

## **President**

### **Raynier Ramos**

Hey Y'all!

My name is Raynier Ramos and I am running to be your next SUA President.

Everyday, we face increasing threats to our welfare and rights as students. And while there have been fundamental steps this year in fighting against the many issues facing us, there is still much more to do.

If elected to be your next President, I hope to address the issues facing us as students such as housing and food insecurity. I hope to create a unified and open space that will hold the UCSC administration and student government accountable beginning with the accessibility of the SUA. And finally, I hope to ensure that the SUA holds true to its motto "*Student Voice. Student Power. Student Action,*" by actively listening to the student body in shaping our own work.

Let's all work together to create a campus run by, and for, the students. Thank you.

### **Davon Thomas**

Hey UCSC,

My name is Davon Thomas and I am excited to announce my candidacy for SUA President.

Serving as the External Vice President this past year, I've had the great privilege of representing UCSC students at the local, state, and federal level. In this year alone, we've lobbied for basic needs, supported underrepresented communities, advocated for better transportation policy, and fought against tuition hikes. However, the work is not done. As President, I plan to focus on improving campus climate & safety, promoting health & wellness and making SUA more transparent to the student body.

I've dedicated my service to SUA because I truly care about the work. The UC provides so many students with the opportunity of a lifetime, yet we are

still failing our most marginalized communities. SUA needs to be a tool for student empowerment and I am willing to put in the work to make it one.

## **Vice President, Academic Affairs**

### **Sierra Berg**

Hello! My name is Sierra Berg, and I am running for VP of Academic Affairs!

I have been working for this office for two years now, as Academic Affairs Coordinator and Chief of Staff. Along with experience, these positions have given me an immense amount of passion for the work this office does to improve the academics of students. I have observed the great things as well as those that can be improved, and I have created some realistic goals that I hope to accomplish if elected.

- *Increased Outreach and Resources for Historically Marginalized Groups on Campus*
  - Students of Color, Students with Disabilities, LGBTQ+ Students, etc
- *Continued Work in Textbook Affordability*
  - Used Textbook Library on Campus, School Supply Drives
- *Mental Health Related to Academics*
  - Stress Reduction Events, Time Management Workshops, etc

I look forward to meeting all of you!

Best,

Sierra Berg

### **Aakriti Singh**

My name is Aakriti Singh and I am running to be your next Vice President of Academic Affairs. I have a variety of experience in student government

acting as a College 9 Senator, the College 9 Representative on the Student Union Assembly and SOFA, and the undergraduate representative on the Committee of Admissions and Financial Aid. However, before all of this, I am first and foremost a student, and that is what makes me passionate for this position. As a student, I know the problems we all face. As the Vice President of Academic Affairs, I want to implement an Inclusive Access Program here at UCSC so students can have access to affordable learning materials on day one of class. We students pay so much money for our tuition, we should not have to pay hundreds more to complete our homework. We have a voice, so let's use it.

## **Vice President, Diversity & Inclusion**

### **Rachel Freeman-Cohen**

My time spent at UCSC has allowed me to create relationships with people I never thought I would meet. Allowing students to invest in changes for the student body that can foster campus climate is my goal. As the Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, I will strive to make UCSC more accessible to folx from all backgrounds so that we can collectively make changes that are similar to grassroots. Some of my focus will include:

- 1) Challenge the university in their toxic roles by working with Student Affairs to hold professors accountable for various actions
- 2) Work with Resource Centers to help increase retention for marginalized folx
- 3) Provide various workshops dealing with a wide range of trauma, pain, healing, etc
- 4) Push the university to hire more POC and LGBTQ staff

With my campaign, transparency and communication will be essential in my role as the SUA: Diversity and Inclusion officer.

### **Saxon Stahl**

Hello there Banana Slugs! My name is Saxon Stahl and I am running to be your next VP of Diversity and Inclusion! As a First Generation, Biracial, and Queer student on this campus, I've been motivated to connect with the

political and socially active community at UCSC in order to strive for a better future for the underrepresented and those who feel without a voice. I am the first person in my biological family to attend University, so traveling these uncharted waters have helped me learn and continue to learn the relations between students on this campus. Given the political climate of our country, it is dire for this campus to support those who are on the receiving end of the aggressive hostility implemented by false narratives that strike fear rather than leadership. It's time for the truth, and nothing but the truth. Because truth has no fear.

## **Vice President, External Affairs**

### **Lauren Woo**

Hi Y'all!

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Student Union Assembly Vice President of External Affairs!

Through my work as the SUA VP- Academic Affairs, I have pinpointed key issues that not only impact the students of UCSC, but also those systemwide, thus spurring my decision to run.

With this major concern at the forefront of my mind, I developed a platform based on student input, observations from within committees, and personal experiences.

My Platform:

#### 1. Mental Health

a. Advocating for the increase of assets to campus resources, specifically those aiding students affected by mental health issues

#### 2. Out-of Tuition Costs

a. Pushing to make outside fees that create barriers to entry for students cheaper and more accessible

#### 3. Food Insecurity

a. Promoting an increase of food pantries across the UC system.

Thank you, and I look forward to a great campaigning season!

Warmly,

Lauren Woo

### **Vice President, Internal Affairs**

#### **Alexandrina Chavez**

Hello, I'm Alexa!

I believe that the IVP role has the ability to perform outreach and collect feedback, opinions, and concerns from you to foster a better connection and gather input that can be applied to addressing our administration and improving SUA. By taking on a more receptive role, I aim to better serve you and tackle the campus-wide issues that we face, including but not limited to, sustainability, accessibility, housing, and student involvement. The most hindering issue we face lies in our limited voice with and knowledge of the administration.

I have experience in SUA, Porter Senate, SCOC, and other spaces and I aspire to transform the IVP role into an outreach-based position. I can serve you in the most optimal way possible through pushing administration to prioritize UCSC students!

*For more details about my platform copy and paste the following url into your browser:*

<https://tinyurl.com/alexaforivp>

#### **Cameron Elliott**

Hello Banana Slugs,

I have spent my last two years on this campus advocating on behalf of students at the state and federal level in Sacramento and DC, pushing legislators to fund the UC and pass bills that will directly benefit students in a myriad of ways. I have lobbied for bills that would help those struggling with housing and food insecurity, expand access to mental health resources, offer state financial aid in the summer, among several others. In my third and final year here, I am looking to make a greater impact on campus and local level politics. SUA has a ton of potential power to make a positive impact with its half a million dollar budget but it has not lived up to the standard it should be at. My goal for us is to increase our voice, impact, and get SUA to do more.

### **Ishaan S. Khemani**

My name is Ishaan S. Khemani, and I am running to be your Internal Vice President. My experience, passion, and dedication comprise some of the traits that make me best suited to represent the interests of students at UCSC. During my first year, I was the Chief of Staff for the SUA president where I focused on directly fulfilling UCSC's potential. I created a council to unify the environmental justice, public health, and sustainability groups on campus. Furthermore, I worked diligently with current SUA officers on securing half a million funds for housing, fighting for better Title IX regulations, and keeping the administration of UCSC accountable. As Vice President of Internal Affairs, I will fight for dignified living for all students. This ranges from campus accessibility to implementing sustainable and safe methods of housing. In developing the campus we live in, we will empower each other.

### **Vice President, Student Life**

#### **Bella Bullock**

Hi y'all!

My name is Bella Bullock, and I'm honored to be running for re-election as your Vice President of Student Life. This year alone I have planned the Thanksgiving Week events to help feed students on break, expanded the

food pantry to provide food and cooking demonstrations, created Wellness Weeks that 100+ students attend to relax before finals, organized the Get out the Vote Voter Registration event, and much more.

These events were all successful and made an impact on students; likewise, if re-elected, I would want to expand on these events and programs through focusing more on student advocacy. I plan on expanding the office to have student advocates for food insecurity, housing, and mental health, providing students the support they need and deserve. And with your vote, I will ensure your needs are met and that your voice is heard.

## **SUA Elected Representative**

### **Gianna Nicolich - Stevenson College**

It is almost strange to think my first year at UCSC is almost over. During this time I joined Stevenson Student Council, was elected to the Student Academic Senate, and have successfully survived my first year of college. As an active member of the Stevenson community I am here to offer a representative voice of Stevenson college in SUA meetings. If elected I would like to make the issues you feel are most important heard and to focus on increasing the participation of the Stevenson student body in our school's student government. I would like to increase transparency and communication between the student body and the Student Union Assembly and want to make the space overall safe for everyone. I would be glad to contribute my time to representing the students of Stevenson and would like to be considered for the position of the SUA Stevenson Representative.

### **Natasha Kohli - Cowell College**

Hey slugs! My name is Natasha Kohli. I am a Politics major and I am going to be entering my third year. I am running for SUA Representative for Cowell College. I have now served two terms in this position and have enjoyed this time immensely. While in this office, I have assisted in allocating thousands of dollars to student organizations, advocated for marginalized students on campus, including but not limited to LGBTQIA+ students, students of color, and students with disabilities, and worked towards creating a positive campus environment for everyone. I will continue to improve our campus in the following year, as well as work closely with the executive board to make lasting changes to our campus. I understand that not every Cowell student is able to attend SUA meetings to advocate for themselves which is why I promise to always keep in mind the interests of our college.