

SRJC Student Elections



Official Spring 2020 Candidate Brochure

SRJC Student Trustee

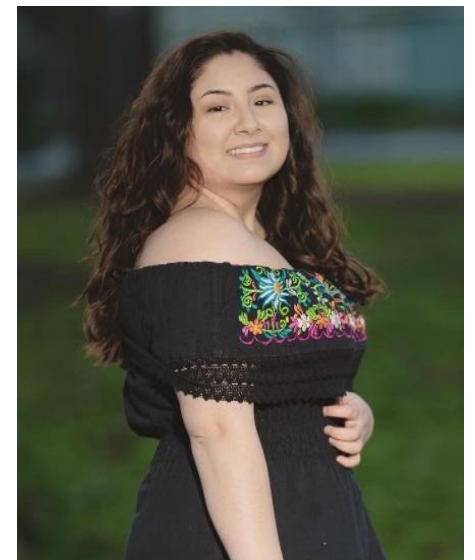
Sean Young (I)



“A leader takes people where they want to go. A great leader takes people where they don’t necessarily want to go, but ought to be.” –Rosalynn Carter. Hello! My name is Sean E. Young, and I am running to be your next Student Trustee. I am a first generation biracial college student and I’m currently in my third year here at Santa Rosa Junior College. I am working towards a degree in Communications Studies and I’m planning to transfer to UC Berkeley to finish my studies as well as go into Law School. I have served the past two years as Executive Vice President of Legislation for the Student Government Assembly here on campus, and with that experience I have learned and applied it to working with the Board of Trustees, Administrators, Classified Employees & Faculty to represent ALL students. My **goals** are working on the eventual elimination of single use plastics on campus, providing more resources for food and housing insecure students via the Student Resource Center, Food Pantry, and other local community groups. I also want to update students about the on-campus student housing project and I want to get students input on ALL decisions that will affect them and to inform them about what I’m doing on behalf of them. I don’t just plan to fight as THE voice for the students on campus, I plan to get students of all backgrounds to get THEIR VOICE HEARD.

Jocelyn Toscano (Advocacy Inclusive Diversity Equity, A.I.D.E.)

I am a first generation undocumented college student, that identifies as queer, pronouns she/her/hers/ella and am also a nursing major. As Trustee I want to make a difference and have an impact on this campus. To be a more inclusive environment where people feel safe, included and respected. Regardless of race, color, creed, sexual orientation, faith, ability and other factors. Because I strongly believe everyone should be treated equally. I have experience as a current student, club member, club president, student employee, former student government member and former learning community student. I work with various groups such as LGBTQ, Latinx, Hispanx, Chicanx, African American, Native American, students on collaborations and events. I want to work with the school to bridge equity gaps and barriers that impede students from fulfilling their full potential. As well as make the campus a more sustainable environment. I have gone through various sensitivity trainings such as QPR, LGBTQ+, undocumented community, Mental health first aide and more. That doesn't mean that is the end, I want to keep learning and ever improving my knowledge to be able to help students where they need it best. If elected I will work with learning communities such as Puente, (as a former Puentista), APASS, Umoja, and NASB, as well as clubs on campus to hear out what the students especially students of color, think the school needs improvement on. I will work with the board, faculty, and staff to have more of these sensitivity training open to students and the public to further break down the stigma around these barriers to students.



Student Body President

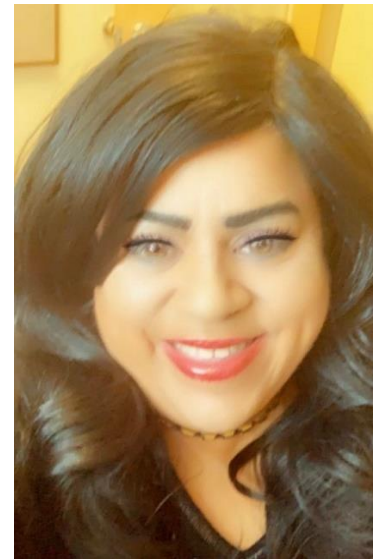
Dakota McGranahan (the D.R.E.A.M. team) (I)



If elected as your Student Body President, my goal is to improve student services and create and sustain a campus culture where students are empowered, educated and encouraged to support and help one another. As your current VP of Student Life, Santa Rosa, I've already begun that work; through single use plastics regulation, voter registration, Student Mixers, advocacy in college meetings and many pieces of legislation that will improve the student experience. In SGA, I've worked with various departments on campus such as Student Equity and the Student Resource Center. I've been able to support the student body through advocacy of improving essential campus resources such as the Food Pantry and Student Health Services. Before SGA, I was Editor-in-Chief of the campus newspaper, The Oak Leaf. Working there provided me a platform of direct communication with students and staff, and empowered me to change what wasn't working at SRJC. As President, I want to continue increasing support and resources for the food pantry, create new programs, such as a Student Food Recovery team, re-establish reproductive services at Student Health Services and bridge the gap between students and SGA so that we accomplish our goals together. As a former housing insecure student, I understand the obstacles students face, and if chosen to be President, I want to challenge the college to find better methods of eliminating the obstacles students experience. But, in addition to taking action, I want to listen. I want to encourage students to share their experiences—with friends, peers, SGA, and the college—so that we can better address these evolving issues together. Let's do this, and more, together. Let's change this college together. Let's change this college and make our voices heard. Let's use the power we have; not just as individuals, but as a student body.

Delashay Carmona Benson (Advocacy Inclusive Diversity Equity, A.I.D.E.) (I)

I think student voices are second to none in any cause. As your President, I promise to listen to your concerns as students. My goal is to create the best experience at all SRJC Campuses. I vow to do everything in my power to be that strong voice of the students. I've had the honor to serve on your Student Government Assembly as the Vice President of Petaluma Clubs this semester. I served on the Housing Committee, The Budgeting Committee, The Southwest Committee, The Undocumented Scholarship Committee, The Mapping, and Safety Committee and The Hiring Committee. I'm also a very active club member of M.E.C.H.A., The Black Student Union, Socialism and Liberation, Mindfulness, Bahai, and The Gender Sexuality Alliance. I enjoy getting to know more people every day, organizing events, and most of all, working hard to advocate for all of your interests. I have learned that being a leader is being certifiable and hardworking. My number one goal is to make sure that every student is treated equally. Regardless of race, religion, sex, gender, disability, or economic status. I also want to instill a sense of SRJC pride in our community. The truth is that we have an AWESOME college, with AMAZING students, faculty, and staff; and I believe they all deserve recognition for their tremendous service. My substantial concern is that many of the students at SRJC are unaware of their rights, and unaware of important issues. I want to make sure that students are aware of the decisions being made that affect us all. If you're looking to elect the most passionate, dedicated and proactive candidate, who can and will execute tangible change for YOU, elect me president. Your Vote Matters! Vote for me, Delashay Carmona-Benson. Thank you.



Executive Vice President of Legislation



Sierra Garcia (the D.R.E.A.M. team)

My name is Sierra and I am running for the EVP of legislation. When I first started at the JC in 2013, I found it hard to locate and navigate the resources and support I needed to truly succeed as a student, and as a result was placed on academic probation. Twice. Now that I am ready to graduate and transfer, 6 years later, I've found my bearings and want to extend my knowledge for all of the students coming after me. My main goal as EVP of legislation is to implement a system where students at risk of academic probation and dismissal, as well as students who have been on campus 3+ years can provide data detailing what specific factors have led them to that situation. With that research, I plan to create a stronger support system for all students so that from Day 1, we know we have the resources we need to not only graduate, but graduate faster. From having secure housing and enough food on the table, to mental health support, to legal aid, to growing stronger community ties with our peers- I want to create a JC that allows our students feel empowered to succeed. Additionally, I would like to extend this vision to also help older students, students returning from an academic hiatus, and other groups at risk to have their voices heard and provide what they need. Now more than ever, we can see what an impact coming together as a community can make for everyone involved. By supporting myself and my slate, I know that we can work to create a college we are all proud to attend. We all know the little changes that can make this a perfect school- I want to be your voice to make that a reality.

Vice President of Clubs – Santa Rosa

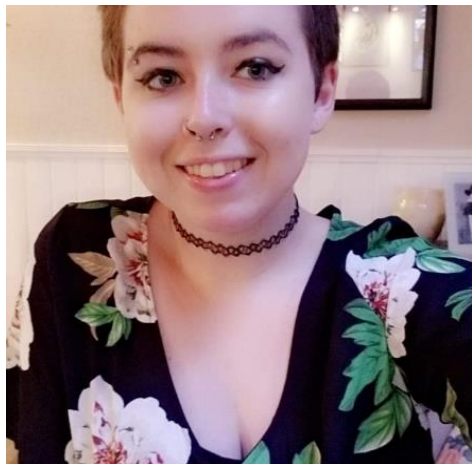
Lisset Miranda (the D.R.E.A.M. team)

My name is Lisset Miranda and this is my third year at the Santa Rosa Junior College. I have been involved on campus since I started the Circle K International club in Spring 2019, and I loved seeing so many clubs come out during Club Day. My goal as the VP of Clubs is to make sure all the clubs are represented on campus and I want to ensure each club has the opportunity to be heard. I was able to meet so many amazing people and I strongly believe other students should have the opportunity to find a club where they feel at home. I believe clubs are one of the most important aspects of our school because it helps build community, and I hope to encourage students to join a club, but most importantly create their own! If elected, I will be the support of the clubs on campus and make sure there is great communication between the Inner Club Council, the Student Government Assembly, and every student here at the Santa Rosa Junior College.



Vice President of Clubs - Petaluma

Tori Hammock (The Party Slate)



As a student at Santa Rosa Junior College for the past two years, I have enjoyed my time here. As a candidate for the Vice President of Clubs Petaluma, I promise to encourage a safe and fun environment for the students here on campus. I want to plan events on campus that will help support the community in a positive way. In my time as a Student Ambassador and co-founder of the Petaluma Write Women English Club here on campus, I feel that I have learned a lot. I would love to use what I have learned to help better our community here on campus. As a Student Ambassador, I planned the Roaring Twenties Dance that was held in the Fall of 2019, and in March the Spring Fling I planned will be coming into action. With my experience planning these events, I feel that I would be prepared to take on planning future events. As a co-founder of a club, I have seen what it is like to run a club first hand. With this experience, I would make a good candidate to run for the Vice President of Clubs because of my leadership experience and drive for our community here on campus.

Vice President of Student Life – Santa Rosa

Athena Weathers

I may be one of the youngest candidates on the ballot, but my age has nothing to diminish the accomplishments and experiences that I have. Since I can remember I have been working, attending, and organizing festivals and events with my family. These events include the Northern California Women's Herbal Symposium, Kate Wolf Music Festival, and String Summit. I will bring this lifetime of experience to the Santa Rosa Junior College campus. My personal experience of being a student with a disability brings a new perspective to my campaign. I will build a strong community where everyone is included. I will create more open conversations between students so that together we can build a strong and united community through events such as karaoke and lip sync battles, as well as integrating our athletic teams into our club days and advertising competitive events better. I will transform this campus into a safer place for everyone and a place where everyone will be heard. My experience with disability has given me a deep understanding of the importance of including the diverse population of our students. I am currently serving as the Assembly member of disability affairs in Student Government. This experience has let me have an inside look at how the student government functions and works. In high school, I attended the first *One Planet* school in the world, igniting my strong devotion to preserve the earth. We need to live as one world and practice stability and zero waste concepts. We will work with the other elected officials to create a beautiful, sustainable, and inclusive campus for generations to come. So help me kickstart Santa Rosa Junior College into a new era. Because there is no campus without "Us".



Vice President of Student Life – Petaluma

Brandon Repp (The Party Slate)



Hey everyone my name is Brandon and I am a second year student. My major is Acting and I am doing Public Communications as a minor. I am running for VP of Student life this election. I have excelled in multiple leadership roles. Last semester I was on the SGA as a representative for the games club. This year I worked as a student ambassador and at the computer lab in the tutorial center. I am dedicated, a hard worker, good listener, assertive, organized, creative, friendly and accessible. I'll be sure to make your voice heard, engage with you and help solve your problems. I'm going to inject more fun into school and school life. Such as organizing more events and pushing to get better food options on campus. I will plan for more mental health days and dances. I will plan more music on the rotary plaza where you can meet me and tell me what you would like different on campus. I am going to advocate for more diverse food trucks. I will be a key senior leader within the college to amplify your voice. As a candidate for VP of Student Life I would really like to hear your stories and problems.

Vice President of Diversity

Felix Santiago (Advocacy Inclusive Diversity Equity, A.I.D.E.)

Hola, my name is Felix Santiago I am Oaxacan/Latinx my pronouns are they/them/elle/ellx and identify as Queer/Nonbinary. Growing up I wasn't allowed to be my authentic self. Every day I had to do something that didn't make me happy; both at school and at home. The only identities I knew about myself were being "latina" (at the time) and a first generation college student. It wasn't until I started college till I realize there are other identities that make up who I am. It was a journey filled with obstacles that I had no idea I had to face in order to be me. Now every day I get to work with/support folks from different backgrounds, here at the Queer Resource Center and GSA. That is something I didn't ever think that was going to happen, and I wake up grateful since not ever qpoc gets to experience getting to be their authentic self because it's a risk you're taking every day, wherever you go. I want to give that empowerment to all our students and those outside this institution. That this is something that is not done alone. That being your true self is being inclusive because you are being all the parts that make you who you are.



Vice President of Student Health

Maria Arreguin Espinosa (Advocacy Inclusive Diversity Equity, A.I.D.E.)



I am a first generation and undocumented college student. My pronouns are her, her's, and ella. This is my third year here at SRJC and I am a nursing major. As Vice President of Student Health, I would push for more advertising around the many services relating to physical and psychological health. I hope to collaborate with the PEERS Coalition on events and provide as much support as I can to reach all students. I've had extensive training on Mental Health (Question Persuade Refer, Mental Health First Aid, Kognito), as well as sensibility trainings on LGBTQ+ and Undocumented communities. When I think of healthcare, I think that compassion plays a huge role. I plan on being empathetic in all aspects of inclusivity and diversity around the topic of health. I want to be able to advocate for more services on campus that students would greatly benefit from. Most importantly I want to be that friendly face you see on campus that you can walk up to and ask for help. Know that I am always willing to listen and know that if it's in my power to make a change, that I will.

Celina Ventanilla

If elected Vice President of Student Health, I vow to fight for what the students want and need. I will do my best to get more mental health appointments available, and to acquire funding to bring the free STI testing back to the Santa Rosa Campus. I will also pay special attention to our Southwest Santa Rosa Center to ensure that they are getting the same health care privileges that we get in Santa Rosa and Petaluma. I will spread the word about all the free services that we, as students have access to at SRJC. I promise to be the voice for the student body and to amplify their needs that they may be addressed.

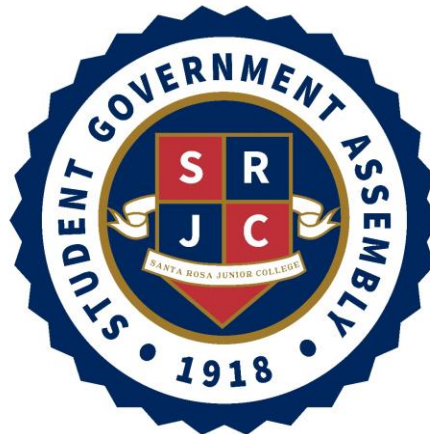


Vice President of Sustainability

Carolynne Marshall (the D.R.E.A.M. team)



My Name is Carolynne Marshall and I am running for the Vice President of Sustainability. I went to Benicia Highschool and moved to Santa Rosa after I graduated to go to Santa Rosa Junior College. I am 19 and Spring 2020 is currently my second semester here at Santa Rosa Junior College. I am currently an English Major and plan to go in Environmental Policy. Environmental Friendliness and Sustainability have been a passion of mine since I started highschool. Throughout highschool, I was involved in the school's ECH2O academy. This was a school program that took everyday general education classes and made them environmentally based. The academy was responsible for maintaining the schools sustainability, environmental friendlessness, and environmental education. I also participated in the SunPower Solar Energy Academy for Summer of 2017 and Summer of 2018. In which, I was responsible for the daily food for thought in which we spoke about sustainability and environmental friendlessness on a larger scale than solar energy. Lastly, I promoted and helped coordinate the SunRise December 2019 Climate Strike through a subgroup that worked with the Santa Rosa SunRise Movement hub. As Vice President of Sustainability at Santa Rosa Junior College, my goals are to maintain the core values for sustainability. I plan to continue working on a plan to pilot a composting program as well as work with other Student Government Members to find a resolution to the inability to find parking on campus to reduce student's carbon footprints as well. I also plan to continue finding more sustainable replacements for resources, snacks, supplies, and food options on campus as well. I will strongly support and endorse more education on environmental friendliness and sustainability available for students while also promoting more community opportunity for involvement. A vote for me is a vote for you!



Vice President of Finance

No Official Candidates

Write-in Candidates must receive 50 votes and 5% of the total votes cast to be eligible

Vice President of Marketing – Santa Rosa

No Official Candidates

Write-in Candidates must receive 50 votes and 5% of the total votes cast to be eligible

Vice President of Marketing – Petaluma

No Official Candidates

Write-in Candidates must receive 50 votes and 5% of the total votes cast to be eligible