SGA Spring 2020 Elections Ballot

President

Demarcus Joiner

My name is Demarcus Joiner, and I am a junior from Roanoke, Alabama. I am currently pursuing a degree in civil engineering with a concentration in pre-law. I am honored and excited to announce my candidacy for the President of The University of Alabama’s Student Government Association. During my time at The Capstone, I have served in various leadership capacities throughout campus including Senator for the College of Engineering and serving as the inaugural Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion this past year. These experiences have provided me with the opportunity to lead others by not only listening to their needs but engaging with diverse perspectives. I have always believed in the quote, “what you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.” I have incorporated this into my actions, initiatives, and relationships created in my positions on campus. As Student Government Association President, I will continue to use this opportunity to make a difference.

By serving as President of the Student Government Association, I will create and implement new campus programs and initiatives that will benefit all students at The University of Alabama while upholding the Capstone Creed. The four main areas I will focus on improving are student experience, engagement, environment, and equity. I will enhance the student experience by reforming homecoming, transportation policies, and game-day additions. I will also increase student engagement, on campus and throughout the community, by connecting students from all areas of campus. I will enhance the student environment by introducing programs that promote a safe and inclusive campus for all students. Lastly, I will continue to progress student equity by introducing committees to facilitate discussions between diverse groups and implementing programs that will foster a more equitable and welcoming campus. It has been a blessing to serve you the past two years in SGA, and I hope that you will continue to give me the opportunity to serve you as President.

Executive Vice President

Jason Rothfarb

Throughout my term as Vice President for Student Affairs, I have exceeded my campaign promises. I have gone above and beyond to create programs and initiatives that have a strong positive impact on the student body. As Executive Vice President I will serve as an experienced leader looking to help the rest of the Executive Council complete their goals and initiatives. As EVP, I will be focusing on three main categories: enhance the student experience, continue to improve campus safety, and better SGA communication and transparency. Each of these points is driven by students serving students.

By improving the current student discount programs, bringing dining dollars to the stadium and adding outlets to bus stops on campus; we will see an enhanced student experience that helps our students excel.

Campus Safety is a concern for our students and I plan to address it head on. I will focus on improving campus safety by continuing free self-defense classes, and putting the active shooter situation training
video on Alpha Point for all new students. Additionally, I plan to brighten dark areas of campus, add cameras to blue lights, and will work to provide a safety button called Ripple that will be accessible to students.

To improve SGA communication and transparency, I will start by working alongside the Source to update all organization rosters, rebooting the President’s Council, constructing a town hall forum, and creating faculty senate student liaisons. This will enable students to have a better understanding of the programs that benefit them.

Throughout my time in SGA, I have maintained a high work ethic and developed a foundation for years to come. I have served as a leader in all capacities and have served as a catalyst of change for the SGA. With that said, I have yet to reach my full potential. As Executive Vice President, I plan to utilize my leadership capabilities in order to make a positive impact on the Capstone. I will do this by leveraging my skills as a leader with continuous efforts to help others around me have the resources they need to accomplish their goals. My ability to be a team player allows me to serve as a role model that is conducive to others cultivating their individual leadership abilities, ensuring a strong united SGA. In my final year here I look forward to continuing the Student Government Association’s momentum and building upon what we as a SGA have started.

Vice President for Student Affairs

Sam Rickert

My name is Sam Rickert and I am a sophomore studying political science and economics at UA. I am writing to express my intent to run for the position of Vice President for Student Affairs for the Student Government Association. By serving as VPSA, I will create and implement new programs that will benefit all of the students at our university. The two main areas I aim to focus on are student services and students’ experiences at UA. I will improve services on campus in three ways. The first is by adding a certificate program to educate student organizations on how to deal with instances of sexual assault, as well as informing students of resources on campus to help them combat this issue. Second, I will implement the option for students to reserve classrooms during dead week and finals week to encourage group studying. Lastly, I will create an informational video once a semester that highlights initiatives and projects going on in SGA, to better inform our students and increase transparency between SGA and our campus.

This past year, I served as a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. During this time, I had the opportunity to work alongside other members of SGA in creating legislation designed to improve students’ experiences at UA. My work ethic, leadership, and past experience with SGA have prepared me to further work alongside other student leaders in ensuring that every student has the best possible experience at UA. Furthermore, my accomplishments and involvement on campus make me confident that I would be the best candidate to serve our students as VPSA.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Price Dukes

My name is Price Dukes and I am officially announcing my candidacy for the office of Vice President for Academic Affairs.

In my two years at The Capstone, I have been very fortunate to serve the student body in the Student Government Association. Serving as a First Year Councilor and as Chief Legislative Officer in the Executive Cabinet, I have collaborated with some of the most high-achieving, intelligent, and creative individuals on this campus. It is because of these experiences that I have become a more effective servant leader for this University.

The office of Vice President for Academic Affairs is one of the most significant positions that a student can serve in as a member of SGA. A standard of excellence has been set by the talented and dedicated individuals that have previously held this position that every VPAA should strive to meet while in office. The Vice President for Academic Affairs should be attentive, empathetic, ambitious, and reliable. Additionally, the VPAA should set and follow a strong agenda that is geared toward improving and expanding the student academic experience. Finally, one must be surrounded by the right people to ensure expectations are not just met but exceeded.

I am running for this position because I care deeply about the academic needs of my fellow students and want to make sure that the University is giving its students the best possible chance of succeeding in college and in the world after graduation. I plan to improve Academic Wellness on campus, ensuring the mental health needs of students can be cared for in a timely and effective manner. I am passionate about making progress in Academic Affordability to give all students a level playing field, no matter their background, with the same opportunities as their peers. I will be dedicated to Academic Preparedness, allowing all students to be well-equipped before academic milestones. Overall, I plan to improve the each and every student’s Academic Experience, to ensure that everyone can have a legendary experience at The University of Alabama.

Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Caitlyn McTier

My name is Caitlyn McTier, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) for the Student Government Association (SGA). I am a junior from Sylacauga, Alabama studying news media, and I have been involved in many campus organizations such as Capstone Men and Women and the Blackburn Institute. I have also served in SGA as a First-Year Councilor, director within the DEI branch, and the Chief Advisor to the President. Throughout all my experiences at the Capstone, I have gained the knowledge, expertise, network, and proven record needed to be a successful Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

As VP of DEI, I believe that bringing together diverse communities is imperative with our campus climate. Serving within the DEI branch helped me learn that promoting diversity surpasses the color of our skin but also exists in the everyday differences that make each of us unique members of UA. Our campus can only be enhanced if all voices are being heard so that issues affecting everyone can be solved. One of the greatest ways of hearing the concerns of students is through a platform that I recently developed called Bama Asks. This is a resource for students to submit their personal concerns helping to bridge the gap between students, SGA, and our administration. Enhancing this program will
allow for the DEI branch to better understand the needs of our student body. Furthermore, the basic needs of students are often overlooked, and I will provide necessary programs to combat the issues of equity by adding more discrete ways to for food insecure students to receive resources. Additionally, I will create a program for homeless students to help provide temporary housing to those in need. I have been blessed to serve you in SGA for three years, and I hope to be able to continue my service as your next Vice President of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. I am a leader that wants to be your voice to advocate for your needs, so you can always call on Caitlyn.

Vice President for Financial Affairs

Daniel Perkins

My name is Daniel Perkins, and I am a junior from Birmingham, Alabama studying Honors Accounting and Finance with plans to attend law school. I have been blessed to represent this University as an SGA Senator and would like to continue serving this campus to my fullest extent by running for Vice President For Financial Affairs.

My first initiative as VPFA is to create a centralized database for scholarships. Currently, the application process is sporadic and overly complex. As VPFA, I look to consolidate this process by creating a centralized scholarship database. This would entail a separate tab on MyBama where one can filter scholarships by year, school, etc. and would produce all of the scholarships available for that person.

Secondly, I aim to increase financial literacy to student led organizations to ensure equal opportunity for funding. A pressing concern facing student organizations is requesting funds through FAC. Due to the detailed specifications and intricate wording, many of the request forms sent to FAC are unable to be accommodated due to improper formatting presented in the form. My solution is to simplify the process of requesting funds by creating a more simplified version of the form as well as meeting with the heads of student led organizations and elaborate the correct way to format the request.

Lastly, I am looking to collaborate with upper division business students to create a mentorship program for all incoming freshman to teach and develop insight into the financial realm. This program will help promote financial transparency and instill fundamental knowledge for younger students to apply towards their personal and professional futures.

Throughout this past year, I have been honored to experience first hand the impact SGA makes on this University, which has inspired me to pursue my candidacy for Vice President For Financial Affairs. Thank you and Roll Tide!

Vice President for External Affairs

Jillian Fields

I, Jillian Fields, am thrilled to officially announce my candidacy for the SGA Vice President of External Affairs. I am a sophomore from Dayton, Kentucky studying Management, Public Health, and Psychology with a minor in Social Innovation and Leadership. I currently serve as a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, the Secretary Pro-Tempore for the Senate and represented the Senate at Better Relations Day and Higher Education Day, and I previously served as a First Year Councilor. In addition to my
involvement in SGA, I am also in the University Fellows program, an ambassador for the College of Arts and Sciences, and a volunteer with Best Buddies.

During my two years in SGA, I have been able to serve as a representative and a liaison for my peers to enact change they want to see. I have been able to work on several initiatives involving sexual assault prevention and bystander intervention, expansion of textbook scholarship availability, and proper disposal of prescription drugs on campus. If elected, I plan to focus my efforts on student experience off-campus and fostering relationships between UA students and the greater Tuscaloosa community through collaboration with community partners. I plan to ensure that affordable off-campus housing continues to be an option for students despite the rise of luxury apartment complexes. Additionally, I want to develop an off-campus housing review similar to Rate My Professor where students are able to find housing options most compatible with their priorities such as cost, proximity from campus, or pet-friendliness. Moreover, I want to develop a partnership with the West Alabama Food Bank by packing monthly commodity boxes for seniors in the counties served by the food bank. Finally, I hope to establish a SAFE center shuttle for student use by expanding the service area of 348-RIDE by .7 miles. Coming from Kentucky, I wasn’t sure how I could find my place at a university so large. SGA has allowed me to give back to a community that has given so much to me, and I look forward to continuing to seek improvement in every facet of the Capstone.

Executive Secretary

Anna Beth Payne

I, Anna Beth Payne, hereby declare my candidacy for the office of Executive Secretary. Born and raised in Alabama and the daughter of two UA Alumni, I have always cherished the Capstone. Since becoming a student, my goal has been to be an active contributor to the continued history of success and positive growth at UA. In an effort to reach this goal, I have been involved in the classroom and as a student leader. Having served as an SGA Senator, I have challenged myself to become a better person and leader by practicing extraordinary focus, dependability, and loyalty. Superb organizational skills, dedication to success, and a readiness to take on all problems presented to me have allowed me to succeed in this role, and it is because of this experience that I now possess the leadership and professional skills necessary to represent UA at a higher level. I am seeking the office of Executive Secretary because I enthusiastically support the SGA and its important work and hope to help and further the mission of SGA in and out of the office. During my time in the Senate, I have become passionate about the functions of student governance and I see the opportunity to expand and improve upon the important work of the SGA. It is my core mission to be an effective liaison between the SGA and the student body by supporting and promoting the interests of all students at the Capstone by first giving maximum effort within the SGA office. I will serve the SGA and all my fellow students with honor, dignity, and a continuing commitment to excellence. Looking forward, I am eager to have the opportunity to earn your vote. Thank you and Roll Tide!
Dylan Brown

My name is Dylan Brown and I am a Junior from Pensacola, FL majoring in History and Political Science. I currently serve as the Treasurer of the Pre Law Student Association, and I am also involved with the International Relations Club and ALMUN. I am running because the College of Arts and Sciences is being underserved. As the largest division of the university, we deserve our fair share. My goal is to advocate for higher spending on the facilities of the College of A&S and to push for more initiatives that express its importance to the university as a whole. Another goal of mine is to work with university faculty to try and negotiate better prices for the Supe store. We as students should not have to spend an arm and a leg on textbooks just to be able to participate in class. Thank you for your time, and your vote would be much appreciated on election day.

Emilia Ciezadlo

My name is Emilia Ciezadlo, and I am from Lake Zurich, Illinois. Here at the Capstone, I am a student in the College of Arts and Sciences, as a Chemistry major with a minor in Psychology. I am involved in leadership organizations on campus involving Freshman Forum and the First Year Council. Already having experience within SGA as a First Year Counselor has caused me to gain valuable insight in how to improve UA!

My passion for serving students and strong sense of duty for the embetterment of the University of Alabama’s community has ultimately inspired me to run for Senate. My key initiatives to further help the College of Arts and Sciences grow include connecting students, specifically underclassmen, to become more involved and aware of research opportunities. Beyond our college, my vision for this campus includes an improvement with the awareness of mental health regarding college students, and creating outlets geared towards this awareness. My final goal to benefit UA’s campus is further create awareness and events involving diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Overall, I believe that bettering the campus as a whole starts with improving and engaging with the student body to accurately fit their needs. I believe empowering students as a whole will then help with each individual’s success.

Audrey Cummins

My name is Audrey Cummins, and I would be honored to represent the College of Arts and Sciences in the Senate of the Student Government Association. As a freshman from Little Rock, Arkansas, I fell in love with the University of Alabama as a high school student and have wanted to get involved on campus ever since. My leadership roles in different organizations at UA, along with several philanthropies in the Tuscaloosa area, have provided me with crucial experiences that will aid to new ideas in the SGA Senate. My goal as a senator is to serve as a passionate representative of the College of Arts & Sciences, being a liaison between the ideas of our students and the SGA, as well as implementing legislation from the ideas of my classmates. I enjoy serving others, especially my peers, which will allow me to give students without a voice an opportunity to be heard. As a senator, I will work to close the information gap regarding medical, dental, and all health-related schools through solidifying a constant network of seniors and alumni who have successfully gone through the application process in recent years. I also hope to form new relationships with my peers and advisors to best serve our College.
decided to enroll in the College of Arts & Sciences because of my passion for medicine and helping others in my future career, and I believe I can work on campus to help students here at the University of Alabama.

Olivia Davis

My name is Olivia Davis, and I am running for re-election in the College of Arts and Sciences Senate. I fell in love with the atmosphere of the Student Government Association as a member of the 2018 First Year Council. This early experience of serving my peers taught me the important responsibility of protecting the needs of all students. I have had the honor of continuing this passion through The University of Alabama’s Student Government Senate this past year, and representing my college has truly enhanced my time on campus. I have had the chance to work on numerous pieces of legislation enacting programs and initiatives on campus, such as creating a co-curricular transcript, hanging safety resource signs within the Ferguson Center, increasing traffic safety across campus, creating a bystander intervention certification program, and leading the Capstone Creed Initiative. I have had the chance to work with many talented people across campus, and I truly believe I have learned a great deal from the relationships I have fostered throughout my time with the Student Government Association. If re-elected, it is my goal to foster a sense of community throughout campus while focusing on areas such as housing, campus safety, and community service and outreach. It would be a dream to continue my service to the school that has already impacted me in immeasurable ways. Roll Tide!

Robert Khalil

I am Robert Khalil, a Chicago native studying Biology on the Pre Medical track. Being a student on campus I would like to see the university be utilized to its maximum potential and I believe there is no one better for the job than the students themselves. With that being said, last semester I had the honor of being selected for First Year Council. Having that role, I was able to begin making changes on this campus but on a much smaller scale. After experiencing First Year Council along with shadowing a current SGA senator, I have become familiarized with what it takes to become an SGA senator and feel confident in my ability to bring change on this campus at the larger level.

If elected as an SGA senator one of the first changes I would work towards is the increase of the Add/Drop date for all courses at the university. Currently, students have one week from the first day of classes in the semester to join or remove themselves from a course without it appearing on their transcript. Unfortunately, I as well as many colleagues enrolled here don’t believe that this time frame adequately gives students enough time to experience the true coursework of a class. Having this shorter period only traps students into classes they may not be prepared for and promotes a system of poor grades.

Chip Porter

Hello, my name is Chip Porter and I want to serve as your Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences so that I can help make the SGA work for you, the students. Growing up only an hour away from Tuscaloosa as the son of two Alabama alumni, and the grandson of four, the University has always held a special place in my heart. It has been a family tradition. While I appreciate traditions, I also embrace the growth and progress the University has made. I worked hard to make the Dean’s List this past semester. I
gained student government experience serving on Lobby Board. Additionally, my experience as pledge class president for my fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, and working on committees there has honed my skills in leading and working with others. I am a good communicator, collaborator, and listener. I would take issues head on and use teamwork to resolve them. I want to promote and increase the benefits of an Arts and Sciences degree from the University of Alabama. With your help, we can continue years of great work by the SGA and make the University even better.

Adam Rogers

My name is Adam Rogers and I am from Tampa, Florida. I am currently a sophomore Microbiology major on the Pre-Med track. In the upcoming year I’ll be applying to the top medical schools to pursue my dream of becoming a surgeon. I am currently on the executive council of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity as the Risk Management chairman. Presently I lead 33 students as an Undergraduate Teaching Assistant in a Laboratory Biology recitation. I am running for senator to make an impact on this campus and bring a voice to the people that I represent. Student leadership is something I have always prioritized during my academic career and I look forward to the opportunity to make a difference on campus. My main platform points will be to derive an action plan and to tackle sexual assault on campus. This is a problem that is systematically underrepresented but is one that must be brought to light.

Morgan Strain

My name is Morgan Strain, and I am a freshman at the University of Alabama studying dance and public relations. Since arriving at the university, I have made it my goal to be involved in many areas across campus. I am proud to be a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, a Greek Ambassador, an Al’s Pals Mentor during my first semester, and a full-time student of the dance program—performing in Dance Alabama. I have found that each of these activities have brought to my life a new avenue to branch out of my comfort zone. I believe I would serve extremely well in the Senate because I thrive in leadership positions and know how to work with others to achieve a goal. My aim is to see the College of Arts and Sciences continue to grow and improve in all areas. Due to this college being so widespread, I understand that the many different programs and opportunities can be overwhelming to explore. That is why I would like to work with the university to design a program for students on their MyBama account that lists all on-campus resources, the best form of contact, and location. This benefits students across campus and in all colleges. This would provide a more direct form of communication between students and resources and make it easier for students to obtain the help they need. I am always open to new ideas and projects that help students become more plugged in to campus resources. I would love to see students utilizing all the university has to offer and provide future students with information to help navigate through their first semester.

Shannon Tagler

The University of Alabama is an amazing institution that provides so many opportunities for students to excel. If I, Shannon Tagler, am elected as a senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, I will work hard at creating a way for freshman students to be better informed and educated on all of the opportunities and facilities the University has to offer. Having a position in the Senate is an exciting opportunity for me to represent the students in my college and give them a voice as to what happens here on campus.
Having served on First Year Council, I therefore understand the role of a SGA Senator, which will allow me to immediately have an effect. Mental health is such a big topic in our society today and there is no doubt that it affects many students here at the Capstone. I plan to advocate for those students affected by mental illness by installing programs for students to get the help that they need, easily and affordably. Another goal of mine is to raise awareness and fight for the equality of students here on campus who have a type of disability. Everyone on campus deserves to be treated fairly and with respect, no matter what. I am so excited to be given this opportunity to run for Senate. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve as an SGA senator and humbly request your support. Thank you and Roll Tide!

Darius Thomas

My name is Darius Thomas and this is my intent to serve the University of Alabama as a senator representing the College of Arts & Sciences. I believe that this SGA is a premier SGA when compared to others across the country, so being a part of this legacy would be an absolute honor. The role a senator plays in the SGA here is crucial for the formation of initiatives that benefit the student body. I will form initiatives and implement changes that benefit everyone here at the Capstone. With my unique background as a first-gen student, I can draw on experiences that perhaps others can’t. This is important because I can be a senator that helps students who may not feel heard, but I can also be a senator who is easily approachable for people that have similar life experiences. I have always believed that hard work breeds success. I have worked hard to get where I am today and continue to work diligently so that I can show other students that anything is possible. Representing the College of Arts & Sciences in the senate offers me an opportunity to have a platform to show other students that, no matter where you come from, you can succeed. Making sure that student voices feel heard is a top priority for me in this role shall I be elected.

Caroline Whalley

I, Caroline Whalley, hereby declare my candidacy for the Senate of The College of Arts and Sciences. I am from Covington, LA, and I am pursuing my Bachelors Degree in Psychology with a minor in Political Science on the Pre-Law track. My goal is to help ensure the success and happiness of not only my fellow members of the Arts and Sciences college, but of every student here at UA. I am seeking the position of a SGA senator because I believe that I am reliable, hardworking, and proactive. I have always loved helping others, and I think that I have a multitude of great ideas to do just that. I would like to focus on matters such as the local transportation businesses known as Kwik-Kart and Joyride, student driven golf-carts that provide rides to other students at almost all hours. I would like to work towards a collaboration of the businesses with the University, ultimately working towards a method of payment through UA via ‘Bama Cash’, creating the convenience of paying through the tap of an Action Card. This would also allow the University to regulate commerce and I think that this would be extremely beneficial to those employed and would work further to help prevent accidents related to driving under the influence, which I am very passionate about. I would very much like the opportunity to be the voice of the students and of the College of Arts and Sciences, and I think that I am well fit and a great choice.
College of Commerce Senate

Amanda Allen

I, Amanda Allen, hereby state my intent to run for the College of Commerce Senate for the University of Alabama’s Student Government Association. I am eager to share my platform and my vision for the 2020-2021 administration with you. My previous experience in SGA through First Year Council has properly equipped me to implement positive changes in the College of Commerce and the overall University of Alabama community.

I will work diligently to ease the transition for freshman, increase transparency, and further communicate opportunities offered to business students by the College of Commerce. As a senator, it will be my mission to understand the needs of my peers in order to expand student representation within SGA. Join me on March 3rd and choose to go #AllInWithAllen.

Luci Allen

My name is Luci Allen and I am formally expressing my intentions to run for Senate as a representative of the Culverhouse College of Business. I am a freshman majoring in Business Management with the intentions of improving our classroom technology, experience, and learning environments. If given the opportunity to serve as a Senator, I hope to utilize my unique ideas to help improve the transportation system around campus and bring a fresh perspective to the University’s Senate. During my time at the Capstone I have had the opportunity to learn more in depth about the legislative process and how involvement within SGA would allow me to be a leader around campus. As a Senator I would listen to others concerns and commit to use the skills I have acquired through past experiences to have a positive impact on the College of Business. I know if I was able to serve as a senator I could relate to students’ perspectives and help implement legislation around the University of Alabama to help students reach their full potential.

Bran Apgwilym

My name is Bran Apgwilym, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for College of Commerce Senate of the Student Government Association here at the University of Alabama. I am a junior from Huntsville, Alabama studying Marketing with a specialization in Sales and a minor in Global and Cultural Perspectives. I have been involved in many campus organizations such as First Year Experience and Bama Year One. I also served as a Peer Advisor for Capstone Center for Student Success and recently helped with First Fellows. I have a great honor to be in the area's I’m in and serve others with utilizing servant-leadership in all my academic and extracurricular activities. Throughout my experience as a First Year Experience Mentor, I gained to knowledge, expertise, empathy, and network to be a successful candidate for Senate. As College of Commerce Senate, I will strive to represent the interests of students from every background and provide resources that students need while further enhancing their experience. The only way our campus and college can be enhanced and diversified is if all student voices are being heard and addressed in appropriately. I will help enact initiatives for students to improve their overall experience at UA and College of Commerce. I hope to continue to serve the University of Alabama and SGA being a part of Senate. I am a student leader that wants to be your voice and honor your needs, and most importantly help serve as a friend to all.
William Culp

My name is William Culp, and I am running for the College of Commerce Senate. I am a sophomore finance major and computer technology minor. Upon graduation, I plan on attending grad school here in Tuscaloosa to expand my knowledge on growing businesses and financial modeling to help jumpstart a potential career in private equity. I am running because I want to create relationships and represent my fellow students in the college of commerce. My focus will stand on creating outlets designed to help business students grow and develop in order to maximize their potential and likelihood of securing a job to their liking after college. I will make every conscious decision with the wellbeing of the student body in mind as I represent the college of commerce through reviewing and writing legislation to benefit our great university. Thank you and remember William Culp when you vote.

Sullivan Irvine

My name is Sullivan Irvine, and I am a freshman from Mobile, Alabama. I am a Finance major as well as a French minor, and I am interested in value investing and investment banking. If chosen to represent my student body as a Senator of the Student Government Association, I vow to serve my campus to the best of my abilities. I promise that while deciding on legislation, I will make decisions that serve only to positively impact my student body and this University. Throughout my freshman year, I have worked hard to become involved on campus. Through my work as a member of First Year Council, I have gained experience regarding our University’s Student Government Association. My experiences with our Student Government Association via First Year Council have provided me with an insight on how to properly represent student’s needs and desires through legislative action. I have also become involved through Culverhouse Ambassadors, where I serve as a representative for our College of Business here on Campus. I have also become a member of the Delta Waterfowl committee, where we advocate for conservation among those with a passion for the Great Outdoors. I have been instilled with a desire to continue serving my student body here at the University of Alabama. I believe my experience, work ethic, and passion will allow me to substantially contribute to the greater good of my peers and fellow students. Thank you and I hope to have your vote on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Michael Joyce

I am Michael Joyce, a junior from Blacksburg, Virginia, double majoring in Economics and Finance on a pre-law track. I am in the Honors College and am running to both improve and give back to the University of Alabama. I’ve had a great time here both academically and socially and I want to make sure every student has the same opportunities and positive experiences I was afforded. My platform is based around the promotion of equal opportunities for all students. This can be done through forums and educational seminars on how to promote equality. It can also be done through installing a strict review process of university sponsored clubs and organizations. These would be done by an unbiased committee that would make sure the application and acceptance processes for all clubs and organizations was fair and merit based. Another portion of my platform is stopping the incentivization of local businesses to sell tobacco products to students. This can be done by taking away the ability of stores to use bama cash if they are known to sell tobacco products. This not only promotes the current rules of a smoke free campus, but it also promotes the health of the University of Alabama’s students.
Thomas Kollie

My name is Thomas Kollie and I am proud to announce my candidacy for the position of SGA Senator in the Culverhouse College of Commerce. I am a Freshman majoring in finance. I am an active member of Delta Tau Delta, in which I served as pledge class president, and am currently serving as philanthropy chair. I am running for this position because I believe I would properly represent Culverhouse students and the University. Being a personable individual that people feel they can approach with ideas is an important quality for a senator to have, this is a quality that I pride myself in having. I plan to act on students’ needs such as increased library hours and easier access to study tools. I hope to increase opportunities within Culverhouse by providing more events such as career fairs and the Sophomore LAUNCH to benefit students in their journey after college. I believe I would be a good candidate due to my willingness to speak up and voice my opinion, but also my ability to work well with others. I am an open-minded person and always like to take other’s ideas and opinions into consideration when making a decision that could affect a mass amount of people. Overall, I am running for this position to help give back to the students that make our University so special. I believe I would be a valuable asset to our Student Government Association and help them better our campus.

Courtney Lekai

I, Courtney Lekai, am honored to be running for the College of Commerce Senate. I am an Honors College Freshman, majoring in Management Information Systems, from Brentwood, Tennessee.

Currently, my involvement with the University Stewards, STEAM Mentorship Program, IgniteUA, and sorority life leadership with a philanthropy focus has prepared me to serve my classmates. These roles have demonstrated my strong leadership skills and my commitment to collaborate with fellow students to improve our campus. I am hardworking, responsible, and I strive for excellence inside and outside of the classroom. I will bring this same dedication to the Student Senate.

My goal as a Senator is to be a voice for every student on campus, especially Culverhouse College of Business students. The way to be that voice is to interact with my classmates and represent their interests to the Senate through enacting legislation that will have a positive impact on student life. Three primary goals I am seeking to achieve are: (1) free black-and-white printing for students, (2) complimentary student counseling, and (3) securing additional lighting and emergency poles on campus, especially on the Quad, which is in dire need of improved lighting and safety. As Senator, I would focus on these and similar goals that have a campus-wide impact and that also creates a safer, more inclusive community. Most importantly, as a Senator, it is crucial to be the conduit where each student feels heard. I am willing and eager to represent the College of Commerce on the Student Senate.

Colin Marcum

My name is Colin Marcum. I am from Andalusia, Alabama majoring in Operations Management and minoring in Political Science on the Pre-Law track. I am pleased to announce my candidacy for the Culverhouse College of Commerce Senate. Throughout my high school career, I had the honor to serve as Andalusia High School’s Student Government Association President. I also had the opportunity to advocate for the betterment of low-income school systems within underprivileged communities on both the state and national level, as well as represent my high school at the American Legion Auxiliary Alabama Boys State. At the University of Alabama, I serve as a member of the Student Government
Association Lobby Board, where we advocate to increase voter registration in the state in preparation for the 2020 Census. These experiences have afforded me the preparation, skills, and passion needed to serve in capacities such as these well into my collegiate career. As a senator in the Culverhouse College of Commerce, I plan to implement online advising within the college, which gives students access to basic advising needs such as major changes and class registration for the upcoming semester. I also plan to advocate for an extended add/drop date within the college in order to give students more time to have a better understanding of the courses they have registered for. Thank you for this opportunity and your consideration for the 2020 Student Government Association Senate election.

Preston Parker McGee

I am Preston Parker McGee, a Culverhouse Student from Plantersville, Alabama, double majoring in General Business and Political Science with a minor in International Studies. My love for the University of Alabama has only grown since I began my time here at the Capstone. I have stayed very involved from First Year Council to working on the Orientation Team, which is why I have decided to run for Culverhouse College of Business Senate. I hope that, if elected, I can give a voice to all students throughout the business school by actively listening to their concerns. That is my guarantee, to listen with open ears, an open mind, and an open heart. As a senator, my goals would include strengthening student morale for Culverhouse, expanding scholarship opportunities for students within Culverhouse, and increasing awareness for Culverhouse programs. I hope to not only bring my vision to the Culverhouse College of Business but along with it, action.

Forrest Roy

I am running for the Student Government Association Senate to bring fresh ideas that will improve the lives of students. Once elected, I will work with the other members to bring about change that will make the University of Alabama safer, more inclusive, and more productive. I plan on communicating with my fellow students and voicing their concerns on issues. I will use this platform to represent students and bring about change that will benefit the University of Alabama for years to come.

Communication and Information Sciences Senate

Ava Delgado

My name is Ava Delgado and I am a freshman in the College of Communication Studies and Information Sciences at the University of Alabama. I am a proud member of the Capstone Agency where I currently work as a Junior Strategist on the Alabama Power Client Team. In addition to my involvement within my college, I am also an active member of Alpha Phi Beta Mu Sorority, Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honors and Leadership Organization, as well as a member of the Student Government Association’s First Year Council. I am passionate about promoting the Capstone Creed and am seeking a position as Senator so that I may engage more broadly with the student population.

If elected as Senator representing the College of Communication Studies and Information Sciences (C&IS), I would seek to facilitate dialogue between C&IS administration and the student body regarding co-majoring or minoring within the same college. Many students within C&IS are very passionate about
not only their major, but various disciplines within communications. By restricting the ability to double major within C&IS, as well as limiting the ability to minor in another communication discipline, students are unintentionally precluded from pursuing their full comprehensive passions. I would advocate for broader choice and empower students who might be interested in such fields as Advertising AND Public Relations with the opportunity to comprehensively learn about both disciplines either as a double major or by obtaining a minor that would enable such learning.

Madeline Martin

I am Madeline Martin, and I am excited to announce my Senate candidacy for the College of Communication and Information Sciences! My leadership experience as an elected officer in advancing my classmates, promoting numerous club associations, and participating in diverse community service organizations has enriched my views of society. My varied involvement instilled the qualities of impeccable character you expect in your Senator. I proudly serve as a Councilor of SGA’s First Year Council. Working with Make-A-Wish, I am drawn to charitable goals because, as University of Alabama students, we must all serve humanity with compassion. My Senate platform is to create a mentorship program to include Tuscaloosa’s middle and high school students who are in need of academic assistance and optimistic encouragement. We can make a positive impact on students who are challenged by those critical years of middle school and high school. I look forward to talking with you and hearing your ideas to broaden the beneficial influence of service by The University of Alabama’s historic partnership with our community. I ask you to join me on March 3rd because #YouMattertoMartin!

College of Education Senate

Payton Christian

My name is Payton Christian and I believe I would make an excellent Education Senator for the University. I am running for Education Senator because I have the leadership qualities to fulfill the expectations for this position. I want to give the students of the Education Department a voice and help them to be successful by finding innovative ways to prepare them for their education career. With new ways to assist all Education majors with the requirements they have to endure, success will be achieved on an individual basis. Ultimately, through my service as a senator, I would spread awareness for the different opportunities that the Education Department holds for its students.

Brad Day

Hello, my name is Brad Day and I am from Robertsdale, Alabama. As a freshman, I am majoring in secondary education in social science. While in high school, I was elected to serve as the senior class president. While serving as class president, I worked with the administration to see that we raised more money, held more events, and saw more academic success than years before. Since coming to the University of Alabama, I have been active in organizations both on and off-campus. These include organizations such as the Million Dollar Band, FBCM, and the Community Soup Bowl.

Being involved among my peers has always been something that I have been passionate about. I am running for the Senate so that I can have opportunities to advocate for the student body, better the
College of Education, and be an ambassador for the University of Alabama.

As a senator for the college of education, I will make myself accessible to my constituency, support the traditional social and educational clubs on campus, promote honest government, pass a balanced budget, vote on appointments based on ideals and traditions at UA, and support legislation that works best for both the College of Education and the University of Alabama.

Chloe Grammer

I am Chloe Grammer, a sophomore majoring in elementary education from Dothan, Alabama, and I am proud to announce my candidacy for Senator representing the College of Education. Throughout my time here at the Capstone, I have had the opportunity to gain experiences through my involvement across campus. I have represented the University by welcoming incoming students as an orientation leader, being an active member in Greek life, investing myself in honor societies, as well as participating in Dance Alabama. As your Senator, I will be devoting my efforts to battling sexual assault and human trafficking on our campus. The lack of awareness and education on these two prevalent issues is a disservice to students. I believe that every student should feel safe while on campus and I am determined to take the necessary steps to keep students safe and informed on this campus. The conversation has been started and together it is time to take action. We have the power to make this university a better and safer place for all students.

Ellie Schulman

My name is Ellie Schulman, and I am excited to announce that I am running for a Senate seat in the College of Education. I am a junior Secondary Education and History double major and I hope to be a high school history teacher and guidance counselor one day. This year, I served as a Senator in the Student Government Association and I have previously been a member of SGA’s Environmental Cabinet and the First Year Council. My involvement on campus has also extended to volunteering through Al’s Pals and STEAM, Greek life, and the Honors College. As a Senator, I hope to update the Degree Works program for the COE to make sure that all students are well-informed, create a wait time program for the Ferguson Package Center so that students can plan ahead, and implement an early syllabi database for all academic classes. My ultimate goal as a Senator is to better the lives of students in the College of Education and continue the legacy of excellence that the college and the Capstone as a whole have set forth. I would be honored to serve as a Senator once again and represent my college.

Frances Buntain

My name is Frances Buntain and I am a freshman from Chattanooga, Tennessee. I am a mechanical engineering student with a minor in Spanish, on the stem path to the MBA. I currently serve as a First Year Councilor for SGA. Also, I am a member of Delta Delta Delta fraternity. In Delta Delta Delta, I served on the homecoming committee last semester and I am the freshman leadership chairman. I am also involved in campus collegiate organizations such as the Society of Women Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. As a First Year Councilor, I have seen what issues there are on campus and how much improvement I can make as a leader. Because of this, I am running for Senate in order to continue to help improve our university. I want to make UA a safer, healthier, and overall a better
experience for every student. While I would like to have an influence on cosmetic projects, like getting a sidewalk built across the lawn of my dorm where student's walk every day (and is now just mud), I also would like to help combat food insecurity and mental health issues that everyone encounters. One area I am interested in is campus life for new students, and seeing what I could do to help each and every incoming student feel at home.

Andrew Crain

Hi, my name is Andrew Crain, and I am excited to announce that I am running to be your Senator! I am a junior majoring in Chemical Engineering, and during my time here at UA, I have had the honor to be involved in a variety of organizations that have enabled me to serve you, my fellow engineer. First, in my role as an Ambassador of the College of Engineering, I have had the privilege to help make significant contributions to UA and its future by hosting guests of the College of Engineering to ensure that they have the best experience possible during their visit to campus. Additionally, I have had the privilege to serve you, my peer, as one of your representatives of the College of Engineering in the SGA Senate during the current 2019-2020 term. It has been a tremendous honor to serve you and address your concerns by passing legislation to realize important goals such as increased on-campus safety, increased utility for scholarships, campus inclusion, and countless other initiatives. I now ask you for your vote for the 2020-2021 term as I hope to continue to use my role as a Senator to address concerns that face us including better off-campus safety, more study areas in Rodgers, better access to engineering study and software tools, and any other concerns that you may have. So, I ask for your vote so that together we can build an even better Capstone. Thank you and Roll Tide!

Ben Heggeman

I am a Freshman from Mobile, Alabama who is currently enrolled as a Mechanical Engineering major in the STEM to MBA Honors Program. Furthermore, I am involved in many different activities on campus such as Hispanic Society of Professional Engineers and American Society of Mechanical Engineers. I have lots of experience in student government, such as being Senior Class President at my high school. I currently serve as a member of the University of Alabama’s SGA Lobby Board. I believe I can inspire change at the Capstone through my ability to work well with others and provide a new perspective on campus. As a senator, I would like to work with all the engineering groups such as the Hispanic Society of Professional Engineers and the Society of Women Engineering to attract new members. Secondly, I would like to help unify and promote all SOURCE organizations within the College of Engineering. Through the organizations I have been apart of, I have had the opportunity to form strong, professional relationships which I believe every student should have the chance to do. Furthermore, I would like to increase advertising for network development and career opportunities at the ENGenuity Lab. Finally, I want each and every engineering student to be welcomed and accepted at the University of Alabama. With this all being said, I would love the opportunity to represent each and every student here at the Capstone as a College of Engineering Senator.

Jack Denning

I, John Michael Denning III, am announcing my intent to run for Student Government Senate for the College of Engineering. I am a freshman from Western Springs, Illinois studying Computer Science,
Finance, and Economics with a minor in Mathematics. Here at the University of Alabama, I am an active member of Culverhouse Ambassadors, Freshman Forum, and the student-run investment group, CIMG. During my relatively short time here at the Capstone, I have been fully supported and inspired by my peers in the pursuit of my goals and interests. I want everyone at UA to experience the same level of encouragement that I received during my first year. SGA is the voice of the students, and I will make it my priority to represent my peers while upholding the standard of ‘students serving students.’ I will do everything in my power to maintain the achievements of former students, support the needs of current students, and promote growth for future students. I feel it is important to not only share my knowledge and ideas but more importantly to listen to the needs, concerns, and thoughts of my peers. I am approachable and treat others with respect. I believe that it is important as a member of Student Government to treat others with respect to gain theirs. These qualities will enable me to contribute to SGA Senate and positively represent the University, the School of Engineering and the Capstone tradition of excellence.

Haskins Jones Jr

I am a Chemical Engineering major from Birmingham and am excited to run for SGA Senate under the College of Engineering. Through being a University Fellow, I have gained valuable experience in empathizing with and serving others. It has taught me what it truly means to be a servant leader, and if given the opportunity to become a senator, I will, first and foremost, strive to serve my fellow students. Additionally, through serving as the scholarship chair for Delta Kappa Epsilon, I have learned a lot about the effective planning and leadership it takes to get things done in an institutional setting. Finally, through my research under the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, I have gained a deeper understanding of the field and the issues faced by engineering students. As a senator, I want to listen to problems faced by students and do what I can to solve them. I feel that efforts focused on enacting seemingly small changes often have a greater impact than the grandiose plans so often proposed and so seldom implemented. In order for voices to be heard, it is critical that we prioritize openness and communication with the student body. Most students have no idea who their senators are and almost certainly don’t know what changes the senate has truly made for them. I plan to buck this trend by facilitating a system that more easily allows the student body to communicate with the senators who are supposed to represent their interests.

Jack Steinmetz

Hi, my name is Jack Steinmetz, and I am campaigning to be a Senator for the College of Engineering. I am a Freshman from Birmingham, AL majoring in Mechanical Engineering on the STEM Path to MBA. In my time at UA, I have had the pleasure of meeting people across campus who share different backgrounds, interests, and passions. I wholeheartedly believe the students at UA are the best in the nation. I care deeply about our campus and students, so I am running for senate to improve the day to day lives of engineering students with the concerns of all students in mind. If elected, I would like to make communication smoother between students and their respective senators. I would love to hear concerns directly from my peers, so I can serve them in the best way possible. Together, we can strengthen the College of Engineering, and I would be honored to represent my peers.
William McCann

My name is William McCann, and I am a mechanical engineering major from Saint Louis, Missouri. I am campaigning for a senate position for the College of Engineering. I believe that our students are capable of great things here at Alabama, and that through effective and organized communication and participation, we can create positive change that will last. I am currently heavily involved in First Year Council and Greek Ambassadors, both of which involve a great deal of personal interaction. As a result, I’ve developed useful presentation and communication skills that I plan to use to help the College of Engineering reach its true potential. I hope to increase accessibility to learning materials, as well as make attendance processes more affordable and standardized across the board; both of these steps forward will bring out greater success and eliminate unnecessary expenses for our students. In addition, I look to cultivate greater diversity in the engineering field, which will allow for more innovative designs and creative endeavors. Finally, I anticipate continuing to work with student-run organizations and the University to facilitate the campus shift to renewable and sustainable energy. Together, with myself as your representative, we can enact meaningful change that will ensure our beautiful Capstone is even better for those who come after us.

Human Environmental Sciences Senate

Grace Federico

My name is Grace Federico and I am a freshman from Baltimore, Maryland, majoring in Apparel Design. On top of being a student, I am the Philanthropy Chairwoman for my sorority, Gamma Phi Beta, and a Conference Coordinator at the Ferguson Student Center. I am running for senator for the College of Human Environmental Sciences because I want to be a voice for all students and create positive changes on UA’s campus. Additionally, would like to better classroom environments and improve inclusivity on campus.

Bailey Langkan

If elected as a Senator and given the opportunity to represent the College of Human Environmental Science, I would actively pursue the main goal of my college-- serve others and improve the lives of those around me. This leadership role would give me the opportunity to work for my peers and aid the University of Alabama in becoming the best campus it can be. I would strive to create a positive environment for all students by providing the most up to date information regarding what services and opportunities are being offered on campus. I also want to help improve certain aspects of my individual college, such as working to increase available quantities of tutors for students in HES. Throughout this year, I have had the wonderful opportunity to partake in Freshman Forum First Year Experience. This program immensely increased my leadership skills, and taught me so many new and unique approaches to working with a group, delegating, and taking charge when necessary. The additional leadership training I gained through Freshman Forum, my past experience serving as the Speaker of the House in my high school’s student government, as well as becoming a student ambassador for my high school prepared me to lead and assist others. I believe that I am well equipped and qualified to take on the duties and responsibilities of being a Senator for the Student Government Association. I am excited to
share my ideas and passion for bettering the UA campus with the student body, and I humbly request your support. Thank you.

**Law School Senate**

**College of Nursing Senate**

Shea Amanda McGriff

My name is Shea Amanda McGriff. I am a sophomore from Huntsville, Alabama majoring in nursing. I am excited to announce that I am running for a Senate position representing the Capstone College of Nursing. If given the opportunity to serve, I plan to advocate for student mental and physical health within the program and campus wide. Creating events and programs each semester, I want to educate my fellow students about the resources that are available on campus and promote participation to reduce stress and improve overall student health. I plan to improve communication in the nursing program for lower division students prior to promotion application. Working with advising and faculty members, I will encourage interaction with lower division students regarding expectations throughout the first two years of the program. I plan to improve the communication of important dates and TEAS test preparation opportunities as well as give students the chance to learn what to expect in upper division through question and answer forums with faculty and upper division students. Lastly, each person’s voice deserves to be heard. I will act as a liaison between the nursing students, faculty and the SGA by listening to the needs and concerns on campus and being a voice for my fellow students in campus wide legislation over the next year in my role as senate representative for the Capstone College of Nursing.

Mary Beth Sanders

I am Mary Beth Sanders, and I would love to serve the Capstone College of Nursing and the UA student body as your College of Nursing Senator. I am a freshman from Helena, Alabama, and I am passionate about creating a welcoming environment on campus for every student to feel seen and known. I truly believe this platform is an incredible way to serve our student body. I have been blessed to serve the freshmen class through First Year Council, and I have seen first-hand just how impactful SGA servitude can be. I have been involved in the passing of legislation to promote inclusion in diversity, campus-wide safety, and overall student body health. I believe I am qualified to be your Nursing Senator because of my involvement with the Executive branch of SGA, my strong work ethic, and my genuine desire to better the culture of our campus. I would utilize this position, not to promote my own personal goals, but to promote the desires of the student body. Should I be elected as senator, I would act as a liaison to voice the concerns of the student body and advocate on their behalf. I would love to be able to continue to serve our school through legislative endeavors as one of your College of Nursing Senators.
School of Social Work Senate

Cat del Carmen

My name is Catharine del Carmen, and I’m a sophomore Social Work major. Growing up in Montgomery, AL, I’ve harnessed a passion for improving my community through a social justice lens, which explains why I’m in the School of Social Work here at the Capstone. This college and its resources have done nothing but foster my growth and interests as a student, and the only repayment I can fathom is simply giving back: what better way to do such than represent the school as its senator? A social worker’s curriculum consists of breaking down societal barriers to figure out the best methods of advocacy. Although as a senator I plan to advocate for the entire school, I also strongly advocate for an honest, genuine discussion of mental health for all college students. Throughout campaign week, you will find my team and me pushing to break the mental health stigma of seeking help on campus. Currently, this university offers a myriad of mental health resources, but such resources are poorly advertised and rarely utilized. If elected, I will dedicate myself to facilitating a healthy dialogue on mental health awareness while also ensuring all students have adequate knowledge of the resources they can utilize for their own betterment. With the arrival of a new decade, it is time that we break down the barriers to meaningful discussion about mental health for young adults.

Julia Fenaroli

Hi, my name is Julia Fenaroli and I am running for a seat in the Senate to represent the School of Social Work. Student government has prominently impacted my life and I have been grateful to serve and enrich the student body through First Year Council. After serving as a First Year Councilor at the Capstone, I have learned what it truly means to actively strive towards serving students and implementing legislation to further improve student experience. Furthermore, I have been able to assist with events on campus, foster relationships between my peers and I, as well as advocate for my college. With this, I am passionate about continuing my career in the Student Government Association. As a Senator for the School of Social Work, I believe I can promote initiatives that will benefit students and truly embody the mission of SGA.

One issue I am adamant on improving is increasing campus service involvement by making programs more accessible for a wider variety of students. This would entail providing more insight on events occurring through the SGA newsletter and effectively communicating with organizations to ensure that the study body is being reached. Another area I am fervent on is mental health: I would like to work towards adding topics covering mental health to school curriculum while also advancing its incorporation in 3 Days of Health. I would accomplish this by adding more resources for students to talk to counselors and exert their stress & concerns as well as potentially adding another day to 3 Days of Health.

I believe I am qualified to run for Senate as I am a hardworking individual who is deeply invested in the Student Government Association; I am positive I can fundamentally improve the student body by working with others to construct, debate and pass initiatives. I plan to utilize my connections and skills continuously as well as act as a catalyst to benefit others and create a legacy here at The University of Alabama.
Lauren Rouse

My name is Lauren Rouse and I am a sophomore here at the Capstone. I am from Kansas City, Kansas and I am studying social work. I began my freshman year as an undecided major and quickly realized that social work was the right fit for me. I am involved in Beat Auburn Beat Hunger, SGA’s Lobby Board, and as a member of the Delta Zeta sorority, where I serve as the Vice President of Programs. I am running to be a Senator for the College of Social Work because I believe social work majors are often underestimated and underrepresented on our campus as we are one of the smaller colleges. I have a passion for using my voice to advocate for others who may not have the resources or ability to do so themselves, and this is what I hope to do as a Senator. If elected as a Senator for the school of social work, I hope to increase study space available for social work students because there is not a library specific to our college on campus. In addition, I hope to increase funding that goes toward the UA Counseling Center for the benefit of all students. I also hope to implement a requirement for all upper-division social work students to be certified in diversity, equity, and inclusion to help future social workers be culturally competent when interacting with clients and peers from all walks of life and to foster inclusion on campus.

Graduate School Senate

Rebecca Rose Lutonsky

I, Rebecca Rose Lutonsky, do seek the office of Graduate School Senator. I wish to represent the graduate students needs at this great institution, The University of Alabama, to the best of my ability. I wish to further graduate needs for GTA and GRA stipend increases, clear and simple residency requirements, and what is needed to pursue both academic and teaching needs. I think that the degree from The University of Alabama that each graduate student will hopefully receive will be made much more valuable by extending the rights of graduate students as mentioned above. It is also important that graduate students have an open forum and clearinghouse to express their opinions and needs to their senators. I will be available via email and at graduate functions to hear requests of graduate students and express them to the Student Government Association and to the student body at large. I will let the administration also know our requirements so that they can optimistically be met. I also believe in working with undergraduate senators and students so that there will be strength in numbers at the negotiating table and more collective bargaining through our collective voice can be realized.

SGA Constitutional Amendments

C-01-20: Do you support adding a new executive cabinet position to the SGA constitution?

C-02-20: Do you support updating language and common practices of the Judicial Board to the SGA constitution?

C-03-20: Do you support adding an amendment to create a committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to the SGA constitution?
C-04-20: Do you support updating language on the composition and selection process for the First Year Council to the SGA constitution?

C-05-20: Do you support consolidating the executive cabinet to the SGA constitution?