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# CANDIDATES



LAS POSITAS COLLEGE  

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STUDENT  
GOVERNMENT

# ELECTION



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# AARAV KAPADIA

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MAJOR: COMPUTER SCIENCE

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RUNNING FOR  
VICE PRESIDENT  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I wish to run for an LPCSG position because I value community to an extremely high degree. I want to make sure students feel supported, represented, and excited to be here. In order to make that happen, I believe that my best option is to run for a position in LPC's student government. In this way, I would be able to make a meaningful, tangible contribution to the community here at Las Positas. As an officer, I am confident that I would be able to advocate for student needs and foster a more vibrant and inclusive environment here at Las Positas!

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

First of all, my past and current leadership experiences have given me the knowledge to efficiently lead in contributions to my community. Over these experiences, I have built communication, problem solving, and decision making skills. Above all else, I pride myself on being an extremely hard worker, ardent about making a difference. I take initiative, I bring people together, and I follow through on what I set out to do. The mix of leadership skills and integrity is what, I believe, makes me a great candidate!

## **What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I would seek to improve communication between students and student government. I feel as though this is a big area with much opportunity to improve. Better communication between students and student government would increase student representation, transparency, and event participation. This would, in turn, create a stronger community on campus for students to enjoy. I would go about doing this by advocating for the creation of more, accessible channels of communication, such as anonymous surveys.

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# ALEXEY ZIMIN

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MAJOR: BIOMEDICAL  
ENGINEERING

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RUNNING FOR  
PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
STUDENT TRUSTEE

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I wish to run for Las Positas Student Government to help cultivate a more inclusive and safe environment for students. I believe that strong leadership is essential to support student life, and I am committed to using my skills to make students feel as comfortable as possible. By running for President, Vice President, and Student Trustee, I aim to represent the student body and help students achieve their goals.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

I stand out because I have a strong sense of teamwork and dedication. Having both student government and club leadership, I understand how to collaborate effectively, take initiative, and commit to student success. As a second year student myself, I can relate to many of the hardships students face which provides a better perspective for addressing the issues.

## **What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I want to continue improving Las Positas student life by being involved in on-campus activities that bring attention to the services we have for students. I want to continue to expand on these services while also creating new services to bolster student success. I plan to use social media platforms and school-wide events to ensure that more students are aware of the tools available to them.

# — AMELIA JANE SPRINGBORN —



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MAJOR: COMMUNICATIONS

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**RUNNING FOR**  
STUDENT TRUSTEE  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I wish to run for LPCSG because I've seen the positive impact that LPCSG has had on the Las Positas campus and community, and I want to be part of this impact. I think the officers of Student Government add vibrancy to campus life, and also serve as the first points of contact for new students entering their college journey. I want to join this community that cultivates the welcoming spirit of Las Positas.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

I've never had experience in Student Government before, but I believe this position means I can offer a unique perspective about the student experience at Las Positas College. I feel that student-oriented programs have a tremendous impact on the student body and overall well-being of the community.

## **What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I want to improve student outreach for class registration, counseling, and overall student services. I believe that our degree and certificate programs are underutilized, and more students need to take advantage of student education plans. I want to bring more awareness to the wide variety of resources Las Positas offers to their student body.

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# ARNAV MISHRA

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**MAJOR: BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION**

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**RUNNING FOR  
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS  
PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT**

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I want to run for a position in the student government because I am eager to make a positive difference in the school community, and make LPC an even greater school. I think that my leadership skills and experience, as well as interpersonal communication skills can serve great benefits in the student government and bring conformity and further enrichment to campus. I also wants to bring more engagement in athletics at Las Positas.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

What sets me apart from other candidates is my extensive in-field experience in many different fields. As a former DJ and promoter at a nightclub, selling out every friday, I ensured smooth operations and customer satisfaction even on the busiest nights. This role sharpened my ability to make informed, logical, and goal-oriented decisions quickly, a crucial skill in any dynamic industry, which I would love to implement in LPC's events.

My experience as a lead diver for the San Diego Fire Department taught me the importance of precise planning and execution in critical rescue operations. This role not only honed my leadership skills but also my ability to assess situations swiftly and act effectively under pressure. I have learned how to make difficult executive decisions, with goals and facts in mind. I also love working with a team and am a very big supporter of groupthink, which is a skill that I think would greatly benefit LPCSG.

I am also equipped with exceptional social skills. I learned how to effectively communicate, negotiate, and build lasting relationships with individuals from diverse backgrounds.

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I would love to implement further improvements in the events that Las Positas holds, one of the many trademark attributes that sets Las Positas apart. This will greatly increase in-person, student participation on campus.

I would also want to make it much more accessible for students to actively give feedback to admin and LPCSG, as well as more participation in athletics.



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# ARYA FEROZY

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MAJOR: PHYSICS

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RUNNING FOR  
PRESIDENT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
STUDENT TRUSTEE

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

When I came to LPC, I was welcomed by a warm group of people - the members of the Las Positas Student Government. These people represent compassion and recognize the importance of representing peers so that they may ultimately have the best student experience. Being part of Student Government helped me recognize the importance of student experience on campus, and I would like to run for President & Student Trustee to better the student experience for every student as Las Positas on a higher level.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

I am working to start a non-profit for the benefit of younger students in the Bay, have extensive experience in representation working to make my constituents' life experiences better, and love participating in administrative tasks such as through my efforts to create the Las Positas's only Pre-Med/Pre-Dental club. My entire student experience has been working to make the experience of my peers better, and I believe that my experiences show a skillset which prove I can get it done. I have worked since high school to provide my peers with better, and I believe my love to make connections with other people fuels my wish to better their experience.

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

"I believe there are two main problems in student life - one being a lack of information and the second being a lack of unity. So many different opportunities exist within the college and they go missed due to lack of knowledge concerning them. I have already been working to fix this through my marketing work as a Student Ambassador, but believe I could do even more as President as I will be more involved working alongside the executives of the college.

As for a lack of unity - although many students attend events at Las Positas and these events grow every year, there are some who do not seem to care so much. As President, I believe I could work to provide students with the resources needed to be successful working alongside other members of the LPCSG. In turn, providing students with more opportunities to be successful would give them more reason to have a place on campus, making our college more diverse than ever before and an even more supportive place.

# CARLA ELIZABETH AGUIRRE



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MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY

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**RUNNING FOR**  
STUDENT TRUSTEE  
VICE PRESIDENT  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I am passionate about leadership, advocacy, and making a meaningful impact on my campus community. I believe in amplifying the voices of students and ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to be heard. With a deep appreciation for Las Positas College, students, and staff, I would be honored to serve in Student Government, working to support, represent, and improve the student experience for all.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

With over nine years of experience working with students and serving in leadership roles, I am deeply committed to helping others, fostering growth, and advocating for student needs. I believe in the power of student government to create meaningful change, and I would be honored to serve as a representative for Las Positas College. My passion for leadership and dedication to student success drives me to ensure that every voice is heard and valued.

## **What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I seek to improve student's education time. How can students be supported while going to school?

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# MADINA QADERI

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MAJOR: BIOLOGY

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**RUNNING FOR**  
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM AND  
SERVICES  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCES

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I want to run for an LPCSG position because I'm passionate about creating a more inclusive, supportive, and engaging campus environment. As a student, I know how important it is to feel heard and connected, and I want to be a voice for others who may not always feel represented. I bring strong communication skills, a collaborative mindset, and a genuine drive to make positive change. I believe LPCSG is more than just student government—it's a way to build real impact and help shape a better college experience for everyone. I'm committed to listening, leading, and working hard to make a difference.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

What makes me stand out is my strong sense of organization, creativity, and commitment to bringing people together. As someone who has helped organize events both in high school and through community volunteering, I've learned how to plan effectively, manage time, and create fun, inclusive environments. If chosen as Director of Events, I will bring fresh ideas and ensure every event is well-planned and engaging. On the other hand, for Director of Finance, I'm detail-oriented and responsible—I understand how important it is to manage budgets carefully and keep everything transparent and organized. I'm passionate about helping students have a great experience at LPC, and I believe I can bring positive energy

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I believe student life should feel less like a routine and more like a meaningful experience. I want to create moments that students will actually remember after college. I want to bring in fresh ideas, like collaborative events with local organizations, student talent showcases, pop-up cultural experiences, and wellness corners during finals week. I also want to create opportunities where students can lead their own mini-projects or events so everyone feels a sense of ownership in student life. My goal is not just to improve events—but to create a campus atmosphere where every student feels like they belong and have a voice.”

# MATEO DEL TORO-JOSEPH



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MAJOR: BIOLOGY

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**RUNNING FOR**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**VICE PRESIDENT**  
**DIRECTOR OF CLUB OUTREACH**

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I am committed to enhancing the social life at Las Positas College by fostering opportunities for students to connect and build lasting relationships. My approach will focus on organizing more engaging events, ensuring they are effectively promoted, and giving students a greater voice in determining the timing and locations of these activities. This will help create a more vibrant and inclusive campus community.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

My strong social skills, combined with my resilience, enable me to navigate challenges effectively. When faced with obstacles that might deter others, I remain focused and determined, ensuring that setbacks do not impact my ability to succeed.

## **What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I am dedicated to enhancing the social life at Las Positas College by creating opportunities for students to connect and build lasting relationships. To achieve this, I will focus on organizing a greater number of events, ensuring they are effectively promoted, and empowering students to have a stronger voice in determining the timing and locations of these activities. This approach will foster a more vibrant and inclusive campus community.

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# MILENA DOVGAL

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MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE

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**RUNNING FOR**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION**  
**DIRECTOR OF EVENTS**

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I really want to be involved in the life of Las Positas. I've always enjoyed improving things and coming up with creative ideas for college life. I believe that learning is a continuous process, and it's great when you can create not only an academic environment but also a wonderful space for developing communication skills and enriching life on campus beyond the classroom.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

I approach my work responsibly and always maintain a positive attitude in any situation. I quickly come up with interesting ideas and implement them effectively. I always strive to listen and understand others, easily find common ground, and enjoy working in a team. At the same time, I have strong leadership qualities and know how to bring people together. I am socially active, love participating in various events, enjoy sports, and am always exploring new fields.

## **What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I would like to introduce more sports events to help unite college students while also organizing more activities that promote a healthy and active lifestyle during studies. As a student myself, I understand how challenging it can be to find time for healthy eating and exercise during the academic process. I would host simple cooking workshops on how to prepare a healthy and affordable meal in just 10 minutes, for example. Or I could demonstrate easy exercises that can be done daily to stay healthy.

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# MILENA DOVGAL

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I want to create a healthy environment where everyone feels encouraged to join sports clubs and adopt a healthier lifestyle.

It's important to show that it's possible to excel in studies while also taking care of one's health.



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# NABIL DANANDEH

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MAJOR: COMPUTER/DATA  
SCIENCE

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**RUNNING FOR**  
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION  
DIRECTOR OF CLUB OUTREACH

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I wish to run for an LPCSG position because I would like to get involved in the Las Positas community and foster an environment where all feel accepted, and most importantly, heard. I personally have felt a sense of welcoming from student and staff alike on campus and I feel its my duty to pass that onto others.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

What makes me stand out as a candidate is my ability to connect with people and understand wants and needs of students on campus. I have a genuine love and appreciation for conversation and human connection that I take pride in. I have prior communication experience having taken a toastmasters course which went in depth in public speaking and getting a point across.

## **What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I would seek to improve student involvement/communication in LPC. Sometimes it seems as if there is a disconnect between student government and the student population, it is hard to represent thousands of students with a handful of applicants. If I am involved in government, I will make sure to consult the student population to gauge any necessary changes and make these changes through being vocal in student government meetings.

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# NAOMI MANGINI

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MAJOR: GLOBAL STUDIES

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**RUNNING FOR  
PRESIDENT  
STUDENT TRUSTEE  
VICE PRESIDENT**

### **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I have been a LPCSG senator for two consecutive academic school years, and I wish to step up in my final years to utilize my experience for the good of the school. Watching the previous two administrations build the student government has inspired me to continue their path, and I want to see the LPCSG succeed further in the coming years. I feel that my major is tied in very closely with politics, and this will help me to enrich my education while also getting experience in my chosen field of study. I've always been an advocate for student rights, and I want to increase the scope of what I am able to do to support that passion.

### **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

I have multiple years of experience working with the previous administrations, my major of Global Studies gives me insights into diplomatic and political scapes, I have experience studying abroad, and I participate in community activism and social justice movements.

### **What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I want to educate students on the resources available to them, and their guaranteed rights both as LPC students and as people living in California. I want to continue the record highs of people involved in the student government, and build upon the foundations of my predecessors. As a change, I would promote the connections between the LPCSG and club members, especially pertaining to event set up and student advocacy. I want the student government to be well known and well liked by students, and make Las Positas not only somewhere they transfer from, but a place where they can find community and education as easy and pleasurable as possible.



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MAJOR: ECONOMICS

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**RUNNING FOR**  
STUDENT TRUSTEE  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE  
DIRECTOR OF CLUB OUTREACH

**Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I'm running because I want to be involved in making our campus better. I've never been in student government before, and I think that is not a bad thing; we need new voices. I'm really interested in how money gets spent on campus because I believe student funds should go toward things that help the most students. My position as an officer would let me learn valuable skills while giving back to Las Positas at the same time.

**What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

What makes me different is that I bring a fresh perspective as someone who hasn't been involved in student government before. I'm interested in economics and how resources get used, so I'll pay close attention to making sure student funds are spent wisely. I also think I represent students who don't usually see themselves in these roles. I'm committed to putting in the time this position needs; I see this as a real responsibility, not just something for my resume.

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?  
I have three things I want to focus on:**

First, making resources more engaging and accessible to students. Through starting my club that focused on financial literacy, I've learned something important: even though financial knowledge is essential, many students don't actively seek it out. This taught me that the most valuable resources often go unused without effective outreach and presentation. In student government, I would focus on bridging this gap between important services and student engagement. I'd work to make critical resources; whether financial aid workshops, mental health support, or academic services—more visible and appealing through creative marketing, peer ambassadors, and strategic timing with registration or other key student deadlines. My experience with outreach challenges gives me unique insight into how to connect students with resources they need but might not naturally pursue.

Second, as an undocumented student myself, I understand that despite the resources our campus offers, many of my peers still need better guidance to reach their full potential. I'd work to ensure resources actually reach the students who need them most, with clear pathways and support for immigrant and undocumented students in particular.

Third, making it easier for students to find clubs and get involved. Having founded a club, I know firsthand both the challenges and the importance of student organizations. When students connect with others who share their interests, they do better academically and feel more at home on campus.

For each of these, I'd talk to students directly about their experiences, partner with the right departments, and focus on creating practical solutions that make a real difference in students' lives.

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# PEGGY DUNCAN

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MAJOR: COMMUNICATIONS

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**RUNNING FOR**  
**DIRECTOR OF EVENTS**  
**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION**

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I wish to run for an LPCSG Position because I have always enjoyed helping people around me. By becoming the Director of Communications, I can make a larger impact helping other students at Las Positas. Creating more opportunities and help for students here on campus. As a Communications major I'd also like to improve my skills in the field and utilize the opportunity to be creative and help our overall campus student life improve.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

What makes me stand out is, I am not your typical traditional student. I am a returning student here at Las Positas, I originally attended in the past and quit to pursue my modeling career. After having a successful modeling career, I finally decided to come back to Las Positas and become involved on campus. Before I wasn't a motivated student but since coming back, I am very interested in my studies and doing all that I can to be a great student. I like to encourage students around me to do better and help them find opportunities on campus such as joining clubs, participating in smart shops, going to the free events on campus. We create a better environment by uplifting those around us. Not only would I like to provide a space for regular students, middle college students, but also for returning students like myself. I feel like there isn't as much representation for returning students on campus. As well as helping elevate voices of students from all backgrounds and assisting them all to the best of my ability.

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# PEGGY DUNCAN

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**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

As the director of communications, I would like to make more events on campus something that students are more aware of. When I first attended Las Positas years ago I was unaware of these events and opportunities on campus, even since coming back I had to search hard to find different opportunities. So, I'd really like to help improve awareness of clubs, opportunities on campus to help improve student life on campus. Additionally, as a communications major I'd like to share my skills I've learned so far to help improve these. I am very creative and love to share ideas, so I'd love to collaborate with the other officers and create more events and opportunities for students to participate in on campus.

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# RAY CAHAMBING

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MAJOR: INTEGRATED BIOLOGY

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**RUNNING FOR**  
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I believe leadership plays a crucial role in supporting campuses having an engaged student community. Not only do I want to help others by advocating for student needs, I also see this as a great opportunity to connect with people of different backgrounds and interests. Running for a position in LPCSG will help me develop both academic and professional skills such as problem-solving, communication, and collaboration with other students.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

As a transfer student from a UC school, I experienced firsthand the challenges of adjusting to a new environment, and I want to use my experience to help others feel welcomed and supported. Previously, I was the Vice President of the Mental Health Club where I promoted an engaged and active environment for students. Furthermore, I facilitated discussions and workshops, supporting and encouraging open dialogue about mental health issues. In doing so, I learned how to cultivate a community where students were comfortable about sharing their mental health. From a leadership perspective, I worked with the president and other leaders of our club to create different activities and resources for our members to raise awareness about mental health. I hope to bring the experiences and skills I learned from a club level to a larger scale, reaching all students in our community.

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# RAY CAHAMBING

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**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

As a transfer student from a UC school, I found it hard to make friends as many students had already formed their social circles. Additionally, I didn't have the resources I needed as a student here such as finding different clubs that fit my interests. By promoting more accessible student resources and fostering inclusive spaces, I want to ensure that students—whether they complete all four years here or transfer elsewhere—feel a sense of belonging and have the opportunities they need to thrive.





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**MAJOR: BIOMEDICAL  
ENGINEERING**

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**RUNNING FOR  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES  
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION**

**Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I wish to run for an LPCSG position in order to make an impact on LPC and dedicate myself to improving the student experience of my peers. I believe that through my involvement in LPCSG I will not only be able to connect with my peers and fellow LPCSG members, but I will also be able to do meaningful work to represent LPC students and their interests, and ensure that LPC thoroughly caters to its students. I have always wished to be able to make an impact on my community, and I have previously worked to do so through my involvement in clubs and student representative committees. I believe that LPCSG is the perfect next step for me to expand my leadership experience and explore my passion for student representation.

**What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

I am organized, focused, and manage my time and priorities very well, which will allow me to participate to the best of my abilities in LPCSG. Through my participation in the Biomedical Academy at Dublin High School, I have become a problem solver and I tend to think creatively to work out any situations I am faced with, so I will make sure any and all LPCSG events are executed as well as they possibly can be. I am also very outgoing and easy to talk to, meaning I can contribute good interpersonal communication and therefore work well with fellow LPCSG members and also converse with LPC students effectively to draw attention to events or get input for future events and activities. I believe that I stand out compared to other candidates as I am a problem solver at heart, and I will continue to tackle any obstacles and situations until I find a suitable, unique solution which benefits all those involved.

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I would seek to improve student involvement and participation on campus, as well as student representation in terms of offered programs/ event highlights. I understand that certain students just barely miss the criteria for some on-campus opportunities, or are unable to participate due to class times, lack of interest, etc. I will work to ensure that LPC events and programs not only cater to more niche student interest and situations, but also provide ample opportunity for students to become involved and take a chance to participate. I will work to dismantle any hesitation students may have towards participation to encourage more students to have a voice on campus.

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# SAHKHAR ATAL

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MAJOR: ADMINISTRATION OF  
JUSTICE

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**RUNNING FOR**  
DIRECTOR OF CLUB OUTREACH  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION

### **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I wish to run for an LPCSG position because I am passionate about advocating for students and ensuring their voices are heard. I want to contribute to creating a more inclusive and supportive campus environment by addressing student concerns, improving resources, and fostering a sense of community. Through this role, I hope to collaborate with my peers and campus leadership to drive meaningful change and enhance the overall student experience at Las Positas College.

### **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

My ability to speak four languages sets me apart from other candidates, which allows me to connect with and represent a diverse student body. Being multilingual gives me a unique perspective on communication, inclusivity, and cultural awareness—essential qualities for student leadership. Even though I may not have prior experience in student government, my adaptability, willingness to learn, and passion for advocating for my peers make me a strong candidate. I am eager to bring fresh ideas and a global perspective to LPCSG to serve our campus community better. .

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I would seek to improve student engagement, access to resources, and inclusivity on campus. Many students face challenges such as finding academic support, staying informed about campus events, and feeling a sense of belonging. To address this, I would advocate for better promotion of student services, encourage more cultural and social events, and work on creating accessible communication channels for all students, including multilingual support. By collaborating with LPCSG, faculty, and student organizations, I aim to ensure every student feels supported, heard, and empowered in their college experience.

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# SERGEY STARKOV

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**MAJOR: APPLIED  
MATHEMATICS**

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**RUNNING FOR  
STUDENT TRUSTEE**

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

One and a half semesters into the Las Positas community and college life, I have been impressed by the incredible people who make this campus welcoming, safe, and feel like home. I appreciate all the work that is being done to make the college experience here a quality and a warm memory. And more than just appreciating, I would love to put effort and time into making this college and this community continue to achieve high standards and care for their students. I want to make it my duty and responsibility to make sure that students' rights and needs are met and respected, be it feeling security in tomorrow's day or support on the journey to academic dreams. I am committed to your voice.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

I have been actively engaging with the community from day one in Las Positas. When I came here, I saw many people representing the Slavic community, and along with my friends, I decided to make a Slavic Club that could help people come together and feel like part of this place. But I want to do more for this campus, and that's why I decided to join the student Senate as a way to make a larger impact on student life and help support it. My commitment didn't start with this election; it started as soon as I stepped on campus.

I firmly believe that representation means more than just transferring the message; it requires the message to stick and taken action upon. I seek student opinions and voices from everywhere, be it individuals, clubs, or event attendees, and then take concrete and active steps to bring them to administration.

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# SERGEY STARKOV

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I deeply respect what our administration does for us and how caring it is, but I am willing to challenge the policies that would not resonate with students and pledge to maintain transparency while doing my duties.

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

For us students, one of the most important things is voice. We want and desire to be heard, but more importantly, listened to. We want care and understanding from those who are designated to provide us with such. We want actions from those who are designated to act. We want our administration to be with us and be for us. Our administration already does a fantastic job, and I want to help keep it that way.

An amazing thing about this college is that it does a fantastic job in doing so. It is crucial for things to stay that way because being listened to and heard is being a community, being together. That is a core value that I care about and want to save for today and the future. For that, I want no compromise on students' needs. I will carry the message and advocate for our views. I will make sure, honoring the trust given to me, that students' voices resonate in the entire college and find their way to people who need to hear them and respond to them.

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# SHIFA ARIF

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**MAJOR: NURSING**

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**RUNNING FOR:**  
**DIRECTOR OF EVENTS**  
**DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATION**  
**STUDENT TRUSTEE**

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I am eager to run for an LPCSG position because I am very passionate about advocating for student interests and contributing to a more diverse and inclusive campus environment. I believe that all student voices matter and whilst being in this role, I have a goal of making sure their voices are represented and heard. I am ecstatic about collaborating with other students, faculty and staff to promote positive changes and enhance the social experience at Las Positas.

## **What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

There are many things that help me stand out compared to other applicants as they are my leadership skills, strong work ethic and dedication to student advocacy. I have proven ability to collaborate with my peers as I hold a current officer position, have worked in retail and lead students effectively. My organizational skills help me become more organized and allow me to manage my responsibilities efficiently and successfully. I am also very passionate about representing student voices and listening to different perspectives to work with others. I am confident I can do well within this role.

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I am committed to enhancing student life by focusing on these areas. First would be more mental health support, I want to advocate for students to have more access to a therapist or a counsellor and creating a safe space for students to seek support. Perhaps creating a mental health awareness event? Another thing is more student engagement, promoting diverse events and activities including the cultural celebrations and increasing student involvement in clubs would lead to more inclusivity on campus. Lastly, I would strive to have more resources on campus, especially for international students to provide more communication about equitable access to tools for success.



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# TAYLOR MADU

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MAJOR: BUSINESS  
ADMINISTRATION

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**RUNNING FOR**  
VICE PRESIDENT  
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS  
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

**Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I wish to run for an LPCSG Position to further my connections and build an even better and stronger environment at LPC. Hopefully creating a more inclusive community and reputation for years to come.

**What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

After developing the financial skills from working at financial firms and leading many groups to strive for success, I believe I have what it takes to not only lead, but grow the community with my problem solving skills and understanding how others may think.

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I would want to improve on the outreach that Las Positas provides. We all know how phenomenal and helpful our faculty and counselors are that set us apart from all other colleges, we just need to take the steps of advertising this more. With a healthy set of plans to improve overall traction, not only will more people be motivated to attend Las Positas but join club events as well.

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# TYLER PRELLWITZ

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MAJOR: COMPUTER SCIENCE

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**RUNNING FOR**  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION  
DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND  
SERVICES  
DIRECTOR OF CLUB OUTREACH

**Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

I am running for Student Government position because I believe I can make a real difference in the on-campus life here at Las Positas. I am dedicated to improving the lives and experiences here at Las Positas College and look to elevate our College as a whole.

**What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

I am an excellent communicator and am very organized, which are crucial traits needed for any student body role. I have experience in secretarial roles which will translate over very well as the soft skills required for those positions have been developed over my terms.

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I would like to improve involvement in on-campus events and services, which I believe more students can utilize to make stronger connections with each other. I believe that the school has room to improve in terms of club support, such as club approval timing and financial support, which directly affects the students at Las Positas College.



### **VOTING**

WILL BE ONLINE AND BEGIN  
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025, AT 8:00 AM  
AND END ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025, AT 11:59 PM.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

WILL BE VERIFIED AND THEN PRESENTED  
DURING THE LPCSG SENATE MEETING SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23,  
2025, AT 4:00 PM.

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