

2022 SGA General Election Final Ballot

President

Madeline Martin

My name is Madeline Martin, and I am both excited and humbled to announce my candidacy for Student Government Association President. My leadership experience during my time at UA has included: advancing campus and community relations, executing initiatives to promote student involvement and wellbeing, and participating in diverse service organizations throughout Tuscaloosa and the state of Alabama.

I am a junior from Hoover, Alabama majoring in communication studies and political science with a minor in public policy on the pre-law track. I am involved in Capstone Agency and League of Women Voters. In SGA, I previously served as a First Year Councilor and a Senator for the College of Communication and Information Sciences. Currently, I have the honor of serving the student body as the Vice President for External Affairs. In this role, I have had the opportunity to cultivate a variety of initiatives to connect students with the Tuscaloosa community including the Student Garden, Turning Tide (a mentorship program with the Tuscaloosa County School System), and the TTown Food Tour.

As I run for SGA President, I ask you to "Move with Martin" and to strengthen our endeavors of connection, outreach, equity, and development. Connection between students and campus leaders is vital for creating a better understanding of the campus and SGA resources for all members of UA. Outreach to external companies will continue to enrich the student experience and integrate our campus with a variety of dynamic partnerships. An equitable Capstone is one where we promote our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts through advocating for knowledge of all of the university policies that promote equity and guarantee inclusion. Finally, a deliberate emphasis on professional and academic development will propel our campus to new levels, encouraging all to stay true to our motto: "The Capstone of Higher Education."

I firmly believe the role of the SGA President is to listen and to represent. If elected as your next SGA President, I will be a voice for you to experience lasting changes that will benefit our campus and community. I ask you to join me on March 8th and #MoveWithMartin!

Sarah Shield

My name is Sarah Shield and I'm a junior from Parkland, Florida, double majoring in accounting and criminal justice. I am excited to announce my candidacy for President of the Student Government Association.

Over the past three years at the University, it has become more than clear to me that there are certain opportunities reserved for certain students. The Machine and its members have led this charge for exclusivity. I am seeking the position of President to change this long-standing tradition.

I strive to represent all parts of campus, especially those who have had their voices stifled or opportunities restricted because of their involvement on campus. Starting on Inauguration Day, I will work to improve the campus experience for ALL students. My platform addresses several major concerns that my friends and classmates have brought to my attention.

Firstly, mental health should be a primary focus of any candidate in this race, and I want to improve services for students by advocating for a mental health fee as well as mandating suicide prevention and awareness training. This will increase accessibility of the Counseling Center as well as allow them to provide so much more to the Student Body. Next, I have heard the complaints from students and I want to work to alleviate concerns surrounding parking by working to implement a campus-wide warning system for first-time offenders. If you know me, you know I'm passionate about athletics, and my third platform point tackles the student experience at athletic events. I want to make sure that not only are Tide Loyalty Points reestablished and expanded, but that there is a travel fund created to financially support away-trips for students. Finally, I believe that as a campus, we are at our best when all students are involved, and I will work tirelessly to ensure that transparency and accountability are reintroduced to the Student Government Association. Stand for Progress, Stand for Accountability, Stand with Shield.

Executive Vice President

Jack Steinmetz

My name is Jack Steinmetz, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for Executive Vice President. I am a Junior from Birmingham, Alabama, studying Mechanical Engineering on the STEM Path to the MBA, with a minor in Social Innovation and Leadership. I have had the honor of serving as a voice for my peers through my past 3 years in Student Government. In addition to SGA, I am a member of Capstone Men & Women as well as The University Fellows Experience.

As Executive Vice President, I will implement initiatives that cover Engagement, Opportunity, Advancement, Inclusion, and Transparency. I hope to provide opportunities to further wellness on campus through improved financial literacy resources and more affordable on campus counseling services. I also look forward to engaging students in the championship mentality here at the Capstone by hosting events in Coleman Coliseum that honor our championship teams and student organizations.

This past year as Vice President for Student Affairs, I focused my efforts towards creating a campus where students are healthier, safer, and more involved in the university. Through my initiatives, I have met so many students and heard their stories. I am committed to making life at the Capstone better for all students. I would be honored to continue making our campus a better place as Executive Vice President. Last year I served as a trusted voice for students, and I am asking you to Stick with Steinmetz this year on election day, March 8th.

Vice President for Student Affairs

Luke Dille

"My name is Luke Dille and I am excited to be running to become the next Vice President for Student Affairs! I am a sophomore from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, majoring in Construction Engineering on the STEM path to the MBA.

As VP for Student Affairs, I plan to enrich the student experience by improving Wi-Fi connectivity across all classroom buildings, working with MARS to create a student organization education and training campaign about preventing sexual assault, and modernizing the Bryant-Denny experience on gameday. Most importantly, I pledge to spend my time truly listening to fellow students, their concerns, their suggestions, and their goals, and will always put them first.

I believe our job as student representatives is to create and foster the ideal student experience: an enriching, fun, and supportive environment, where students come first and their voices are heard. During my time in the Student Government Association, I have collaborated with fellow students in a wide variety of ways to help foster that positive student experience. I view the responsibilities of Vice President for Student Affairs as working with campus partners to find solutions for the problems students face and creating positive student experiences that support learning and help students achieve their goals.

I would be honored to receive your vote for Vice President for Student Affairs on Election Day, Tuesday, March 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., on MyBama. Roll Tide!

Vice President for Academic Affairs

Cameron Doyle

My name is Cameron Doyle, and I am honored to announce my candidacy for Vice President for Academic Affairs. I am a sophomore from Mandeville, Louisiana majoring in Chemical Engineering on the STEM Path to the MBA. If elected Vice President for Academic Affairs, I will improve the academic quality for all students here at the Capstone. One aspect I cherish most in my life is my own education, and I have therefore made it my mission to see that every student has equitable opportunities for academic success. In high school, I was fortunate enough to serve on the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. I learned and challenged policies being enacted in academia by elected officials. This experience heightened my passion for education and for making change through student representation. At the Capstone, I was honored to serve on First Year Council with my fellow student leaders and learn how to advocate for change on UA's campus.

Furthermore, serving on Senate this past year as the Academic Affairs Committee Head has truly been an experience like no other. It has taught me about what I can do to improve UA, how to effectively collaborate with my fellow SGA members to create meaningful legislation, and how to work with faculty to enact real change. I am determined to continue my career in SGA as Vice President for Academic Affairs for the benefit of UA students. My platform focuses on accessibility and making academics available for all students. I have been inspired from both my background in Louisiana, working to change one of the nation's worst education systems, and my work in SGA. I know the importance of creating an equitable and inclusive education environment, and I am dedicated to instilling these values at the Capstone. It is my goal to ensure that no student's needs are overlooked, and I am fully prepared and equipped to execute this purpose. I would be honored to have you ,Make a Difference with Doyle, by voting on Tuesday, March 8th for Vice President for Academic Affairs. Thank you for your consideration and Roll Tide!

Vice President for Financial Affairs

Lauryn Parker

Hi everyone! I am thrilled to officially announce my candidacy for SGA Vice President of Financial Affairs. I am a Junior from Denver, Colorado studying Finance and Spanish. I currently serve as a Senator for the College of Business and I previously served as the Director of Student Health and Well Being on the Student Affairs Cabinet. In addition to my involvement in SGA, I am also in the Business Honors Program, University Honors college, and a member of Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity. My experience within SGA has given me the incredible platform and ability to create a positive impact on each student represented at the University of Alabama. Working with fellow representatives and the student body has gifted me with the ability to leave our amazing campus and community a little better of a place than I found it and I strive to continue to do so. During my time in SGA I have been able to work on various pieces of legislation that promote transparency and education which is something that I want to continue to achieve in the role of The Vice President of Financial Affairs. My platform points include implementing economic education initiatives, increasing transparency with the student body, and expanding upon current initiatives through partnerships with my fellow council and Tuscaloosa community. In efforts to continue to educate, I will work to implement a literacy series covering debt management, investment strategies, tax education, and tips to avoid common financial mistakes. I am passionate about serving this campus and the Tuscaloosa community that has given so much to me. Additionally, I will work with local Tuscaloosa student-owned businesses to provide resources and continue to highlight these businesses and student founders. I believe that pouring into the community and campus will foster a remarkable and beneficial change that I hope to see. As an appointed student representative within SGA, I would work hand in hand with fellow leaders to help cultivate a bright spirit about SGA within and around our campus. I ask you to join me and vote Lauryn Parker for Vice President of Financial Affairs.

Vice President for External Affairs

Collier Dobbs

My name is Collier Dobbs, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the office of Vice President for External Affairs. I am a sophomore from Birmingham, Alabama and I am currently studying Finance and Economics. Over my past two years at the Capstone, I have grown to love and appreciate this school with each day. This past year, I have had the pleasure of serving as a senator for the Culverhouse College of Business. Throughout my senate term, I have worked with my fellow senators and the executive council to improve this campus and better represent the student body. One improvement that students can see first-hand is placing feminine hygiene products in the female bathrooms at the Student Center. My work throughout my time in the Student

Government Association has reflected both my genuine commitment to this organization and my strong capabilities that will allow me to successfully fulfill the duties of VPEA. If elected, I will work with the City Council and voter organizations around campus to encourage student voter turnout in the upcoming municipal election. I also plan to work with the City Council to create a DUI prevention ticketing program that allows students to request an overnight parking pass for commuter lots around campus. In addition, I plan to partner with the Real Estate Society to create a Renter's Education course to educate students on how to best manage their resources and make the most of their rental conditions. I am humbled to have the opportunity to run for this position and I understand the importance of this office. I am prepared to wholeheartedly devote myself to these expectations and to the members of the student body. It has been my greatest honor to serve alongside my fellow peers in the Student Government Association thus far and I am eager to continue serving the student body to create a better experience for every student at the University of Alabama.

Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Izzy Boyd

My name is Izzy Boyd, and I am a junior studying Public Health and Economics from Oxford, MS, and I am honored to ask for your vote for Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Student Government Association. Since my freshman year at UA, serving on SGA's DEI Cabinet has been my most rewarding work, and I would love nothing more but to build upon that work in the upcoming academic year.

My love for the SGA DEI Cabinet began my freshman year, serving as a Director of Disability Services and Affairs. In this role, I was able to encourage the Office of Disability Services (ODS) to improve experiences for students in ODS, like myself. In addition to adapting the Miss Unique UA Pageant, an event for CrossingPoints students, into a more inclusive talent show, I served as an Analyst for the 2020-2021 DEI Certification Program Team. After assuming my current role as Chief of Staff, I have helped plan and execute countless events with student organizations from various backgrounds and aspects of DEI, as well as the broader Tuscaloosa community. These experiences have inspired my platform, In with Izzy, and, with this platform, I hope to promote true inclusion by giving students and UA community members from diverse backgrounds new opportunities to share their experiences, perspectives, and knowledge. I hope to accomplish this goal by revamping the DEI Certification Program to be more accessible to students and student organizations and through several other initiatives.

If given the opportunity to serve as the next VP for DEI, I will lead and listen with respect, integrity, compassion, and, of course, inclusion. Like the Capstone Creed states, I want to promote equity and inclusion in all that I do and will advocate for all students and student affinity groups. It has been an honor to serve the Student Government Association while promoting the communities and causes that are central to who UA is and who I am, and I hope you will allow me to build upon the Cabinet's and my hard work from the past two years.

Teralyn Campbell

My name is Teralyn Campbell, I am a senior majoring in Public Relations with a minor in Communications. I am involved in: Women of Excellence, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Collegiate 100, Peer Leaders and Crimson Tide Productions. I am also a NPHC S.T.R.O.N.G. Scholarship Recipient, and campus ambassador for Hulu and SHEIN. I am running for Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion because as a freshman, the efforts of the DEI cabinet have made me feel like I belonged. Witnessing leaders like Alexus Cumbie enlightened me and I joined SGA to encourage future leaders to make change where it's needed. Understanding that there was a need for someone who looked beyond themselves encouraged me to become Director of Black Student Leadership Council. After providing over 750 children with a plentiful Christmas in Tuscaloosa with Toy Ball 2021, I became eager to do more. My platform is about revitalizing the spirit of diversity, equity, and inclusion both on and off campus. With the effects of COVID and other worldwide adversities, focus on DEI may have been redirected, however, as VP I will ensure the prioritization of the cabinet's purpose. Creating a safe space for the expression of campus concerns will be my first goal as it is important to give the government back to the students. Many organizations may feel unheard, without knowing where to voice their grievances and I will guide them. I will also expand campus involvement so direct support is given to the organizations who are hosting DEI-based events as genuine experience is the real certification. Most importantly, I will assist and advise my president about any campus issues to ensure that we uphold our responsibility to serve. As students, we all have a civic duty to be a part of change and protect our herd, but as your Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, I will be the epitome of that. I may not be able to solve everything by the end of my term, but I will be the catalyst. Success is the journey, not the destination.

Executive Secretary

Josie Schmitt

Good morning UA, my name is Josie Schmitt and I am grateful for the opportunity to run for Executive Secretary. I am a sophomore from Chicago, Illinois studying Accounting with a concentration in Tax. During my time at UA, I have been fortunate enough to serve this institution and foster close relationships with faculty and my peers through my position as the Director of Communications for the Vice-President of Student Affairs. Additionally, I am a member of the Accounting Student Association, Alpha Lambda Delta, Alabama Best Buddies, Beat Auburn Beat Hunger, and the Culverhouse LIFT Program. I also serve on my sorority's Executive Council as the Risk Reduction and Education Chairman. These leadership positions, my academic background, and communication skills have equipped me with the tools to exceed any and all expectations that come with this position. As Executive Secretary, I will promote an environment that furthers the mission of the Student Government Association. I will implement initiatives that focus on the betterment of the student body and revolve around the underlying themes of communication, organization, accountability, and transparency. I plan to streamline internal and external communication by improving the current communicative methods currently in place. I plan to increase organization within the SGA by creating new, clear-cut resources. I plan to build upon current programs in order to enhance accessibility for all students. And I plan to implement services that foster transparency throughout the Capstone Community. I am eager for the future and I am confident that my efforts are present for the longevity of SGA. Please join me and Select Schmitt for Executive Secretary on March 8th!

Spring 2022 College of Arts & Sciences Senate Candidate

Sam Akins

My name is Sam Akins and I am a freshmen at The University of Alabama. I grew up here in Tuscaloosa so I am very passionate about the local community and this University. I am apart of First Year Council and I have also served as a member of Al's Pals.

The reason I am running for a senate seat is because I would like to bridge the gap between the students and SGA here at The University. After my exposure to how SGA works here, I have noticed that some students feel their voices are not heard and their concerns are not always addressed. I would like to make sure that every student has the opportunity to have their voices heard so that they can thrive as students. I will strive to remind students weekly about how to get in contact with the Senators of their respective colleges and discuss with them what kind of changes we can implement to better their experience at The University.

Cade Benton

My name is Cade Benton and I'm a sophomore from Birmingham, Alabama majoring in Environmental Science on the STEM Path to the MBA. I'm pleased to announce my candidacy as Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences in The University of Alabama's Student Government Association. As a senator, I promise to work for change and support causes that I believe will benefit the whole student body. I plan to implement legislation requiring mandatory video recordings of lectures for all College of Arts and Sciences classes. I also plan to introduce academic flow charts for all College of Arts Sciences majors. Finally, I will place more recycling bins in Academic Buildings and Residence Halls. I will strive to represent the College of Arts and Sciences with integrity here at The Capstone. Roll Tide!

Maria Derisavi

Hello! My name is Maria Derisavi, and I am honored to run to represent the students of the College of Arts and Sciences. A freshman International Studies major, I'm dedicated to ensuring the voice of A&S is heard clearly throughout our university.

Passionate about our college, I've dedicated my time to a wide variety of activities on campus, with the most relevant being my participation in First Year Council.

In SGA's FYC, I dedicated my time to initiatives aiming to benefit my academic community, notably authoring and passing legislation urging UA to install water bottle filling stations in Blount Hall. If given the opportunity to represent our college in the Senate, I would strive to be even more proactive in ensuring the betterment of UA through similar legislation, prioritizing students, their safety, and their experiences.

If given the opportunity, I will use my time in Senate to advocate for solutions most important to A&S students. In light of recent events, student safety on and around campus will be of highest regard, I would ensure our university does not take issues of public safety lightly, and feasible solutions are implemented.

In addition, I hope to improve my fellow students' academic experiences as well, aiming to extend the add/drop date and advocating for more convenient class scheduling systems are among potential initiatives. My commitment to the betterment of our college and its students is strong. I hope to have your vote on March 8th!

Sam Estreicher

My name is Sam Estreicher and I am a freshman from Mountain Brook, Alabama. I am campaigning to be a senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. My major is mathematics with a minor in general business on the STEM path to the MBA. I am running for this honorable position to give back to the student body that I have grown to love over the last semester here at the capstone. I know I can accomplish this by bringing my past-gained leadership skills here to the University of Alabama. I have been involved in extracurriculars my entire life. In high school, I served as regional president for an international religious youth group, helped run the annual junior United Nations assembly of Alabama, and participated in the Youth Legislature. I want to be a senator to help improve daily student life at the Capstone with intentions of writing legislation in regards to academics, campus needs, and any concern in the student body. Finally, I will do everything necessary to help better the College of Arts and Sciences and the University as a whole.

Hannah Ford

My name is Hannah Ford and I am eager for the opportunity to run as a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. To introduce myself, I am a freshman Political Science major from Overland Park, Kansas. Within my first semester, I have been able to get involved on campus in various aspects including multiple committees in my sorority, the Honors College, UADM, and other philanthropic organizations! I am confident in my abilities to advocate for my peers within the College of Arts and Sciences for the betterment of student success.

As a devoted student, I will implement a mentorship program for students of the Arts and Sciences in order to foster relationships with older peers, faculty, alumni, and businesses within the Tuscaloosa Community. I am determined to strengthen the bonds between students in my college and enhance the student experience. I plan to lead in a steadfast and strong manner in order to create a well-thought-out plan that genuinely makes a difference here at The Capstone. I intend to actively listen to my peers and advocate for every individual in an equal manner.

The opportunities granted to me along with the experiences I've been a part of while being a member of this campus make me confident that I will execute this position as best as possible and have the best interest of the entirety of The Capstone at heart. Thank you for your time and I hope you decide to move Forward with Ford on Tuesday, March 8th!

Olivia Frazier

My name is Olivia Frazier, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for Arts and Sciences Senate. I am a freshman from Birmingham, Alabama, and I am currently majoring in Political Science with a minor in Criminal Justice. I have enjoyed every second of my time at UA so far. As Senator, I would make it a priority to do everything in my power to promote unity and inclusion so that every student can feel at home at the Capstone. Through my experience with mock legislation in high school and my current studies in political science, I believe I can make a meaningful contribution to the College of Arts and Sciences to represent the student body in the best way possible. If elected, I pledge to listen to my peers and promote positive change for the University of Alabama. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope you #FocusonFrazier on March 8!

Eyram Gbeddy

Hello, my name is Eyram Gbeddy and I'm proud to announce my campaign for arts and sciences senate. I love the University of Alabama and I'm running to make the Capstone an even better place to live, learn, and thrive. I am a proud member of the Blount Scholars program, future black law student association, and environmental council. I strongly believe that the best government is a responsive one, and listening is one of my strong suits. My goals lie in a set of principles that I call the E.Y.R.A.M values. If elected, I promise to make these attributes my main priorities. They are Equity, You, Reform, Accountability, and Maturity. They are explained more in-depth in my campaign announcement video on Instagram, which I highly recommend you look at. To me these principles are more than just buzzwords. That's why I'll be stationed at the student center plaza during the week of the election to hear the concerns of students. For those who can't reach me, my email is eygbeddy@crimson.ua.edu. I can't wait to hear from you and make student government work for all students!

Taryn Geiger

Hello all, my name is Taryn Geiger and I am thrilled to announce my candidacy once again for The University of Alabama Student Government Association Senate as a representative of the College of Arts and Sciences. I am currently a Sophomore from St. Louis, Missouri double majoring in Biology and Psychology on the Pre-Medical track. In my short time here at the Capstone, I have been given the incredible opportunity to foster connections on campus that have allowed me to make this university my home. As a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences this past year, I was given the opportunity to enact meaningful change in collaboration with my fellow Senators. Now more than ever it is important that every student's voice is heard and that their concerns are addressed on campus. I will use my platform as a Senator to ensure that this not only happens, but is accomplished in a way that allows every student to be included.

Mitchell Gilbert

My name is Mitchell Gilbert and I am a Sophomore from Kennesaw, Georgia with a Criminal Justice major and a minor in Political Science and History. I am running for SGA Senate for the College of Arts and Sciences and what I can provide to the SGA Senate is a person who has a diverse background and a great knowledge of the political landscape. This past summer, I worked for a Congressman in Omaha, Nebraska as an intern. There, I took part in legislative research for bills in the U.S House of Representatives and wrote speeches for the Congressman to present on the House floor. Not just beyond this campus have I taken part in community engagement but also here at the Capstone. I am an active member of several political organizations where I have engaged in community service and volunteer events both on and off campus. As well, I am a proud member of the Jewish community on campus and currently am an active member of multiple religious programs around campus. Within these programs, I teach the Jewish youth in the Tuscaloosa community about the faith as well as activities that branch to university students. As a candidate for Senator, I plan on expanding the current efforts for diversity and inclusion on our campus. As well, I want to continue the efforts to help students have the resources they need on this campus to succeed from here and beyond. I will introduce legislation that accomplishes both of these goals through my experienced background to help create a community that is ready for what is beyond college. I want to be able to make the University of Alabama a welcoming place for all and an example of both academic and community excellence. The way in which I will achieve such goal is by passing legislation such as adopting the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of Anti-Semitism which would prevent all forms of hate directed towards the Jewish community on campus. As well, I will work alongside advocacy groups on campus to help raise awareness for the right for all to vote and the knowledge of how to vote in U.S general elections. Lastly, I will work with organizations to help further the effort on making UA a place for all to learn. I hope that through my experienced background and great knowledge, I can be a great asset to both the Student Government Association and to my fellow peers. I will work hard for your voice to be heard and together, we can Keep Alabama Rolling!

Sawyer Griffy

I am a second-year student here at the University of Alabama. I am a University Fellow from Clarksville, Tennessee with a concentration in Statistics & Optimization with minors in Computer Science and in Social Innovation & Leadership. I have served SGA as Director of Strategic Initiatives for the SGA Vice President of Academic Affairs's cabinet. I am a member of the Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, and Golden Key. I currently serve as Lambda Chi Alpha's Scholarship Chair. I hold a part-time internship as a Strategic Data Analytics Intern for UA Athletics and am an Information Specialist on the UA Honors College Strategic Planning Development team. I am a licensed youth soccer coach and certified referee and contribute my time and talents as a volunteer coach for Holt High School's soccer team. I enjoy a good competition in intramural recreation and, time permitting, on a golf course. My strength lies in my ability to collect and manage information and data in order to make well-informed decisions. As your Arts & Science SGA Senator, I will be dedicated to listening to your concerns and challenges, seeking data informed resolutions, and acting on your behalf.

Maggie Jutze

Hi, I'm Maggie Jutze and I'm incredibly excited to share my campaign for Arts & Sciences Senate! I'm a sophomore studying Political Science and History, and I would be extremely grateful to have the opportunity to serve the University of Alabama as a Senator. During my time at UA, I have served as an executive board member of Generation Action and URGE, as well as a councilor on the Advisory Council on Wellness. My campaign centers on three main ideas:

Transparency. As an independent candidate, I strongly believe that SGA needs to do better in terms of accountability and representation. If elected, I will ensure that Senate meetings, voting records, and legislation will be more accessible for students. Additionally, I will continue the fight for ranked-choice voting and other measures to ensure free and fair elections.

Equity. The University of Alabama must work to provide an equitable and inclusive environment for all of its students. If elected, I will work to create more accessibility and inclusivity in housing, athletics, campaign finance, and other aspects of campus life.

Education. If the Senate is to create policy that affects the entire university, they should have the proper training to know what they're talking about. If elected, I will make it a priority for SGA to strongly encourage all Senators to participate in WGRC Harbor Training, QPR training, and NCBI workshops.

Feel free to contact me at majutze@crimson.ua.edu with any questions, and Vote for Justice with Jutze on March 8th!

Mitchell Lynn

My name is Mitchell Lynn. I'm a Tuscaloosa native and love to call this town home. I'm a part of the Blount Scholars Program and Honors College. My majors are Political Science and History with minors in Blount and Public Policy Studies. In April of 2021, I was elected to be the Director of Campaign Coordination for UA's chapter of Amnesty International. I have also had the privilege of working with other non-profit organizations in the Tuscaloosa area.

I decided to run for SGA Senate to represent the College of Arts and Sciences because I have seen firsthand the positive effects that our university can have on the Tuscaloosa community. My personal dream is to help guide our university towards becoming a more fair, progressive institution that can act as a beacon, inspiring significant change among other universities and the communities that they affect. My platform is based on my promise to promote progressive policies on campus. These include efforts to provide complimentary menstrual products in on-campus bathrooms, increased transparency in SGA operations and elections, and pressure on the university to accurately and responsibly acknowledge the troubled past of our institution, especially regarding racial injustice.

Kieghan Nangle

My name is Kieghan Nangle, I am a freshman from Plano, Texas studying Political Science with a minor in Entrepreneurship. From the beginning of my time at UA, I have had the opportunity to serve in many campus organizations. This includes Alpha Delta Pi, Turning Point USA, and the Free Thinkers Project. Today, I am humbled to announce my candidacy to become your Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences.

My mission is transparent from start to end, from my platform points down to my slogan. At UA it's impossible to know everyone around campus, but we all go through the same things. All the difficulties we have been through from the pandemic to the everyday struggles of being a college student enable us to learn about the importance of coming together, acting as one, and what we need to work towards a common goal as a student body. If I am elected as Senator, I pledge to build on this mission to work towards the goals of all UA students. If given the opportunity to serve as A&S senator, I will work to take UA to the "Next Level with Nangle" through standing firm in my platform and bringing students campus transparency, proper communication, and interconnected community. I will work to achieve my mission with dignity and clarity. I hope you join me on Tuesday, March 8th, and vote to bring our campus to the "Next Level with Nangle". Thank you for your consideration, and Roll tide!

Xzarria Peterson

My name is Xzarria Peterson and I am a sophomore here at the Capstone. While my time here hasn't been too long, I have found a loving community of friends and family in organizations like Women of Excellence and Black Student Union. I decided to run for SGA Senate so I can work with other members of this organization to better help out the school community. Diversity, equity and inclusion is a very important matter to me because it allows an individual to be themselves. By using this platform, I hope to encourage myself and other students to delve into what makes this campus diverse and what we can do to help keep it.

John Richardson

Hello everyone, my name is John Richardson, and I am a sophomore running for re-election as a Senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. Over the course of this past year, I have advocated for students across campus on issues that transcend any traditional platform. Most recently, I sat on a student panel in front of some members of the Board of Trustees and spoke about the need for a change after Autherine Lucy's name was paired with former Gov. Bibb Graves. Furthermore, when all the issues arose with the Homecoming election, I stood up and advocated for student interests. This led me to become the Chair of the Homecoming Task Force which is currently working on drafting a new selection process for our Homecoming Queen. Last year, I ran on a policy that focused on helping revamp the advising process in the College of Arts and Sciences, although that process takes time, I am still having meetings with faculty and full-time advisors to help make that flow chart a reality for students. But enough about what I have done. Let's talk about what I will do. If elected to serve, I will continue to work on advising within the college, partner with programs such as MARS, and help make this large community feel small by seeking to pursue, know, and champion students across campus. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or ideas that you wish to see implemented. Thank you.

Claire Roberts

My name is Claire Roberts. I'm a freshman from Tuscaloosa and I'm majoring in Psychology and Spanish. Since starting at the university, I have been involved in campus activities through First Year Council with SGA and as Junior Panhellenic Delegate for my sorority. I have decided to run for Senate because I believe in serving my community and want to serve my fellow students. My parents instilled service of others in me from a very young age and I have since grown to understand that the same applies to those in our government, including student government. Being from Tuscaloosa I have always loved this university and it has been an honor to work with our SGA through the First Year Council. I want to continue serving all of you and to help our university continue to grow. Mental health awareness and education have always been very important to me and will be a major focus for me in SGA. I will work within student government and with the university administration to enhance our mental health services, access to those services and to further mental health education. If elected, I will seek your input and ideas on this and other issues important to you. I am so excited for this opportunity to run for the University of Alabama Arts and Science Senate!

Carter Sheldon

My name is Carter Sheldon and I am a sophomore at The University of Alabama pursuing an education in Religious Studies and Creative Media. Originally from Grayson, Georgia, I decided to attend the Capstone because of its welcoming environment and incredible religious studies program. In my time on campus so far, I have become a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Omicron-Xi Chapter and have overseen the success that the organization has earned through its recent growth as a member of the executive board. I am also a member of the Religious Studies Student Association and a representative for Men Against Rape and Sexual Assault. I am campaigning to become a senator for the College of Arts & Sciences because I feel passionate about both the University as a whole and my college and want to give back to the community that has already given me so much. My view of this role is to be a responsive leader and work with my peers in the Senate to serve the students of UA and meet their needs intentionally. I'm running on the core principles of magnifying the voices of those often excluded, reducing the evils of sexual assault, and improving student involvement at athletic events such as basketball and softball. I look forward to working with the student population through the course of my campaign and my hopeful Senate term to make the campus the best that it can be.

Brian Szczotka

My name is Brian Szczotka, and I am a sophomore from San Diego, California. I am seeking your vote for the College of Arts and Sciences Senate. I am Interdisciplinary Studies Major with a Depth Study in International Security through the New College, on the pre-law track. I hope to attend law school and be a US Navy Lawyer. I am a Tide Watch Mentor on campus, mentoring a group of freshmen placed on academic warning, to help put them in the best position possible to achieve success academically and personally. I am also the President of an on-campus political organization and have completed a Congressional Internship. I am running on a platform of reaching out to groups on campus who have traditionally not had a large role in the SGA, specifically our two ROTC Groups and the New College, a division of the College of Arts and Sciences. I hope to provide easier access to resources to organizations, tutoring, and professional development experiences within the Pre-Health advising offices of the College of Arts and Sciences. If elected, I will serve as a voice for you in the SGA and ensure all groups and students within the College of Arts and Sciences are not overlooked. As a candidate, and hopefully an elected Senator, I will represent transparency, honesty, and ethics for all students, and I hope you will consider me for your vote.

Tyler Tannehill

My name is Tyler Tannehill, a junior majoring in History and Political Science. I am an independent candidate running to be your next senator of the Arts & Sciences College.

I first became involved in student politics because of the chaos of the Homecoming Queen Election. A winner was declared despite lacking the majority of the campus-wide vote. I was inspired to speak out, to protest at the SGA office sit-in, and to stand for all unrepresented students of the Capstone. Now, I ask that you vote for someone who is willing to criticize the SGA without hesitation.

I will introduce legislation that seriously revamps the records of votes and creates transparency in the SGA. It is inexcusable to me that not all votes casted by senators are recorded and available for the public to view. It is common sense to accommodate all students and to hold senators accountable for their actions. I will work to require SGA to promote students every week to participate in senate proceedings, senators to have substantial debate before voting, and to open SGA to all students.

I believe that the health of students is incredibly important. For the last three semesters, I have worked with Generation Action to pressure this campus to provide universal free menstrual products. Equality and equity of resources and opportunities must be provided, including more counseling services and anti-drunk driving initiatives. Our campus health deserves more funding so that we are fit in both body and mind.

Vote for Tannehill!!

Ellie Wiltanger

My name is Ellie Wiltanger and I am from Olathe, KS. I am majoring in Environmental Science on the STEM Path to the MBA with a minor in Spanish. I am running for an Arts & Sciences Senate seat because I'd love to engage with the UA student body to create beneficial legislation.

As a senator, I will encourage UA to educate students by establishing an elective financial literacy course. This class will better prepare UA students to enter the real world. Additionally, I'd like to foster creativity at UA. Through New College, students can piece together their passions and create a major that suits them. However, these majors are not readily advertised in the UA Catalog. By listing New College majors in the UA Catalog, we can enrich our curriculum and appeal to more potential students. Lastly, I'd like to expand UA's sustainability services. On average, residential college students waste 142 pounds of food per year. When food is wasted, so are the time and resources that go into its production. By implementing composting in dining halls, we can expand UA's environmental protection and initiatives.

Engage with Ellie for Arts & Sciences Senate!

Spring 2022 Culverhouse College of Business Senate Candidates**Thomas Ashton**

My name is Thomas Ashton and I am a freshman from Louisville, Kentucky. In my first year, I have joined First Year Council, which has given me the opportunity to collaborate with freshmen to improve campus life. I am also a part of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. As a freshman student, being involved in multiple organizations has diversified my view of campus and motivated me to become more involved. I am running for the senate position to become further involved in SGA and assist in the focus of helping students within the Culverhouse College of Business. I will be a voice for students and represent what students want changed on campus. Some things I am focusing on in my platform are creating a contact book for university resources and local Tuscaloosa restaurants/stores, increasing electrical outlets in classrooms, improving wifi on campus, and creating more student events on the quad and other campus buildings. Not having power in certain classes has been a problem for me and other students when needing to charge computers. My classmates and I have experienced wifi outages while taking tests and during class. By implementing a contact book, all students will have easier access to campus resources and essential places for students. Lastly, creating more student wide events on the quad will bring a diverse group of students together resulting in a more unified campus. I plan to work towards these objectives and listen to my classmates' ideas to better The University of Alabama.

Nicholas Boyd

My name is Nicholas "Nico" Boyd, and I am excited to announce my campaign to become your next senator for the Culverhouse College of Business. I am from Dallas, Texas and am majoring in Finance here at The Capstone. I am currently serving on the Student Government Association's First Year Council (FYC), where I work and collaborate with others as representatives of our freshmen class for the betterment of the first-year experience here in Tuscaloosa. FYC has allowed me to advocate for my peers, while also garnering SGA experience that has further prepared me to run for Senate. My high school's motto was "Men for Others", and this is a sentiment that I strive to embody, not only on campus, but through my everyday actions; I feel I would be an excellent senator as service continues to be one of my top priorities. I want every member of the UA community to feel they are well represented. I believe that some aspects of safety need to be updated and/or improved for the betterment of our community. I would be honored to be elected senator and have the opportunity to work alongside others in SGA as well as administrators to continue the deep-rooted tradition and legacy here at The University of Alabama.

Athena Critides

My name is Athena Critides, and I am excited to announce that I am running to be a senator for The Culverhouse of Business. I am from Dalton, Georgia, and I am currently majoring in General Business. This year, I have had the opportunity to serve as a First Year Counselor. I have been able to make firsthand changes to the UA community and support my peers in passing their legislation. As a senator I promise to advocate for the entire student body at UA, and voice your opinions. I am outgoing, involved, and eager to better our community both academically and socially. I hope you will consider me for The Culverhouse of Business senate and remember to #AdvanceWithAthena March 8!

Judson Fair

My name is Judson Fair, and I am honored to have the opportunity to represent the business school as an SGA Senator. I am from Memphis, Tennessee and am currently a freshman here at the University of Alabama. Some of my primary campus involvements include being an SAE active member, a member of the Alabama club lacrosse team, and an SGA student affairs committee member, among other things. I have a history of being involved in student leadership, and I would love to continue furthering my passion for bettering my peers and this university. I love the thought of being in a position to make a positive impact in our community. As a leader I look forward to finding innovative ways to represent the voices of our students and to add value to the Business School as a whole, and if elected, I will make a constant effort to use my leadership abilities to make positive changes in our University, while also serving to further connect the student body.

John Foster

My name is Johnny Foster and I am from Fairhope, Alabama. I am currently a freshman majoring in Finance. This year I have been involved in the Honors College and Freshman Forum. I am running for SGA Senate because I know that I can be a positive influence to this University. I believe in my ability to enact change and lead others in the right direction. Throughout my life, I have been exposed to a variety of leadership positions where I have learned and developed a multitude of skills that the SGA Senate and the University can find applicable. My platform that I plan to introduce to the SGA Senate is called Career Confidence. It is an immersive experience for first and second-year business students that allows for a better understanding and grasp of the majors the college offers to its students. It has become apparent to me that fellow peers within the business college have no real knowledge of their own majors. This is a problem that doesn't need to be recognized multiple years into one's college education. Through my platform, I hope to shed light on the different majors and give students the base knowledge to be confident with their major.

Myles Gollop

My name is Myles Gollop and I am a freshman from Huntsville, Alabama majoring in finance. I am running to be your senator because I know I will represent your best interests without being influenced by outside organizations. I have experience working in student government in high school and college, most recently serving as a councilor in UA SGA's First Year Council. In FYC, I sponsored many bills to improve student life and authored a successful resolution calling to establish a campus-wide Nick Saban Day. I have many ideas I would like to implement as a senator, including mitigating the everlasting struggle of parking on campus and working with the elections board to ensure fair elections. I am confident that I will be someone my constituents can rely on and contact at any time. I promise to work for you constantly, devoting time every day to brainstorm new ways to make your life easier. If you would like to contact or meet with me to discuss my campaign platform, please do not hesitate to email me at mhgollop@crimson.ua.edu.

Hunter Howell

My name is Hunter Howell and I am a freshman running for a Culverhouse College of Business Senate seat. I want to serve students here at UA, and if elected, I would work tirelessly to improve this campus and would make sure the needs of each student are met. There is room for growth on this campus, and I firmly believe I can help direct this University on a new path. It would be a true blessing to serve the students that make this University great.

My platform is one that is based on growth. First, I would write legislation that gives students here at the Capstone the whole week off for Thanksgiving. There should be no reason that fellow classmates from across the country can not go home due to our shortened break. Second, I would fight for my fellow students financially. Laundry loads can cost up to three dollars in dormitories, and there are plenty of other small financial inconveniences in other spots across campus that can add up in the long run. I will fight for reduced costs, and make sure that low resource students are taken care of. Finally, within the Culverhouse College of Business I will petition for upper and lower division classes that connect students with companies, and help students find internships and jobs that will help them succeed. The current structure of GBA and other business classes need to be rewired to prepare students for success after their time at the Capstone.

John McLendon

John McLendon is a sophomore from Atlanta GA, Majoring in Finance and Minorng in Spanish. He is excited to get to work in Senate and looking forward to making positive contributions in SGA for the students of the Capstone.

CJ Pearson

My name is CJ Pearson, and I am currently a sophomore here at the University of Alabama where I currently serve as Senator, representing the Culverhouse College of Business. I am excited to be running for reelection to build on the incredible progress that I, in partnership with my fellow Senators, were able to make this past term. This progress includes legislation that introduced free feminine products to the UA campus,, increased transparency of SGA functions and actions, and an innovative mentorship program targeted towards at-risk populations within the state of Alabama with the goal of encouraging them to pursue higher education here at the Capstone.

This year I am running on the following: to improve the overall wellness, safety, student experience, and inclusivity on our campus. This includes increasing funding for the UA Counseling Center to provide for more mental health services and offerings, requiring that all Greek houses, dorms, and UA buildings have Narcan to mitigate the issue of accidental drug overdoses, building on the progress of my current initiative to provide free feminine products by taking it campus wide, creating a UA wide Day of Service to perform charitable acts throughout the Tuscaloosa community, and partnering with UA Athletics to broadcast away football games within Bryant Denny, similar to the University of Georgia, to cheer on the tide.

On March 8th, I hope you will #CountOnCJ and I would be honored to have your support.

Lexi Sims

My name is Lexi Grace Sims and I am a freshman from Tuscaloosa, Alabama, studying finance and fashion merchandise. I want to run for the Student Government Association Culverhouse Senate because I want to be a voice for every student on campus. Every student at the University of Alabama deserves for their problems and suggestions to be heard and discussed, and I hope to contribute to a forum that enables these conversations for students. Furthermore, as a Tuscaloosa native, I've had the opportunity to see this campus grow over time, and I would like to use my knowledge as a Tuscaloosa resident and student to help our campus move toward the future. As a Senator, I will set up programs for students to learn more about Tuscaloosa businesses, connect students with campus organizations, and help students adjust in a post-COVID learning environment. I hope you join me on Tuesday March 8th, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., to become Stronger With Sims. Thank you for your consideration, and Roll Tide!

Lucas Weldon

I am Lucas Weldon, a Wetumpka native studying Operations Management with a minor in Supply Chain Management. 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, in my first two semesters I have been able to see the issues within the campus and the Culverhouse College of Business. I want to be a voice for my fellow peers to be able to bring meaningful change to the Capstone. I have spent this most recent semester shadowing a current SGA senator, even proxying for him. 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 for the better.

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. I also plan to modify the distribution of basketball tickets to avoid waiting in line and having the possibility of not obtaining a ticket. Students should not be stuck waiting in line without the guarantee of a ticket. I will also push for the expansion of parking availability for freshmen. As current freshman enrollment continues to increase, students that live in the dorms farthest away from the Ferguson Parking Deck are forced to walk late which creates a potential safety hazard.

Tyler Zuspahn

My name is Tyler Zuspahn, I am a freshman majoring in Finance from Naperville Illinois. The Student Government Association prides itself on preserving and defending the rights and privileges of student self-governance, guaranteeing a student voice and involvement in University decisions, serving the common interests of all students, training themselves on democratic government, and promoting citizenship on campus and in the community. Upholding these core values will be my main focus as a member of the senate; furthermore, I will implement various platform points to enhance the student experience at the Capstone. Firstly, I plan on adding self defense courses as class options at the university. In today's world and especially on a college campus, it is important for students to be able to defend themselves from attackers. Next, I would like to add vending machines to Hewson Hall. I think that the building currently lacks an option for cheap and accessible snacks as well as drinks for students and staff. By adding vending machines to the building, Hewson Hall can become a more productive place to study and teach. Finally, it is a necessity to add a police officer to the intersection outside the student center in order to direct traffic. With such a high amount of foot and car traffic, this intersection has become increasingly busy for motorists and dangerous for pedestrians. With the addition of an officer during midday hours, the intersection will become safer and more efficient. I believe that I possess the leadership skills and compassion that will allow me to serve the Culverhouse student body's interest, further enhancing their college experience.

Spring 2022 College of Communication and Information Sciences Senate Candidates

Jenna Berkower

Hi everyone! My name is Jenna Berkower. I am a sophomore communications major, and advertising & public relations minor here at UA. I am a member of the 2021-2022 Senate and I am super excited to be running for re-election! In my time so far I have worked diligently with UA Transportation Services to discover ways of making the residential parking decks safer, including passing legislation to have UAPD drive around the residential parking decks at night, and am working on getting delineators placed in the corners of parking decks to ensure pedestrian safety, and help drivers make proper turns at appropriate speeds. My platform points include but are not limited to, safety, advocacy, and engagement. I plan to work on trying to provide Night Caps in residential buildings to cultivate a safer social experience for students, advocating for students needs on a consistent basis and turning their ideas into action, and working to further engagement with the students and the C&IS program, as well as other organizations inside of our college such as PRSSA, ADFED, The S.E.C and more! I'd love to continue my work in the senate, and make our amazing college, #BetterwithBerkower!

Victor Hagan

Victor Hagan is a sophomore from Madison AL, majoring in news media. Throughout his time on campus Victor has been engaged both through the C&IS college, as well as the university in its entirety. Victor is a BRIDGE Builder, C&IS Ambassador, and a leader of IGNITE UA. Victor wants to work within C&IS to improve interpersonal relationships between faculty and students. He is ready to serve not only the college of C&IS but the student body as a whole by focusing on mental health and bringing greater awareness to on-campus health resources. Victor looks forward to serving with his fellow senators.

Kaitlyn Mac Donald

Hi, everyone! My name is Kaitlyn Mac Donald and I am a current Junior from just outside of Chicago, Illinois, majoring in Public Relations and minoring in Business and Political Science. I am excited to announce my candidacy for the College of Communications and Information Sciences Senate. Throughout my time at the Capstone, I have had the privilege of serving as an Ambassador for C&IS, as well as the Public Relations Delegate and the Vice President for the Student Executive Council. I believe that I have a unique point of view, having completed almost three years as a C&IS student, getting to know the College and the student body more every year. I feel that a large portion of our College is left unrepresented, and hope to serve as the voice of C&IS for students! Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion are extremely important to me, and I hope to promote this within the SGA and The University. I want to be an advocate for student workers and plan on voting on behalf of them, such as a livable wage. Lastly, I hope to be a peer to anyone that feels like their voice isn't heard. I am a student, as all of you, and I will be a friend, leader, and a representative for every student in Reese Phifer. C&IS students, in a college based on communication, I want to encourage you to use YOUR voice in this election. Let's make this campus the best it can be for everyone.

Ally-Anna Outlaw

My name is Ally-Anna Outlaw, I am delighted to announce that I am running to be a Senator for the College Of Communication & Information Sciences. I am from Ozark, Alabama majoring in Public Relations.

I'm merely beginning my time here at the Capstone, but I've already acquired a lot of insight into what's to come! In a short period of time, I have made connections with numerous students and staff members from various backgrounds. I want to be more than just another student on campus. I am extremely passionate about using my voice to speak up for the people surrounding me.

I want to use the various views I've received to advocate for constructive change. I will fight for better transfer credit communication for both new and returning students. I'll be a listener, a helper, and a voice for YOU. I will advocate for all students both within and outside of the classroom.

This year, we have been able to get somewhat back to normalcy, but we are far from normal. As your senator, I commit to do my part to make contributions that benefit everyone at UA and continue to build on the greatness that we demand here. I vow to dedicate my next year to being a diligent and involved representative within the student body, and I would be pleased to have your support in this process.

Morgan Patrick

My name is Morgan Patrick and I am a freshman from Birmingham, Alabama. I am excited to announce my candidacy for Senator of College of Communication and Information Sciences. During my time on campus, I have had the opportunity to get involved in the community in various ways, especially in the Tuscaloosa School Systems. Being in the classrooms and working with the community has provided me with many diverse experiences. During my time in high school, my elected leadership positions in many organizations such as Student Government have strengthened my qualities that would help me to be an outstanding senator. Because of these experiences, I am confident in my legislative skills to create and make change which will be crucial to improving the Capstone.

My platform consists of 3 C's: campus, community, and college. Within our campus, I find safety extremely important, therefore I plan to work towards implementing new safety features such as gates on all the parking deck entrances. Connecting the community to our campus, I plan to create mentorship programs in the Tuscaloosa Schools to enrich students lives through hands on support and encouragement. Within the College of Communication and Information Sciences, I plan to create a Qualtrics form for students input on improvements that need to be made in Reese Phifer. As a senator, I promise to be working for you and want to hear your opinions on what changes can be made to help the Capstone reach its full potential.

Spring 2022 College of Education Senate Candidates

Brad Day

Hello everyone! I am a junior studying secondary education: social science. Growing up in Robertsdale, visiting Tuscaloosa was quite familiar for my family. However, I am confident that attending the University of Alabama was one of the best decisions ever made. I have already made lifelong memories and developed so much through my involvement in the Million Dollar Band and First College Ministry. Most importantly, my time here made me question the degree I should obtain and has led me to the College of Education.

This year I am running because I want to promote and uphold the values, traditions, and cultural heritage of the University of Alabama. With your support, we can uphold these principles while promoting honest progress. With an abundance of capable student leaders, the College of Education has the potential to have a lasting impact in 2022. We should work together to place the College of Education at the center of student involvement and decision-making.

My platform will be centered around protecting students, ensuring honest student government, and leaning on the advice of my peers in the College of Education. I believe it is vital to praise the school administration and SGA when they act on behalf of the students. More importantly, we should act when they fail to do so. Unlike many of the students elected to student government over the past two years, I will loudly advocate for student election reforms, free speech, student protection, unity, and a permanent return to pre-pandemic student life.

Seth Hudson

My name is Seth Hudson. I am a sophomore from Montgomery, Alabama majoring in Kinesiology with a concentration in Exercise Science. I am a current College of Education Ambassador and serve on the SGA Academic Affairs Committee. I would love the opportunity to further serve my College and the UA community as an SGA Senator for the College of Education. First and foremost, my goal as a senator is to act as a liaison between College of Education faculty and students. I plan to accomplish this goal by hosting pop-up events throughout the semester, such as "Starbucks with Seth," where myself and several faculty members will be present to allow students to voice their concerns, recommendations, and opinions. I believe it is ultimately the job of a Senator to embody the concept of servant leadership and stand for the motto of "Students serving students." Raising awareness regarding student mental health on campus is something I am particularly passionate about. I will strive to not only cultivate a more positive student environment on campus, but also advocate for increasing resources available to students pertaining to bettering their mental health. Moreover, in my experience as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama, I have noticed a distinct need for strong, positive young leaders in the Tuscaloosa community, and I believe that expanding research and leadership opportunities to College of Education students will allow these much-needed relationships to be cultivated.

Jacob Rohleder

My name is Jacob Rohleder, I am a freshman from Kansas City, Missouri, studying Kinesiology! I am honored to announce I am running for the College of Education Senate! I am an endless worker but an even better listener, and hope to use that to represent you all. I believe the student body should have a strong influence on the decisions and works of the university, and that is why I am here to help. As a senator I will be an open ear for all of your wants and needs, and hope to put it into action!

Spring 2022 College of Engineering Senate Candidates

Clay Bruce

My name is Clay Bruce and I'm running to be your next Senator for the College of Engineering. I'm a sophomore from Raleigh, North Carolina studying Mechanical Engineering. I currently work in the Academic Affairs Cabinet within SGA, where I have become familiar with the countless academic resources available to students here at UA. My campaign's platform is centered around three things: Resource Engagement, Stress-free Studying, and Clear Paths for Students. For Resource Engagement, it's imperative that SGA takes a greater role in promoting UA's already existing resources, like the many software packages provided by the Office of Information Technology. It's also important that CoE students incorporate rapid prototyping technology provided by the Cube into their personal and academic projects. With better resource engagement, students will have a more hands-on experience here at UA and leave college with a broader skill-set. By improving popular engineering study spaces like the NERC basement, SERC lounges, and Rogers library, we can enhance the student experience and create Stress-free Studying. A few basic fixes can be done to brighten up these areas and create vibrant, collaborative spaces for students. Finally, I'd like to work alongside advising to clean up major flowcharts and create understandable explanations for each engineering major, including career possibilities. We can increase retention within the College of Engineering by paving Clear Paths for Students while also inspiring other college's advising departments to follow suit. I have big plans for the upcoming year in SGA, and hope that you choose to make the College of Engineering Better with Bruce!

Alexander East

My name is Alexander East. I am a freshman from Guntersville, Alabama pursuing a major in mechanical engineering and a minor in biology. On campus I am an active member with The Kappa Sigma fraternity, Chi Alpha student ministry, Kappa Sigma Business club, and the UA Honors College. I am running for senate because I want to make the college of engineering more accessible and inclusive for all students, to make sure we maintain all our current amenities, and to provide more career opportunities and job clarity to engineering students. One thing that I would attempt to accomplish in office if elected would be to bring more business involvement. That means bringing large scale demonstrations, showcases, and interpersonal connection opportunities with engineering companies in an effort to get students more job offers and a better idea of what they may want to do. It would also include getting more co-op opportunities for engineering students, especially more for niche majors with less chances currently. I would also look to instate a weekly workshop or similar opportunity for students to learn about what major within the engineering college they may be interested in, and to also allow them to learn more about what types of jobs and skills that those majors may lead to, and to bring more attention to the Multicultural Engineering Program. I hope you will choose to #ElevateWithEast on March 8th!

Sofia Estela

My name is Sofia Estela, I am a sophomore from Olney, Maryland. I am pursuing a degree in civil engineering with a minor in general business with hopes of going into construction superintending upon graduation. I am presently involved with the Alpha Omega chapter of Sigma Kappa here on campus and within that organization hold a position working the logistics of recruitment. I am running for the College of Engineering Senate as a way to increase my on campus involvement and to become further connected to my student body peers who are also embarking on degrees in the various engineering disciplines. I hope to be given the opportunity bring a fresh perspective to the COE senate and to provide insights and ideas to help the college of engineering stand out and grow/maintain an exemplary reputation here on campus. My goals upon my election would be to encourage more involvement of engineering students in SGA, and to make it easier for those uninvolved to be informed and connected to others within the college, as well as to serve as a role model and guide for young women already in or looking to go into any engineering based disciplines. I hope to be able to make positive and long-lasting contributions to the COE community and the Student Government Association as a whole by primarily focusing on making it easier for the student body to get their voice heard and to see the changes that they are helping to make. As a senator for the College of Engineering I would make it my top priority to listen to the student body and to act on the changes that need to be made not only in the COE specifically but throughout the University of Alabama as a whole. Roll Tide!

Jacob Hoernlein

I'm Jacob, and I'm a Computer Science student from Charlotte, North Carolina, and I'm running for senate because through my time in First Year Council, I got to experience firsthand how incompetent this organization is.

80% of the legislation passed through SGA has little to no effect for the average student. Legislation which does have the ability to make change is instantly shot down by the machine's puppets with no prior debate. I'm sick of it, and I want to be as big of an annoyance to them as they are to our university's students.

I'll make sure that the senate never unanimously passes anything for as long as I'm senator. I'll make sure that no bill gets passed without proper debate. I'll make sure that you know exactly who is and who isn't on your side by requesting roll call votes for every single motion.

They want to treat SGA like a social club that they can put on their resume. I want them to have to put in effort.

Grant Ingram

My name is Grant Ingram, and I intend to run for senate in order to represent my fellow students of the college of engineering.

Ryan LaJoye

My name is Ryan LaJoye, and I'm a sophomore from Mascoutah, Illinois, majoring in civil engineering. I'm honored to announce my campaign in serving as your next College of Engineering senator. In my two years here I've been able to experience all the opportunities this university has to offer. As a senator, the academic and overall success of my peers is a top priority and something that will remain in my focus. I aim to make this a reality by first making it easier for students to attend classes by offering a hybrid option to all classes, preventing overflow and missed classes. Additionally, the mental health of my fellow peers is at the forefront of my campaign, which I plan to implement a conjoined day off by the college, in which students can use to maintain a strong mental wellbeing. Finally, standardization of testing between the varying sections of a course, is an issue I feel strongly about in order to fairly assess every student. As senator I will lead with integrity representing the College of Engineering and the Capstone as a whole. Roll Tide!

Alex Petr

I am Alex Petr, and I'm a sophomore Aerospace Engineering major from Baltimore, Maryland. I'm in the STEM to MBA program and a member of the Honors College. My platform and my reasons for running are the same. My platform focuses on improving inclusivity, safety, and mental health for all UA students and engineering students in particular. In a campus of near 40,000 students, it is often hard to get a small community feeling, unless you are in BDS on Saturdays, of course. I will work tirelessly to promote an inclusive feeling between students on campus.

Inclusivity and safety go hand in hand, and I will work to make sure that all students feel safe physically/mentally while on campus. I'm proud to call UA my home away from home, and I want everyone possible to feel the same. Lastly, I'm focused on improving mental health for students. College is a stressful time, especially as engineering majors, so I will promote every policy possible that helps improve the mental health of students on campus. I am thankful for this opportunity to run for the College of Engineering Senate, and I hope that you will vote for me.

Kiley Price

I am Kiley Price, a freshmen Civil and Environmental Engineering student here at the University and I am running to be a Senator for the College of Engineering. I am involved in engineering professional societies and honors college programs. I am running for Senate as a representative of the College of Engineering to aid and benefit the students of the College of Engineering. Being a senator allows me to use the position to improve student life within the College of Engineering for not only myself, but other engineering students. As a senator I want to be able to expand resources for professional development and the career center. I am currently living on campus, and plan to stay on campus as a representative for the on-campus community.

Jack Rudder

My name is Jack Rudder, and I am a freshman from Saint Louis, Missouri majoring in mechanical engineering. Currently, I am a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. I would love to have the opportunity to further my involvement in the College of Engineering here at UA via serving fellow engineering students as a senator in SGA. Firstly, I believe that the experience of all engineering students here at UA would benefit from improved communications between faculty and students. I'd like to address this by requiring that professors notify students throughout the semester of any notable curriculum or scheduling changes. Second, I would like to improve networking amongst engineering students by SGA sponsored events for the College of Engineering. Finally, I'd like to develop an online forum where engineering students can voice their concerns to me and other engineering senators so that we can have collaborative discussions about change. I believe that the more frequent discussion between a senator and his/her constituents, the better the representation will be. With these three points of focus, I hope to cultivate a stronger connection between student government and the College of Engineering. Thank you for your consideration.

Bryant Segars

My name is Bryant Segars and I would love to be able to help this University by being a part of the Senate. I would love to be able to work with the engineering college to make campus safer, more accessible, and raise awareness about mental health.

William Calvin Wilbanks

My name is William Calvin Wilbanks. I am a Freshman from Birmingham, Alabama. I am pursuing an Aerospace engineering degree at UA. I chose Aerospace engineering because I have always been very interested in space. As a child, I wanted to become an astronaut just as many other children did. But early on I determined that becoming an astronaut would be too physically demanding, so I decided to go the academic route. If I could not go to space I would find a way to get my name there. I am a part of the UA Honor Society, I am a SAE active member, I am currently going to many AIAA meetings, and I hope to join some sort of design team in the future. I am running because I want to help make UA a better place for all students. A place where everyone can have a safe place to make friends and to complete their studies. I plan to use my influence as a Senator to make this UA possible. No one should feel that UA is not the place for them.

Spring 2022 College of Human and Environmental Sciences Senate Candidates**Karina Collins**

Hello everyone! My name is Karina Collins, and I am excited to declare my candidacy for the College of Human Environmental Sciences Senate. I am an undergraduate student majoring in Public Health with a minor in Global and Cultural Perspectives. During my first year, I have greatly enjoyed my time at The Capstone, but have also seen areas that we as a community could greatly improve on. I hope to use my knowledge from my involvement in organizations such as the UA NAACP and Bama Hands in Health to bring a new perspective to our legislation. Throughout my campaign I will focus on three issues:

Undergraduate Mentorship Program:

With an undergraduate mentorship program, we could bridge the gap between undergraduate and postgraduate education, along with introducing mentors to students seeking guidance on how to take that next step in their future careers.

Advancing Dining Hall Options for Dietary Restrictions:

From what I have seen and heard from peers across campus, the dining halls have little to no options for vegetarian, pescatarian, gluten-free, and lactose-intolerant individuals. If elected, I will work with the Division of Finance and Operations: Enterprise Operations to implement more dietary adhering cuisine.

Increase Recruitment and Hiring for POC Faculty/Staff:

If elected, I plan to work with Academic Affairs and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to recruit faculty/staff from Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions.

Thank you, and I hope on March 8th you choose to #ClimbWithCollins!

Emma Fraley

My name is Emma Fraley, I am from Fayetteville, TN and majoring in Interior Design. I am running for Human Environmental Sciences Senate seat because I believe I can make a positive difference by working collaboratively with all UA students, faculty, and administration.

I have been very intentional with my time at UA and have actively participated in University Honors College, my Sorority and BABH Outreach Committee. As a Senator, I look forward to being a part of a productive dialogue that has a positive impact on my college. I want to be a voice for my peers by making sure all are heard and appropriately represented both on campus and in the future. I would like to develop a cross-training program within Business and Communication schools to help prepare HES students for self-employment. I will also work with Alumni association to build out a network of graduates willing to mentor/apprentice current students and organized by their major. I will also work diligently with other members of SGA to improve the campus experience now and for the future. #ForwardWithFraley on March 8th!

Jolie Golden

My name is Jolie Golden and I am a freshman from Dothan, Alabama, double majoring in Apparel and Textiles and Marketing. I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for Senator of the College of Human Environmental Sciences. While at the University of Alabama, I have had the opportunity to be involved in various leadership positions within my greek organization. In high school, I was involved with the Student Government Association where I learned how to be an ambassador for the student body. This experience has given me the skills that qualify me for this position. As a part of my platform I would like to be a liaison for the students in the College of Human Environmental Sciences by making sure their ideas and concerns are heard. I would accomplish this goal by creating a place for students to voice these concerns about their college. Another point of my platform is making course required supplies available on campus. Some of the courses within the College of Human Environmental Sciences require supplies that can not be purchased on campus at the Supe Store. This will make it more convenient for students who do not have transportation to off campus locations to purchase their class supplies. Lastly, I am excited for the opportunity to represent the College of Human Environmental Sciences and please remember to #GoForTheGold on March 8th!

Andrea Kugler

Hi, my name is Andrea Kugler and today I am honored to announce my candidacy for Senator for the College of Human Environmental Sciences. I currently am a junior from Bella Vista, Arkansas majoring in Public Health with minors in Spanish, Public Policy, and Global Health. On campus I am a member of many organizations such as Project Health Peer Health Education Internship, Hands in Health, The Andrew McDonough B+ Foundation, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Phi Sigma Pi honors fraternity, Order of Omega Greek honors society, and I currently serve as the Director of Finance for Greek Programming Board. Running as an independent candidate for a senate seat I hope to act as a voice for students on campus to make sure the university is an open and diverse place to be celebrated. Using my passions for health education and public policy I hope to bring better awareness to issues facing the well-being of the UA campus community. I am looking to work with this outstanding student body to better the Capstone through improved alcohol and drug prevention programming for new students and developing it into a course of action for students throughout their time at the Capstone including improving the recognition of the harm of driving under the influence. I want to also involve better mental health awareness as well as introduce better recognition of the services offered through the University of Alabama and in the Tuscaloosa community available for students and faculty.

Spring 2022 School of Law Senate Candidates**John Dawson**

I am John Dawson and I am currently in my second year of law school at The University of Alabama School of Law. I also graduated with my undergraduate degree in political science from The University of Alabama. I am running because I consider myself extremely lucky to be a member of this great institution. I feel that I should repay UA Law by taking on this role to represent it to the best of my ability. My platform is based around ensuring that the UA Law is represented adequately at the SGA level. UA Law is already considered a prestigious law school as it is currently ranked in the top 25 of the best law schools in the country. I plan to review legislation proposed and vote in a way that can hopefully improve our national ranking further. I will also listen to my fellow students and propose any legislation that appears necessary to better my school and my class mates. Thank you.

Spring 2022 Capstone College of Nursing Senate Candidates**Kaleigh Shaw**

My name is Kaleigh Shaw, I am so excited to formally announce my candidacy for Senator for the Capstone College Of Nursing. I am from Las Vegas, Nevada and have become passionate about making positive changes at our University since first stepping foot on campus.

In my short period of time here at UA, I have been guaranteed countless opportunities to improve as a student and build connections with students and staff members. Using my voice to represent my peers within the Nursing College is something I am committed to. I want to be a voice for those within my College and on our campus.

I plan to use my voice to fight for lower-division students to have more hands-on experiences before moving up within the Nursing program. I will be a diligent listener to my fellow Nursing students, and help improve communication and transparency to all students. I will advocate for and serve UA students in every way that I can in this role.

As your senator, I commit to doing my part to make positive changes that help benefit students and faculty at UA. I am equipped with the skills that ensure I will be a servant leader for our student body and represent the legislative branch of our student government well. Thank you, I would be so happy to have your support during this process!

Sarah Kate Smalley

My name is Sarah Kate Smalley, I am a freshman from right here in Tuscaloosa, Alabama pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. On campus, I am involved with Capstone Men and Women, Alpha Gamma Delta, UA Best Buddies, Freshmen Forum, and Reading Allies. All these opportunities have greatly enriched my college experience and I am so excited to see how they will continue to shape my time here at the Capstone. I am so excited to be running to be a Senator within the College of Nursing. Being an advocate for positive change and providing a seat at the table for all voices to be heard are two things I have always been very passionate about. These are the two core reasons I am running for Senate. While I love everything about UA, there is always room for growth and improvement. Within the Capstone College of Nursing, I will advocate for more student involvement and community service. I believe being a Senator is an amazing way to make a positive difference on campus and am so excited to get my campaign underway.

Spring 2022 School of Social Work Senate Candidates

Tori Atwater

I am Victoria (Tori) Atwater and I am a freshman from Sunnyvale, California majoring in Social Work. I am a member of Bama Chaarg and Undergraduate Social Work Organization (USWO). I am also a member of Delta Zeta and serve as the Academic Assistant. I am interested in running for social work senate because I want to be the voice for the smallest school on campus. I also want to advocate for problems that I see around on campus and come up with solutions. I want to work with the counseling center to raise money for those who can not afford counseling resources. I want to increase safety measures on campus so everyone can feel safe while on campus. Last, I want to work with the School of Social Work to increase awareness through social media posts and virtual tours of Little Hall.

Lauren Kirk

I, Lauren Kirk, hereby state my intent to run independently for a seat in the Student Government Association Senate representing the School of Social Work. I am a junior from Omaha, Nebraska and am majoring in Social Work with a minor in Criminal Justice. As your senator, I promise to work to make this campus a more equitable place and create a culture of inclusivity among all students. I am extremely passionate about social justice and hope to increase awareness for these issues on campus. It is my goal to mandate education for all students regarding the University of Alabama's history and cultural awareness. By teaching incoming students about our campus history and aspects of cultures different from their own, we can ensure a more educated and aware student body. Not only do I intend to improve the campus as a whole, I plan to use my platform to improve educational experiences for students within the School of Social Work. I hope to work hand in hand with Field Education Coordinators to make the field placement process a more collaborative experience between students and faculty. The field placement process can seem daunting to students applying and I aim to decrease the level of uncertainty regarding this process. Also, I would love to increase communication between Social Work students in the same cohort, as one day we could be coworkers. With the small nature of the Social Work college, it is the perfect opportunity to further facilitate relationships between classmates.

Sarah Pierce

Hello, my name is Sarah Pierce. I am currently a Junior here at The University of Alabama majoring in Social Work with a minor in Psychology. As a native of Tuscaloosa having graduated from high school here, this campus has been my home for more than just 3 years as an undergraduate student. I am a part of many organizations on campus, some of which include the Undergraduate Social Work Organization, Social Work Association for Cultural Awareness as Treasurer, SGA Health and Wellness Committee and Safe Sisters with the Women and Gender Resource Center.

My goal if chosen for SGA Senate would be to advocate for Mental Health and Sexual Assault education and awareness on campus. Being very passionate about students knowing about available resources on campus, I hope to create better access to programs that are here to help. My platform includes not only education on these resources but also seeking to help Social Work students waive certain required fees, specifically the \$50 charge for mandatory background checks and the \$15 fee for therapy sessions at the counseling center.

I am proud to be a member of the School of Social Work and believe I can be an outstanding representative of the School as well as my peers in the Senate. I will do my best to be available to the other students in Social Work and to share the views and perspectives of Social Work students in our campus government. Thank you for your support!

Elizabeth Prophet

My name is Elizabeth Prophet, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the School of Social Work Senate. I am a sophomore from Dothan, Alabama with a keen passion for helping others, advancing justice, and collaborating to develop creative solutions. Serving social work students as the President of the Undergraduate Social Work Organization this year has been the greatest honor. In addition to USWO, I am involved with multiple organizations that have exposed me to a variety of perspectives and experiences. I am running for Senate on the platform of transparency, equity, and self-care. Transparency is essential to the effectiveness of the Student Government process, and I intend to continue the push for fair election and campaign policies and keep social work students informed on the happenings within SGA. Regarding equity, I will continue to advance diversity and inclusion on campus, use the NASW Code of Ethics to inform my decision-making, and ensure that students of all backgrounds and perspectives have a seat at the table. Finally, I will advocate for policies that promote self-care and the sustainability of self-care plans. Reducing stress and promoting well-being are the foundations of social work self-care plans, and I hope to continue this practice within SGA. I believe that social work values can benefit the DEI certification program, mental health initiatives, and the accessibility of SGA. I want each social work student to feel like stakeholders in this University and I hope that you will join me in working towards #ProgresswithProphet

Spring 2022 Graduate School Senate Candidates

Jennifer Baggett

I'm a current Aerospace Engineering graduate student. Most of my efforts in my previous term as a senator has been to work with administration and closely with fellow students to promote opportunities and information. I hope to continue promoting knowledge and academic/social opportunities to students. I also hope to take some of the efforts in the previous year to promote the efforts into legislation.

Noel Keeney

Having spent the last six years a student and the last three years an employee here, I have hopes and ambitions of the University fulfilling its role as a flagship institution in the areas of research and service which is possible through advocacy and transparency. Having attained my bachelor's and master's and now working on my doctorate at UA along with working as a graduate research assistant and the University's Education Policy Center for the last three years, I've seen graduate students struggling with low wages and lack of representation. While being the Vice President of Fiscal Affairs for the Graduate Student Association, I feel there is a need for me to also represent graduate students within SGA. Having worked on State and Federal legislation (college promise and lottery), helping develop the largest grant in the history of the University (Build Back Better Regional Challenge at around \$70 million), coauthored a series of articles with AL.com that highlighted inequities within our state (Black Belt 2020), and assisting in the writing of a book (Educating The Top 100%: Policy Pathways for Public Higher Education) coauthored by Martha Kanter (College Promise President and former Under Secretary of Education), I have a passion for advocacy of equality and access to higher education for all and will apply this passion and leadership skills to SGA.

Tolulope Kolapo

I am Tolulope Kolapo, I am excited to declare that I am a candidate for Graduate School Senator. I want to be the reassuring voice that marginalized graduate students have. I wish to encourage decisions that promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. I will use the following platforms to achieve this: Propose ideas that increase the awareness of resources available to graduate students; as a female candidate, put forward recommendations to aid equitable representation and provide opportunity for female emancipation and growth.

Daniel Leon

What's up! Although I only began graduate school at The University of Alabama this past August, I believe that my fresh perspectives would allow me to serve the interests of graduate students well. As a master's student and Graduate Teaching Assistant with the Department of History, I have been exposed to the issues graduate students face while balancing their studies with teaching and making ends meet. As senator, I would fight for a higher teaching assistant stipend and make sure graduate voices are heard. Additionally, my time serving as a delegate for the Graduate Student Association has brought to my attention very specific issues graduate students confront, particularly with regard to housing. If elected, I would work to streamline the too complicated process of finding graduate roommates and sublets.

Rebecca Rose Lutonsky

I, Rebecca Rose Lutonsky, do seek the office of Graduate School Senator. I am running for the office of Graduate Senator because I wish to represent graduate students' needs at this great institution, The University of Alabama, to the best of my ability. My platform includes all of the following. I wish to further graduate students' needs for GTA and GRA stipend increases and clear and simple residency requirements so that graduate students can reach their goals. 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 collaborating 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.

Justin McCleskey

Hey folks, I'm Justin McCleskey and I'm a current master's student studying public administration. I'm excited to announce I'm re-running for Graduate Senate! In my short residency in Senate, I have already pushed several pieces of legislation addressing campaign promises and student concerns. I'm seeking re-election to expand on those.

Two major continued focuses are senate transparency and graduate representation. My experience in senate has exposed major weaknesses in transparency, whether it be the legislative process, student involvement, or voting, that I hope to continue tackling. This can be simultaneously addressed through increased graduate representation in the senate and legislation endorsement process.

Below you'll find a list of my proposed and passed pieces of legislation. If you have any questions, or would like to receive a copy of my voting records, feel free to reach out at jbmccliskey@crimson.ua.edu! Thanks and roll tide!

Passed Legislation:

(1) A RESOLUTION FOR THE CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF A YEARLY HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING AND AWARENESS EVENT WITH THE WEST ALABAMA HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE (1/27/22)

Proposed Legislation:

- (1) A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO PROVIDE A LIVING WAGE FOR STUDENT AND CAMPUS EMPLOYEES (2/10/22)
- (2) A BILL TO AMEND THE SENATE RULES AND REGULATIONS TO MAINTAIN SENATE VOTING TRANSPARENCY (2/17/22)
- (3) A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA TO ADOPT A LIVING WAGE (2/17/22)

Viprav Raju

I, Viprav Raju hereby declare that I intend to be a candidate for the Graduate School Senate. I am a final-year doctoral candidate in Electrical Engineering. Throughout my two degrees, spanning over 5 years at UA, I have noticed and personally experienced a few issues that if eliminated could improve the standard of living of a graduate student.

My platform is simple: Basic needs for Graduate Students (GS). Here are some of the issues that I would like to work towards, including but not limited to:

1. Free Summer UREC Membership for GS
2. Parking allowances or subsidized parking passes for GS (rates lower than current ones)
3. Cost-friendly GS meal plans that have matching rates as other meal plans.
4. Separate Playoff ticket pool for GS with less stringent credit requirements. (An incoming GS student is most likely never going to get 90 UA credit hours in the entirety of their program. I have raised this issue previously several times with the SGA and would want to push for it.)
5. Stationary allowances for graduate departments. It has come to my attention that some departments do not provide basic supplies to GS such as printing paper. (Even though I never experienced this, personally)
6. Diversity and inclusion at GS events and in campus-wide organizations.

If elected, I would want to push for these changes and/or benefits. I would be open to hearing any other issues that may need attention in the future and would like to encourage a free and open platform for bringing forward these said issues. Thank you.

Carter Sink

My name is Carter Sink and I hope to represent the interests of my fellow graduate students in the Student Government Association. Primarily I will be focused on increasing graduate student engagement with the SGA.

Emilia Stuart

My name is Emilia Stuart, and I would like to represent the College of Arts & Sciences as an SGA Senator. I am a current MBA/MFA dual degree candidate with a concentration in Arts Management. I am currently the Marketing Manager for UA Theatre and Dance. I am a current Graduate School Ambassador as well as President of the Arts Leadership Association. I am running for SGA Senate because I have a passion for leadership and I understand the impact that can be made while holding a position. As an undergrad, I had the privilege of holding numerous leadership positions, including Dance Alabama! President and Student Director for the Dance Ambassadors. I had the opportunity to see on a daily basis how important it is to represent a body of students, and how much can be achieved when an advocate has a platform. Something I found very challenging as an undergraduate double major is the ability to understand the breadth of opportunities available to students. Now, as a dual degree graduate student, I feel passionately about this same concept. I intend to form a way for graduate students with multiple interests to gain more information about electives and leadership opportunities that can better equip them professionally. Additionally, I intend to make every student feel that they have a place at UA. I understand the vastness of opportunities on this campus can feel daunting, especially as a first year graduate student who did not previously attend UA. I would love to form a mentor opportunity for students returning to UA as grad students to help first time UA students in the graduate program feel welcome and at home. I care immensely about leaving an environment better than I found it. I hope to find innovative and unique approaches to help students truly get the most of their University of Alabama experience.

Justin Sweeney

Hi! My name is Justin Sweeney and I'm a graduate student pursuing my Masters of Business Administration and Masters of Fine Arts in Theatre with a concentration in Arts Management. As a part of the College of Arts and Sciences and the Manderson Graduate School of Business, I represent students from many different academic backgrounds. On-campus, I serve as the Ticket Office Manager for the Department of Theatre and Dance, and formerly served as the Social Media Manager and Marketing Coordinator. I'm the treasurer of UA's Arts Leadership Association and am presently or formerly affiliated with MBAA, IAVM, BΓΣ, and ΑΨΩ.

Coming from a background in the performing arts, I am passionate about arts advocacy and accessibility on UA's campus. As a senator, I would like to push for policy related to student financial compensation, funding for the arts, and improving on-campus student life. I aspire to be accessible, transparent, and collaborative. I am confident that I can adequately address the needs of UA's graduate students and the student body at large.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. I can be reached at jssweeney@crimson.ua.edu. Thanks!

Caleb Williams

My name is Caleb Williams, from Hazel Green, AL. I am a graduate student in the Public Administration program. My undergraduate degree is in Finance with a minor in Political Science. I have been a member of the Million Dollar Band for my entire time at UA and plan on continuing to participate in this great organization. I am also a Resident Advisor, which has allowed me to help first-year students become a part of the UA community. One initiative I plan on tackling is to let AMP students have a say in the graduate school elections, such as who represents them in the Senate. I am running for this position to help my peers have a voice in how our student government is run.