



## Fall 2023 Second SGA Special Election

### Fall 2023 College of Education Senate Candidates

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**Gracie Olson** [click for bio](#)

I am eager to serve as a voice for both education students and our student body in its entirety as a senator for the College of Education. Two things that I am most passionate about are creativity and service. These passions motivate me to create innovative ideas and leave a positive impact on those I am surrounded by. With these characteristics, I will make a strong member of this branch and uphold the mission of the Capstone Creed in all of my endeavors. In this position, I will strive to use my platform to better communication within the College of Education and place emphasis on specifics that will increase morale not only in post-secondary education but for future educators who enter the workforce. My connections to different on-campus organizations will allow me to effectively represent and advocate for various groups. I take pride in being a student at the University of Alabama and care deeply for The Capstone and its students. This drives me to educate myself on the unique needs of the diverse groups of people who call the University of Alabama home. I am confident in my capability to hold myself to the highest of standards and act as a catalyst for initiating positive change. I will work diligently to articulate matters that can improve the lives of many and increase the equability of The Capstone.

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**Brady Weems** [click for bio](#)

My name is Brady Weems, and I am a senior pursuing a degree in Secondary Education: Social Sciences. Drawing from my first-hand experience in the College of Education, I have identified several areas where our college experience could be improved. This is why I am seeking a position in the SGA Senate - to advocate for improvements that will benefit future students. Throughout my journey, I've observed the challenges that education students face, and I believe the SGA can help address some of these issues. As an SGA senator, my priorities include advocating for:

- Earlier In-School Placements: Promoting opportunities for students to engage in practical teaching experiences at an earlier stage, fostering their development and readiness for the classroom.
- Professional Development Opportunities: Expanding access to professional development programs, workshops, and resources to help education students excel in their chosen field.
- Advising Changes: Collaborating with the university administration to refine the advising process, ensuring that students receive the guidance they need to navigate their academic journey effectively.
- Freshman Mentorship Program: Establishing a mentorship program that pairs incoming freshmen with experienced students in the same major, offering academic and career guidance.

I am dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the College of Education, ensuring that future students have an enriching and supportive educational experience. My commitment is rooted in representing our fellow students, ensuring their voices are heard, and their concerns are effectively addressed.

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