

# ***SRJC STUDENT ELECTIONS***



**Official Spring 2017 Candidate Brochure**

# Associated Student President

## Eduardo Osorio Juarez (I) (Cub Collective)

As a first generation college student I recognize that every day I spend at the SRJC is a new milestone for me and my family. My college experience has been filled with many challenges that vary from picking up study habits about how our bureaucratic institution works to protect its students from the social problems affecting our country as a whole, and how I can help facilitate those efforts as a student. In the early stages of any education I never thought I would be part of a college Student Government, let alone go to college, but as I decided to go continue my education and go on to learning about myself and where my indigenous roots began to where they are today, I realize that there is a need for people like myself to pursue leadership roles in our society. Like I mentioned, I am a first generation college student, but I am also; an undocumented refugee from Oaxaca Mexico, I am a student pursuing a teacher's credential in hopes to one day focus on inspiring the youth of Sonoma County who may be uninspired by the traditional education, but overall I am a member of this beautiful institution who wants to be an advocate for the students with students. This is why I've decided to combine efforts with Shae Koberle, N'Godjigui Junior Diarrassouba, and Alexia Carrillo for the purpose of contributing different and positive perspectives to our Student Government and to work for students with students carrying different views of the world. Viva Mexico!



## Robert Martinez (I)

My name is Robert Martinez and I want to be your Associated Students President. As the Student Government's Assembly Member of Disability Affairs I have tried to help keep this campus a place where students with and without disabilities can feel like they have someone who's looking out for and representing them. There are a lot of diverse groups that are misrepresented or not represented at all. AS someone with disabilities, I have felt misrepresented in my life, People didn't understand me and people like me with similar disabilities because no one took a chance and was willing to represent someone like me. That is something I have actively tried to prevent at our school for any group of people. As President, my goal; will be to represent all of the SRJC students and to advocate for all of our student needs. I have experience in advocating for students in different ways that will help me complete that goal. I have lobbied at the State Capitol for AB1995 (Access to showers for those going through homelessness) and I have advocated for student rights at college-wide committees. If elected I will either be in my office or at committees for at least 40 hours a week. In conclusion, in our society people with disabilities don't normally have leadership positions because most people don't want to "take a chance" on us, because it "would be too risky." I ask you here and now, take a chance on me!!



## Evelyn Navarro (Students for Students)

If elected Student President, my main priority will always be as an unbiased voice for the students. Our SGA is here for the representation of our student population and funded by our students, therefore it is of the utmost importance to supplement you with what you need to succeed. I have experience with various clubs on campus, as a returning student, I know how instrumental clubs and resources they provide can be. Additionally, maintaining resources on campus such as an active tutorial center, opening student lounges and further stressing the importance of keeping the campus a safe space will be important goals for myself and colleagues. The Student Government Assembly should be here for your needs and concerns. A vote for myself and my colleagues will ensure a team that is truly invested in your educational needs. I believe in my colleagues and I know they believe in you! Please vote for the Students for Students slate and let our differences make a difference!



Si soy elegida Presidenta Estudiantil, mi prioridad principal será una voz imparcial para los estudiantes. Nuestro SGA está aquí para la representación de nuestra población estudiantil y es financiado por nuestros estudiantes, por eso es de suma importancia para ayudar los estudiantes con lo que necesitan para tener éxito. Tengo experiencia con varios clubes, como un estudiante que regresa, sé cómo clubes y recursos instrumentales que proporcionan son. Además, el mantenimiento de recursos en el colegio, como un centro de tutoría activa, la apertura de salones de estudiantes y subrayando la importancia de mantener el campus un espacio seguro serán metas importantes para mí y colegas. La Asamblea del Gobierno Estudiantil debe estar para sus necesidades y preocupaciones. Un voto para mí y mis colegas garantizará un equipo que está verdaderamente invertido en sus necesidades educativas.

## Executive Vice President – Petaluma

### Omar Gutierrez (Students for Students)

Hi everyone, my name is Omar Gutierrez. I have been a student at SRJC and seen the growth of the Petaluma campus student life. As the Executive Vice-president of Petaluma, I plan to create more resources and raise awareness of current resources to nurture student Ideas. I was fortunate to find people to point me in the Right direction of resources at SRJC. I would like to pay it back and make sure that every student can utilize the resources that SRJC provides.



# Vice President of Finance

## Junior N. Diarrassouba (Cub Collective)

Being an international student at the Santa Rosa Junior College has provided me with a lot more opportunities, though as many challenges that I have ever thought about. My home country is Cote d'Ivoire, literally meaning Ivory Coast, a little country on the African West Coast. Though lovely, this piece of land has darkened over the years. I came to realize, growing up, how insecure, unjust and crooked it became. In effect, through the years, I saw how the lack of education and opportunities had taken a toll on life to the point that some people just lose hope; but I could not. I represent hope for my family, my name means hope: N'Godjigui. Having this blessing to impersonate what a family represented as hope always put me in a position in which I had to not only think about myself but people surrounding. Lacking opportunities in Africa, my parents decided to send me to the United States despite not having as much resources to support me. Once here, I had to go through a lot of challenges as I had to support myself by finding work on campus for example or also handling my math classes; but I always believed that education was a light and that same research of education made me get through it. The SRJC has provided me with enough support and that support that has been possible through the help of so many people made me want to give back to the community even more. And I believe that thanks to my experience I will be able to be of a good help. This is why I've decided to combine efforts with Shae Koberle, Eduardo Osorio Juarez, and Alexia Carrillo for the purpose of contributing different perspectives to our student government and work for students with students carrying different views of the world.



# Vice President of Student Life

## Dori Elder (Students for Students)

My name is Dori Elder and I would like to be your V.P. of Student Life. As an older student I was about starting college so late in life. I began taking my time at SRJC taking only one class because I knew I wouldn't fit in or be accepted by the younger students. I was wrong! I have immersed myself in my studies and campus activities. I have been the president of two active clubs on campus and have served as ICC Vice Chair for three consecutive semesters. I am visible in many other aspects on campus including being a TA and tutor. I will focus on institutionalizing events such as Indigenous People's Day, Recovery Night, and Take Back the Night. The SRJC Campus is my home away from home and I'd like to make it so that you feel that way when you come to campus as well.





# Vice President of Advocacy

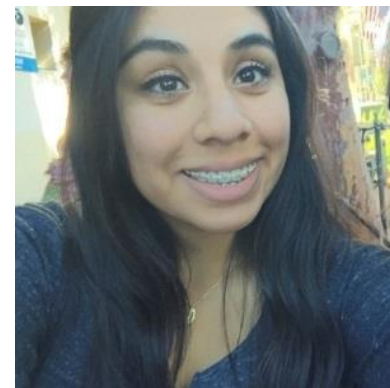
## Candy Bridgers (Students for Students)

I was born in Windsor, but raised a little bit of everywhere. I have had the privilege of getting to know many people, from many different backgrounds. One thing that I have learned is that we are all people, and we all deserve the same treatment. I have a strong sense of justice and equality for all people. If elected to office, I want to take my passion for justice and apply it to the students at The Santa Rosa Junior College. I will fight for student rights!



## Alexia Carrillo (I) (Cub Collective)

As a first generation college student, and a women of color I have faced obstacles throughout my education. Given the opportunity to continue my education at Santa Rosa Junior college I was able to be accepted into the Puente Program which focuses on the marginalized student population and encourages students to be involved with extracurricular activities and transfer. Puente has shown me to be proud of who I am, my culture, and gave me a lot of support and for that I would love to give back. I am an advocate for the people, and that feeling of satisfaction bringing positive in their lives, also changes mine as well. Due to my passion with SRJC, I have helped coordinate events, create diversity on campus for students to be aware of the resources on campus and provide information to students who wish to be involved as I am. My involvement has made me realize how important my education really is, and for that I've decided to run for the position of Vice President of Advocacy. This is also why I've decided to combine efforts with Shae Koberle, N'GODJIGUI JUNIOR DIARRASSOUBA, and Eduardo Osorio Juarez for the purpose of contributing different and positive perspectives to our student government and to work for students with students carrying different views of the world.



# Inter Club Council Chair

## Joshua Pinaula (Students for Students)

VOTE 'STUDENT FOR STUDENTS'! If we are not diligent, clubs can get taken advantage of. For example: clubs helped pass the Student Center Fee for the Student Government (SGA) which increased the SGA's budget over \$100,000. To thank clubs for helping pass this fee, the SGA created policy to ensure clubs were given ongoing financial support of \$10,000 a year. *But the clubs got duped!* What happened instead, was the 13 members of the SGA (+1 Student Trustee) found ways to pay themselves \$17,000 collectively and told the 50+ clubs that the SGA wouldn't guarantee to transfer any of the \$10,000, then they cut the Inter-Club Council meeting times in half which made it harder for us clubs to organize. If I become ICC Chair, you can be absolutely certain that I'll do everything I can to help clubs and not myself. See my full bio and list of accomplishments here: <https://goo.gl/EDXVHU> Club Funding History: <https://goo.gl/wBvGtx> Please feel free to contact me [joshuapinaula@gmail.com](mailto:joshuapinaula@gmail.com), [facebook.com/darkmajesticbeast](https://facebook.com/darkmajesticbeast)



# Vice President of Sustainability

## Shae Koberle (Cub Collective)

It was the last few days of July in the relentless heat that I discovered my love for sustainability. My grandmother and I were kneeling in the garden like stills on milk cartons, our elbows caked in soil. I will never forget her rosy smile as she handed me sunflower seeds, and the mud cities I used to make out of the hose when we gardened together. But oh those sunflowers. It was not just the fact that they seemed to grow inches when I grew inches, their height perplexing to seven-year-old me, what really impressed me was the fact that I could actually eat what I could grow. Especially celery with peanut butter with those sunflower seeds, nicknamed "crickets on a log" by my mother. Watching those sunflowers grow and bloom sparked my passion about sustainability as well as my appreciation for the outdoors. I figured, wouldn't it be nice to share this love of nature with others and create a space open for dynamic ideas? At SRJC, I want to become the VP of sustainability to make the campus a viable, eco-friendly community for students as well as future generations to enjoy. In this position, I pledge to serve and listen to all students, participate in community outreach whenever possible, and raise awareness about sustainability efforts on campus. I have a glowing interest to see composting on campus, the construction of an edible garden, and the decrease of the SRJC footprint. That is why I have decided to combine efforts with N'Godjigui, Alexia Carrillo, and Eduardo Juarez for the purpose of contributing different perspectives to our student government.



# Vice President of Marketing

## Rodrigo Alarcon (Students for Students)

SRJC is home to thousands of bright and caring students, a few of which I have had the privilege to join in accomplishing small acts of public good through different clubs-- Rotaract, Student Ambassadors, the free-food pantry founded by PTK of SRJC. I have also met many hard-working students whose ambitions are deterred due to personal emergencies or a lack of access to services. I believe that this school has the resources and the potential to offer satisfactory services to ALL of its students. The problem is connecting the school and the students. I would like to help SRJC and its diverse community by communicating to each one what the other has to offer. I can offer my communication skills as well as my familiarity with the school. The rest of the candidates on my slate can offer you their diversity of experiences as well as their dedication and hard-work.



# Vice President of Student Health

## Ryan Sansome (Students for Students)

If elected as VP of Student Health, I will create innovative programs that improve students' physical, emotional, social, financial, spiritual, and intellectual health. I commit to advocating on your behalf for affordable student housing, inexpensive healthy meals, a dedicated student center, Mental Health First Aid Training for student leaders, gym access, and solutions to the parking crisis. I have a strong record of working to improve students' health; I founded Students for Recovery – a supportive community for students recovering from addiction, mental illness, and disabilities – as a Recovery Support Intern in Student Health and as an advisor in the “Advocating for Social Change” course. I created the “Fit & Healthy Bear Cubs” community, organized Recovery Night on campus, and co-founded Advocates for Student Housing. Recently, I drafted a proposal and am applying for a grant that serves vulnerable students and provides internship opportunities on campus. Vote Ryan for Student Health! I stand with the Students for Students candidates because they stand for you.



Si soy elegido como VP de Salud Estudiantil, crearé programas innovadores que mejoren la salud física, emocional, social, financiera, espiritual y intelectual de los estudiantes. Me comprometo a defender en su nombre por vivienda asequible de estudiantes, comidas saludables y baratas, un centro estudiantil y espacio para reuniones, Entrenamiento de Primeros Auxilios de Salud Mental para estudiantes, acceso al gym y soluciones para la crisis de estacionamiento. Tengo una larga

historial de mejorar la salud de los estudiantes; Funde a Students for Recovery, una comunidad de apoyo para estudiantes que se están recuperando de adicciones, enfermedades mentales y discapacidades, como un pasantía de recuperación en salud estudiantil y como consejero en el curso " Advocating for Social Change ". Creé la comunidad "Fit & Healthy Bear Cubs", organicé el evento Recovery Night en el colegio.

# Vice President of Diversity Affairs

## Mercedes Díaz

Diversity comes in all shapes and sizes, we are all diverse in one way or another. Some of those differences in those diversities can be hindering, misrepresented, and/or not treated equally and justly. I want to be a proactive advocate for all students; be a bridge to resources that will help students better succeed. If resources are not available, I want to help create them and bring these issues to light. We need effective leadership that I can provide. As a woman in STEM, as a first generation American to non-English speaking immigrant parents, and as a mother of two children – I understand what it means to have challenges through discrimination, misrepresentation, and a lack of resources. I want to help you succeed. Let's do better.



Diversidad se presenta en todas formas y variaciones, todos somos diversos en alguna forma a otra. Las diferencias en esas diversidades pueden presentar obstaculos unicos o ser mal representados – no tratado po igual ó justamente. Yo quiero ser un representade proactive para todos los estudiantes. Quiero ser un puente para ustedes a los recursos que te ayudarán a tener mayor exito – y si no hay recursos disponibles, quiero ayudar crearlos con añadir transparencia al asunto. Necesitamos liderazgo efectivo. Como mujer parte de STEM, de padres inmigrantes que hoy-en-dia no hablan Ingles, y como madre de dos niños, yo entiendo lo que significa tener desafíos y fulta de recursos. Quiero ayudarlos ser exitosos. Podemos hacer mejor.

## Stephannie-Lynn Starr (Students for Students)

I am so very impressed with the opportunities that are available here. As an older returning student, the levels of support that are available here are truly life-changing. Our learning communities support students while embracing the effect of culture in the learning process. Student health here is uncomprable, and the clubs and events are vital to building community. But I don't want us to rest on our laurels. More can be done, and my goal is to make it a priority that everyone has a voice. We are so fortunate to have such a diverse community here. We are proof that differences need not be dividers. Now more than ever we need to be a welcoming institution for all. Gender, race, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status are to be celebrated and supported. Help me to help this college thrive.





# Student Trustee

## Sabrina Rawson (I) (Students for Students)

Life is finite. The key to surviving the environment around me has been to constantly educate myself. My education has enabled me to open doors to various paths in my life, and regardless of the information I've learned or the outcome deduced by choices I've made, my education remains priceless to own. I have been battling cancer for 6 years, and despite my battle, I am a few months of completing my AA degree. I am an educator, student, motivational speaker, healer and advocate. I can identify with each role although I didn't realize my personal successes were equal to the title "professional" because I didn't "earn" a degree. The more I reflected on that social bias, the more I recognized my desire to create a new life for myself. Attending SRJC has been the best step towards expanding my resources and knowledge. I envision using my education, personal experiences, and through active engagement, leverage resources within the community to better the lives of students while attending SRJC. I discovered I wanted to change the public's viewpoint on professionalism with certification programs at SRJC. I want to continue to assist with basic need insecurities for our students.



## Tiffany Rose

I am a lifelong student, humble and persistent about broadening my horizons to educate myself about what would better the world every day. I am committed to student empowerment and health with experience as my compass. As a mother I understand the full responsibility and power that the Student Trustee position entails and am eager to evolve communications directly from the students who need a voice. By representing the struggling, the passionate, the athletes, the intellectuals, and those who are still finding themselves, I vow to make fair and just decisions on behalf of the student body at large.

"Disturb the comfortable and comfort the disturbed"



# **Vice President of Committees**

*No Official Candidates*

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

# **Director of Clubs – Petaluma**

*No Official Candidates*

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# **Director of Marketing – Petaluma**

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