2020-21 ASB Election Guide

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American River College

Student Senate Candidates

ASB Student Senate President

Naomi Dasari

My vision for the Student Senate is one of honesty, dedication, organization and accountability. I believe in accountability. Each member of the Senate will be expected to serve the ARC students. I understand that the needs of the community must come before my own or others personal ambitions.

Mykyta Medvediev

Homelessness and food insecurity are big problems on our campus and I will work towards the solution to these problems.

I have considerable student senate experience and I can identify the problems that handicap our students and their paths to success. I will succeed in eliminating these problems.

ASB Student Senate Vice President

Ramses Galvez

I would be available for students, make time for them to chat, hear their problems and help them in any way I can. I will keep working on supporting AB540 students to serve on campus and get rewarded to motivate them. I will keep working hard to have a better food system on campus and have changes we’ve been fighting for.

Katie Waterhouse

I will work hard to make this campus a safe space for all, where diversity is celebrated. I will be an advocate for all students, and make sure that everyone’s voices are heard. I plan to make this campus greener to reduce our carbon footprint.

Reed Waters

My primary objective as Vice President will be to help align the student body’s goals and core values with the pursuits of Student Government and to foster participation on the campus and community to enrich our student experience.

Sasha Zabegalin

Hello, I am Sasha Zabegalin. Some of you may know me as your classmate, friend, tutor or co-worker.

But now I am running to be your voice and representative on campus. Our campus deserves to be affordable for all of us, accessible for all of us, and alleviating for all of us.
ASB Student Senate Director of Finance

Amarjit Singh
I am persistent and committed to advocate free education for students. I will take massive action to ensure students a safer and more proactive campus. I plan to bring more companies more internships to campus.

ASB Student Senate Senators (Up to 15 Positions Total)

Afsaneh Aflaki
As a student senator, I plan to collaborate and work with all senators, departments and administrators to create more internships opportunities, both on and off campus, for students of all majors. As someone who has been homeless and fortunate enough to get out of homelessness, I plan to advocate and work toward improving the quality of life for low income students. Having served as an officer of the Phi Theta Kappa, I plan to bring the same selfless and serving attitude to the Student Senate at American River College.

Stacey Burrows
Stacey (they/them) led an ARC team to NASA in 2018 as President of Astro Club and is leading an ARC team to apply to NASA in 2021 as President of Research Club. When campus re-opens: Promote Sunday hours at ARC Library and revitalize the pond between Bio and Chem by fostering club/class projects.

Rachael Bustos-Liborio
My name is Rachael Bustos-Liborio, I am a Pre-Med student and I am soon to complete my first year as a college student. My ultimate goal as a Senator is to increase student interest and actually execute the ideas that are brought up to attention. My passion and desire makes me a great candidate and I believe that as a Senator in the Student Body we can truly make our community college feel a lot more like a community.

Oscar Flores
My name is Oscar (he/him), I am 27 years old, and I was born in Mexico. I am currently completing my general education to be able to transfer to a 4 year university. I began to study in American River College when I was 24 years old, and at the beginning as a second language speaker, it was really hard for me to adapt to take classes in English. However, I have to recognize that my school provided me a great environment that made me feel part of a safe, and diverse community. There are professors, counselors, and classmates that come from different places, have different gender identities, sexual preferences, and religions, etc. I really feel thankful to be part of this community. That’s why I want to run for senator, and be part of the student body. Making everybody part of every decision that might affect or help our community, it’s my main goal.

Beheshta Formul
I am a student in the fourth semester of college. I have already completed my Social Science degree and I am now focusing on educating myself in Political Science and International Studies. I am aware of the social, cultural and economic differences between individuals and groups of people and I respect these differences. I am also a firm supporter of equality for all and strictly against discrimination on the basis of these social, cultural and economic factors. American River College has a diversity of students and as a senator, I will try to include the voice of each and every student in the decision making processes at ASB.
David Lee
I will advocate for changes like extending library days and hours to allow students reach full success.

Marykay Maduike
I’m Marykay Maduike, a Biotech major. I have had experiences serving students as a Student Ambassador (SAGE) and TRIO STEM Peer mentor. I continue to serve students from diverse backgrounds and majors. I want to take my service to the next level by running for student senate. I will use my platform to create projects that will benefit all students. Thank you.

Amy Nguyen
I want to run for Student Senate because I want to push my limits in helping to represent the students here at American River. I think running for senate is a great way to gain experience in both the world field and communicating. I will learn through my journey as a senator to bring the best for the students.

Vacant Student Senate Positions

*These positions will be filled through appointment.*

- Director of Communications
- Director of Legislative Affairs
- Director of Public Relations
- Director of Activities
- Legislative Analyst
- Senate Whip
- Senators (up to 15 positions total)
Clubs and Events Board Candidates

ASB Clubs and Events Board President

Mark Sheppard

My goal is to improve the college experience of students by encouraging their involvement. I am familiar with this institution and I am ready to begin making change for our campus and community.

Vacant CAEB Positions

These positions will be filled through appointment.

- CAEB Vice President
- CAEB Commissioner of Finance
- Director of Communications
- Director of Activities
- Director of Public Relations
- Director of Media Relations
- Club Representative Whip
- Historian
Los Rios Student Trustee Candidates

Student Trustee represents all Los Rios Students

Aesha Abduljabbar
Dear Los Rios Students, My name is Aesha Abduljabbar. I have attended American River College for three years, and I am majoring in English. Hoping to become a Human Rights Lawyer. My term as the Student Senate President for American River College is coming to an end, but I still have a lot to accomplish and more students to hear. That is why I decided to run for the Student Trustee. The pleasure of serving ARC students can’t be described with words, neither the amount of joy can be measured, but it can greatly be felt, and reflected in my leadership. Now I want to serve Los Rios students. I don’t want to only be your Student Trustee, but as well as your friend. I will be here to listen to each individual's concerns, and goals for each campus. While being the ARC Student Senate President, I have learned how to advocate for the students. I lobbied in the State Capital for SB 291 which will allow students to get emergency funds. I worked closely with the Student Advisory Committee to address students' concerns about Aramark. I chair weekly meetings, as well I am part of the Executive Leadership Team, the Student Advisory Committee, and the Chancellor’s Cabinet Committee. If I get elected as Student Trustee, I want to continue the work of bringing awareness to students' gender pronouns in classrooms. Every single student should feel at home, and included when they are on campus. Thank you!

Zain Ali
I have been in leadership role for some time and have been in love with every second of it. I started with being a Student Ambassador at the start of last year but now not only hold a position in Student Senate and CAEB but I also chair my own Standing Committee. During my academic year of 2019-2020, I am a Student Senator, a CAEB representative, Chair of Communication Committee and Vice-Chair for Legislative Committee. I also participated in many Ad Hoc Committees for planning and executing events on the Cosumnes River College Campus. All these roles have greatly increased my leadership and my acknowledgment of the Student Senate. Being chair of the Communication Committee helped me to get closer to students and hear their needs. I creating social media presence of my Associated Board along with digital process to fasten communication and outreach of ASCRC. I have been always a big candidate in empowering others and working for other’s needs which is why I joined the Legislative Committee. I got the chance to plan lobby day for CRC representatives and got the opportunity to work with the chair in various bills, directly and indirectly, affecting student lives and success. I have also been part of recruiting and assisting new leaders on my board along with helping them through their projects. From creating events to new systems, I love to be at the forefront of every opportunity I get in which I can reach more students and advocate for their needs.

Miles E. McAnulty
My name is Miles E. McAnulty, I am running for this position to help my fellow students who feel like their voices are not heard. Personally, I know what it feels like to have an administration that has control over every facet of your college life not care about you or your health. That is with the advent of the Covid-19 and the administration’s delayed response. As a Political Science major, I am taught to some degree about how to understand organizations and therefore am running to help those who would not have help and to gain much-needed experience in an administrative position. Let us bring change as one!
Dahlia Morquecho
I am committed to representing the interests of the student community at Los Rios District. As a first-generation student, I have experienced beforehand the struggles of trying to navigate the educational system. I intend to bring forward the voice of the students to the Board. And to serve all students equally in an equitable fashion. Investing in us today means investing in a brighter and better California.

Toni Schiffmaier
My name is Toni Schiffmaier, and I am a Pre-Law double major in Business and Psychology. I am running for Student Trustee, because I am passionate about public service and representing the student voice. Through my experience serving in student government on local, regional, and statewide levels, I have worked with other students in the CCC system to make an impact in our communities, on our campuses, and in our legislation on topics such as homelessness, hunger, financial aid, mental health, and more. However, there is still much more we need to do. For this reason, if elected as student trustee, I would like to work on three priorities: 1) increase the basic needs services (food pantries, rapid re-housing resources, clothing closets, etc.) on our college campuses, 2) increase the health services (mental health, hygiene products, health counseling, etc.) for our students, and 3) prioritize amplifying the student voice in decision making on all levels through our legislation, on our committees, and in college planning.

Through my service on local, regional, and statewide levels, I have the experience necessary to serve in a position such as Los Rios Student Trustee. Locally, I helped to establish the Basic Needs Committee, served as the Chair of Constitution and Bylaws Committee, served as the Founder/President of the FLC Business Association, and worked to promote student equity and success on my college campus. Regionally, I served as the Region II Treasurer (helping to represent 13 Community Colleges) where I worked on several projects, including advocating for financial aid, homeless students, basic needs, mental health, and more. On the statewide level, I helped to create statewide student senate policies, reactivated the statewide Women’s Caucus, served as the statewide Guided Pathways Student Representative, and more. Overall, I would be greatly honored to serve as your Student Trustee. Thank you for your time, and thank you for your consideration.
ARC Candidate Forum

Tuesday April 14, 2020 12-1:30 PM

Please join the ARC and Los Rios Student Trustee Candidates at the campus forum. Due to campus closures, the meeting will be on zoom.

Please join the zoom meeting at:
https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/8223239652

Candidates will be asked a series of pre-set questions by the ASB Advisor. If time persists, the public may ask questions, but they will have to pre-screened by the ASB Advisor.

About Student Elections

The Los Rios Community College District and its four colleges – American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake, and Sacramento City – host student elections each spring. Students are encouraged to learn more, run for a position, attend candidate forums, and vote.

Get Involved

Our colleges are always looking for students interested in leadership development. If you are open to learning and working with others, then consider joining your college’s student association.

How to Vote

There are no voting stations on campus. Students will be able to vote from any computer or mobile device with internet access on April 21 and April 22, from 5:00 am to 11:30 pm each day. For more information please visit: studentelections.losrios.edu.

To cast your vote:

1. Go to your eServices account.
2. Click on the Elections & Surveys tab.
3. Read the Voter Guide. The guide includes each candidate’s Statement of Intent that includes their interest in serving in a specific position, issues or concerns they plan to address while in the position, and their leadership qualifications. The statements are presented without grammatical edits.
4. Proceed to the Voting Site.
5. Vote!
Why You Should Vote

Voting in the student elections is a privilege available only to Los Rios students who are currently enrolled. Voting only takes a few minutes of your time, and elected student leaders make lasting changes to the campus environment and student experience.

Role of the Student Association

The student association is the official organization that represents students and consists of the Clubs and Events Board (CAEB) and Student Senate. Student leaders from each board are committed to advocating for students’ rights, improving the campus culture, and developing transferable leadership skills. Specifically, the CAEB functions to promote student involvement and activities, while the Student Senate functions to advocate for the common interests of students.

The student trustee provides his/her perspective to ensure that students are served through service on the District’s Board of Trustees. For more information, please see the Student Trustee Handbook.