

Voter Guide

2018

Student Elections: ARC, CRC, FLC, SCC

Student Senate and Clubs and Events Board Candidates

Student Trustee Election: LRCCD

Online Voting

Tuesday, April 10

Wednesday, April 11

5:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

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Spring 2018 Student Elections!

Here is what you need to know...

Welcome!

The Los Rios Community College District and its four colleges—American River, Cosumnes River, Folsom Lake and Sacramento City—will be hosting student elections on April 10 - 11, 5:00am-11:30pm each day. Students are encouraged to learn more, run for a position, attend candidate forums and vote. There are no voting stations on campus. Students will be able to vote from any mobile device with internet access. For more information please go to this web page: <http://studentelections.losrios.edu/>

What is the role of the student association?

The student association is the official organization that represents students and consists of the Clubs and Events Board (CAEB) and Student Senate. Student leaders from each board are committed to advocating for students' rights, improving the campus culture and developing transferable leadership skills. Specifically, the Clubs and Events Board functions to promote student involvement and activities, while the Student Senate functions to advocate for the common interests of students.

The student trustee provides his/her perspective to ensure that students are served through service on the District's Board of Trustees. For more information, please see the [Student Trustee Handbook](#).

How do I get involved?

Each college is always looking for students interested in leadership development. If you are open to learning and working with others, then consider joining the student association.

Why should I vote?

Voting in the student elections is a privilege only for currently enrolled Los Rios students. Even though voting only takes a few minutes, elected student leaders make lasting changes to the campus environment and student experience.

VOTING STEPS

- **Step 1 - Go to your eServices account**
- **Step 2 - Click on the Elections & Surveys tab**
- **Step 3 - Read the Voter Guide**

The guide includes each candidate's Statement of Intent that includes their interest in serving in a specific position, issues or concerns they plan to address while in the position and their leadership qualifications. The statements are presented without grammatical edits.

- **Step 4 - Proceed to the Voting Site**
- **Step 5 - Vote!**



AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE

STUDENT SENATE:

ASB Student Senate President

Rebeca Rico-Chavez - I am going to make sure that our experience as ARC students is more engaging. I will use my experience as a student leader to represent all ARC students equally & the best I can. I will advocate for more space for our academic programs so services can be provided comfortably.

ASB Student Senate Vice President

Elena DeNecochea - I am going to make real change on campus through my leadership skills and resilience. I will represent the voices of all ARC students while protecting our vision of equitable education. I plan on leaving a legacy that improves the lives and experiences of ARC students.

ASB Student Senate Director of Finance

Dallas Vue - I am proceeding to advocate for more money for student clubs and activities on campus. I will always be open to listening to my fellow students voicing their concerns and issues. I plan to serve my fellow students at ARC to the best of my ability to make college more enjoyable.

ASB Student Senate Senators (up to 15 positions total)

Laurie Jones - I was unable to campaign due to the sudden death of my younger brother out of state, service 4/14/18. I'm experienced, mature, committed, productive. I have been Directors of Finance & Legislative Affairs. I have sponsored bills for undocu & Pride centers, recycling bins, water stations & accessibility.

Minshan Tang - I am going to work hard to always advocate for making our college environment more friendly. I will always have an open door policy that welcome all of my fellow students come and talk to me. I plan to American River College more enjoyable for everyone not just domestic student but also inte

Hend Zahrawi - Hello my name is Hend Zahrawi I am applying to be part of the Associated Student Body. I'm willing to make a change in this college to make it better and for people to be successful. I will speak up for people and try my best to help them achieve what they desire for all to benefit.

Vacant Student Senate positions to be filled through appointment

- Director of Communications
- Director of Legislative Affairs
- Director of Public Relations
- Director of Activities
- Legislative Analyst
- Senate Whip
- Senators (up to 15 positions total)

CLUBS AND EVENTS BOARD:

ASB Clubs and Events Board President-

Eryn Knight - CAEB is about students getting involved into groups on campus. I am an advocate of harmony & Involvement. I was in student senate at FLC sat on curriculum board and am an active advocate for student rights. I have supported student's best interests while at FLC by writing resolutions for student access.

Vacant CAEB positions to be filled through appointment

- CAEB Vice President
- CAEB Commissioner of Finance
- Director of Communications
- Director of Activities
- Director of Public Relations
- Director of Media Relations
- Club Representative Whip
- Historian



COSUMNES RIVER COLLEGE

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At CRC, the one candidate running for office withdrew resulting in the positions listed below being open for candidacy during the Special Election in September.

Continue in this Spring's voting process to elect your Student Trustee.

Vacant Student Senate positions to be filled Fall 2018 – Special Election 9/25/18

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Director of Legislative Affairs
Senators (up to 11 positions total)

Vacant Clubs and Events Board positions to be filled Fall 2018 – Special Election 9/25/18

Commissioner
Vice Commissioner
Director of Finance
Secretary
At-Large Representatives (up to 10 positions total)

If you are interested in running in the Fall and want more information, contact:

Winnie LaNier, Student Life & Leadership Center
916-691-7669, lanierw@crc.losrios.edu

To attend the Potential Candidate Meeting May 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

STUDENT SENATE:

Student Senate President

Katie DeFant - Hello Folsom Lake College! My name is Katie DeFant and I am running for Student Senate President. This year I've had the pleasure of serving as Student Senate Vice President. Previously, I have been involved in FFA, where I had the opportunity to chair a multitude of committees and was elected as the Sacramento Section FFA President, along with participating in campus life and Link Crew at Pleasant Grove High School. I am not only thrilled to continue my passion for servant leadership, but to create a more energetic campus environment and amplify the student voice.

Student Senate Vice President

Cameron Sanders - Hello Folsom Lake Falcons. My name is Cameron Sanders and I am running for Vice President of Student Senate at Folsom Lake College. I have had the distinct pleasure of serving as your Communications Officer for the past year and it was an incredible learning experience. With the knowledge I have gained, I am ready to serve the student body and advocate for you as your Vice President. I look forward to being able to hear from you all as well as address any questions or issues you might have. Only together can we build a better college for everyone! Thank you for your time and consideration, Go Falcons!

Vacant Student Senate Positions to be added by Fall Appointments:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Director of Legislative Affairs
- Senators (Up to 15)

CLUBS AND EVENTS BOARD:

Club and Events Board Commissioner

Pete Empleo - My name is Pete Empleo. It is currently my first year here at Folsom Lake College, I am a Pre-Nursing major and am running for CAEB Commissioner. I believe that I have what it takes to not only increase the presence of ASFLC, but also have what it takes to make the campus a fun and inclusive environment for all students. I have a lot of ideas and am looking forward to planning more school-wide events and providing a more involved college experience.

Club and Events Board Vice Commissioner

Robert Taylor - Hi all, my name is Robert Taylor and I'm running for Vice Commissioner of ASFLC's Clubs and Events Board (CAEB). I started by participating in clubs on campus and eventually made my way to being a part of the Associated Students of Folsom Lake College and was elected Vice Commissioner last year to represent the student body. In the last year alone I have undergone countless hours of hard work and dedication for the student body. I've represented FLC students at the California Community College Student Affairs Association (CCCSAA) statewide Student Leadership conference and intend to go again this coming year. I've worked with many of the students who participate in various campus clubs such as Feminist Alliance Club, Latin X, and MOSAIC Dance Company by helping them create and execute their events. I've attended the Sac City

Community College's UndocuALLY district training to be more aware of the social issues at our school and to be able to help the Dreamer and DACA students. I've even ventured to the other colleges to participate in their events to represent and connect us as a districtwide student body. I, along with my other colleagues, have made it a mission to help represent, protect, and be the voice of the students and I believe that I can continue to do that as your elected Vice Commissioner.

Vacant CAEB Positions to be added by Fall Appointments:

Director of Finance

Events Coordinator

Secretary

Historian

CAEB At-Large Delegates (Up to 10)



SACRAMENTO CITY COLLEGE

CLUBS AND EVENTS BOARD:

Clubs and Events Board (CAEB) President

Sabrina Edward - I am a Political Science major and Business Administration minor at Sacramento City College. I would like to focus on building a strong community between clubs to ensure all members opinions are accounted for, and ensure diversification within activities and events. I will work in liaison with SCC's many student help departments including but not limited to RISE, the Cultural Awareness Center, and our outreach centers as a representative of the student body to advocate for their needs.

CAEB Secretary of Technology

Joe Sanchez - I am a MIS (Management Information Systems) major. I have 13 years of professional experience with technology. Everything is a learning experience.

CAEB Project Coordinator (up to 10 positions total)

Jelisa (Noble) Bravo - I am an Administration of Justice major. I'm willing to learn how to plan events. I will serve students, and staff or faculty, with honesty and honor.

Vacant CAEB positions to be filled through appointment

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Secretary of Equity and Diversity
- Secretary of Public Relations
- Project Coordinators (up to 10 positions total)

STUDENT SENATE:

Student Senate President

Kimberly Ramos - I am very persistent and organized. I am a Pre-Medical student. I am a great listener and communicator.

Student Senate Vice President

Chidi Omeze - I am a Sociology major. I want to be a lawyer. I will serve students with passion.

Student Senate President Pro Tempore

Geovani Felgueres - I am a Kinesiology major. I have experience with campus events. I am passionate in what I do.

Student Senate Secretary (Two Candidates – select one)

Amy Espinoza - I am an Early Childhood Education major. I have experience organizing events and meetings. I want to be involved more and help the students with passion.

Allison Stewart - I am a Public Health major with a focus in women's health. I am a tutor in the Sacramento City College Writing Center. I will serve as a voice for the students at Sacramento City College.

Student Senate Secretary of Legislative Affairs

Daniel Saldana - I am a Computer Engineering major. I have a passion for helping the community through the legislature. I will use my passion to serve each and every student in our community.

Student Senate Secretary of Sustainability

Isabella-Marie Engel - I am extremely passionate about the environment. I am familiar with volunteer events and information pertaining to environmental clean-up. I am active in the Sacramento Democratic Club.

Senator (up to 20 positions total)

Marlena Ainsworth - I am a Sociology major. I have experience representing my peers. I have the ability to serve students with passion.

Irma Gonzalez - I am a first generation college student. I am a mother of six children. I am a lover of humanity and nature.

Priscilla Gonzalez - I am passionate about everything I do. I am active on campus. Integrity is a big deal to me.

Alfonso Jimenez - I am a Communications major. I have experience on the board and want to keep serving. I want to give back to the community, as much as it has given to me.

Mary-Ann Myers - I am a Studio/Fine Arts major with an emphasis in Graphic Design and Native Studies. I work in Student Equity and Success so I am familiar with processes. I would like to follow through with the issues to help students; finding shelter for homeless students, starting a food pantry, and safety throughout campus.

Christian Pattee - I am a Music Business Management major. I want to give back to the school community. I want to see all students receive what they put in.

Omar Rincon - I am an ESL student that advocates for them. I have three years of experience in campus organizations. I will advocate for clubs, the LGBT community, and minorities.

Vacant Student Senate positions to be filled through appointment

- Treasurer
- Secretary of Public Relations
- Secretary of Technology
- Senators (up to 20 positions total)

Student Trustee for LRCCD Board of Trustees

Note: Statements were limited to 250 words or less by ending submissions at the end of the last complete sentence prior to exceeding the word limit. Otherwise, statements are presented exactly as written by the candidates.

Mariana Topich – I, Mariana Topich, am running for the candidacy of Student Trustee for the Los Rios CCD because the need for proper leadership is vital for the health of our Los Rios colleges. Kindness, sincerity, communication, and a good understanding of how students work is indispensable as a Student Trustee, and for that, I excel in all of those areas. I have three years of leadership experience at American River College, serving as the treasurer and vice president of club, Model United Nations, as well as Vice President of the Business Club. I have also served on the Associative Student Body of ARC, and held the position of the Clubs and Events Board President from 2017-2018. If I receive the position of Student Trustee, I will promise to always work hard for the students of the Los Rios colleges and advocate for them, especially during, and not limited to Lobby Day. I will always be open minded and understanding of students' opinions, even if they differ from my own personal ones. I plan to make the Los Rios colleges more enjoyable and inclusive for all students by effectively communicating with the CRC, ARC, SCC, and FLC student body presidents, and helping to tackle issues such as revising the budget, going over the bonds, which are future project the Los Rios colleges are trying to create in years to come, and lastly, building a foundation for the next Student Trustee.

Danny Thirakul – my name is Danny Thirakul and I am running for Student Trustee. I currently serve as Vice President of the Student Senate at Sacramento City College and on the Equal Employment Opportunity Advisory Committee, which reports straight to the Board of Trustees for the Los Rios Community College District. I have dedicated countless of hours to represent the interest of students. I have advocated for higher pay for on-campus student employees, a safer campus so students don't have to fear going to class, and cleaner & better facilities so students can enjoy being on campus. I have dedicated my heart and soul to Sacramento City College. I am ready to dedicate that same passion and work ethic to my district. Enrollment is dropping across the district, and as the number of students decrease so does funding for colleges and student support programs. We need to increase student involvement on all fronts to make sure if funds are going to be cut there is a student in the room to fight back. Allow me the opportunity to inspire students to join our boards: Student Senate and the Clubs and Events Board. Allow me to work alongside all of you throughout the district and together we will be that voice in the room. Vote Danny Thirakul for Student Trustee April 10th and 11th on eServices!

CANDIDATE FORUMS

There shall be at least one public candidate forum held at each College at which all candidates are invited to participate. These forums will be held one week before the elections starting March 28 as follows:

	Tuesday 4/3	Wednesday 4/4	Thursday 4/5	Friday	Monday 4/9
Trustee & ASB Forums	American River College Student Senate & Student Trustee Forum Student Center 12:00 – 1:30	Cosumnes River College Student Senate, CAEB & Student Trustee Forum Fountain Stage 12:00 - 1:00	Sacramento City College Student Senate, CAEB & Student Trustee Forum Quad (Student Center if rain) 12:00 - 1:00		Folsom Lake College Student Senate, CAEB & Student Trustee Forum Peregrine Room, Falcons Roost 12:00 - 1:00
Additional Forums for local college ASB candidates only	Sacramento City College Student Senate & CAEB Forum Quad (Student Center if rain) 12:00 - 1:00	American River College Student Senate & CAEB Forum Student Center 12:00 – 1:30			