first generation college student. I am hoping to go for my masters in Clinical Psychology to help those in my community. I am running for CHSS Senator. Having my experience from this year senate, If elected I will commit to encourage the input and opinions of our students to better the curriculum and their needs as they prepare for their careers. Especially those in our ESC community. Something that is always really important is the way the Associated Students team communicates. I believe I'm someone that can guarantee the inclusivity for peers and can advocate for their student body.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Latine Student Union, WAWU, Employee Language Program, Lowell Elementary School Volunteer.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

WASA Student Leadership Award 2021

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ashley Campuzano-
Valencia
She/her

Major: Sociology



Candidate Statement:

Hello, my name is Ashley Campuzano, I am currently a second year student here at Western Washington University. I am majoring in Sociology with a minor in Latinx studies. I am interested in running for student senate because I believe that it's important to continuously learn and talk about the issues that BIPOC communities face not only here at Western, but everywhere else. Not only for BIPOC communities, but for everyone in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, I want to be a voice that many people can rely on and come to when facing an issue that is not being heard. I believe it is important for everyone to feel heard and seen, especially with our college being one of the bigger colleges on campus. In high school I was an AVID student from sophomore to senior year. I was part of my Latine club and even was secretary for one year. I was also in ASB and was ASB vice president my senior year. I have previous experience and I believe that I would make a great candidate for Co-Senator.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

LSU -- Avid Member, Projected Secretary, Blue Group Member, VSA member

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Aiden Ochoa
He/him

Major: Political
Science



Candidate Statement:

My name is Aiden Ochoa. I'm a political science major, a creative writing minor, a first gen student, and a future lawyer. I want to run for the Senate seat representing the College of Humanities and Social Services because I want to make sure our concerns are heard and that every student within this department gets the resources that they need. I would plan to uphold the principles of equity, diversity and community if elected by making sure adequate funding is given to all departments in the college, pursuing the growth of our ethnic studies programs, and establishing more events to foster a larger sense of community. I'm passionate about ensuring each department has the resources to nurture the intellectual and creative ambitions of students. I don't have much student government experience but I do have an intense desire to make sure each student feels at home and unstifled within their respective departments; to enhance the social infrastructure that enables academic progress and community that will hopefully extend outside of the classroom.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

I'm currently in the process of starting up T.A.G. (Team for Trans and Gender-nonconforming Students Club) again with other interested students.

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Ashelyn Holm
She/They



**Major: Anthropology
with a concentration
in Archaeology**

Candidate Statement:

My name is Ashelyn, I am currently in my third year here at Western. I am getting my bachelors in Anthropology with a concentration in Archeology as well as a minor in Museum Studies. I am running for a Student Senate position because I want to get involved in my community in a way that will bring substantial change. I am qualified for this position as I am a current officer of Westerns Anthropology Club as well as a past president of the Global Ambassadors Club. I was also on the student committee for hiring faculty in the Art and Art history as well as the Anthropology department. If elected I plan to help create a better and stronger community by listening to our student body and especially to those who feel that their voices aren't being heard on our campus.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Anthropology Club, Global Ambassadors Club. I've worked for the U.S Forest Service in the Heritage Program in the summers.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Presidents list-Fall, Winter, Spring 2022

CANDIDATE FOR COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Sebastian Mayotte
he/Him/his



**Major: Women Gender &
Sexuality Studies (WGSS),and
Political Science/Philosophy/
Economics (PPE), & History**

Candidate Statement:

Hey Western! My name is Sebastian, and I am a 4th year student going into my 5th for 2023-2024. For fun, I am a proud motorcyclist and an avid board game fanatic. Academically, I am pursuing an ambitious triple-major program between History, Women Gender & Sexuality Studies (WGSS), and Political Science/Philosophy /Economics (PPE), accompanied by a triple minor between Law Diversity & Justice (LDJ), Human Rights, and Holocaust & Genocide Studies. Honestly, I'm also having a lot of fun just being a student and investing into learning both multi- and inter-disciplinary approaches to tackling social issues. My long goal is to become a human rights lawyer and work toward a more just world for us all (and our planet!). Before that party begins, I hope that at western, as a student senator, I could work toward removing colonial legacies and enduring student restrictions as part of a greater effort to bolster us all. I am most passionate about addressing economic concerns of students, shredding the Aramark dining contract, keeping Western environmentally sustainable, advocating for greater reproductive healthcare on campus, providing protection and resources for undocumented students, and building relationships of trust and solidarity with the various student communities on campus.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement

Planned Parenthood Gen Action – Data Officer, Board Game Club – Lead/Hosting Officer, International Affairs Association Model UN, WWU Motorcycle Club, WWU Rec Center, Regular Volunteer w/ Mt Baker Planned Parenthood, proudly work as a DSP with the neurodivergent communities of Whatcom County.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Distinguished student in History Discipline WCC 2021.