

Statements from 2021-2022 Associated Student Government Candidates

Each statement was prepared by each candidate. Candidates are listed in Alphabetical order of last name. Elections will take place via a survey emailed to you on Tuesday, April 20th.

Candidates for ASG President:

COLE HESTERBERG

Summary Statement: My name is Cole Hesterberg and I currently serve as Vice President of the Associated Student Government. I am running for President to make an impact on the ASG and its mission of representing the entirety of the student body and furthering student success. Ultimately, my goal for the student government is to increase the amount of representation we have from all the different groups on campus, including having a more direct line of communication with clubs and other representative bodies in order to gain access to each perspective. I understand that leadership requires the ability to balance different perspectives and I look forward to consistently putting this leadership value into service as I work to make certain our many campus voices are heard. I appreciate your attention here and would be grateful and honored to have your support to be your 2021/2022 ASG president.

Dear Student Body:

My name is Cole Hesterberg, and I am running for the office of president at Clovis Community College for the upcoming academic year. Currently, I am finishing up my second semester and will be entering my third in the Fall of 2021. For a brief background on myself, I am an economics major with the aspiration of attending a UC college in Fall 2022. I started ASG in the fall of 2020 as a senator, and by the end of the fall semester I had been voted in as Vice President of the Associated student government, as the then vice president took over from the previous president. Since December of 2020, I have been serving as your vice president and chairing each and every one of the ASG's meetings. However, before my time as Vice president, in the handful of months that I served as a senator, I served as the Chair of the committee responsible for facilitating the elections for the general election of our local representative seat for our college area on the Board of Trustees. For those who voted in the most recent general election, you would have seen the candidates who participated in the debate that I chaired and ran. Those candidates were Deborah Ikeda (the incumbent who ended up winning), Sally Fowler, and Chris Milton.

Prior to enrolling in college, I attended Clovis North High school, where I was a part of the basketball team and debate team. I served as manager for 4 years on the basketball team, and I debated in Lincoln Douglas Debate for 3 years as well, where I placed top 20 in the state of California my junior year, but unfortunately did not get the chance to go to the state championship my senior year due to Covid. I graduated high school with a 4.3 GPA and

immediately enrolled at Clovis Community College, where I am a part of both the Leon Honors Program and the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Why do I want to serve in student government, in a leadership role?

I am currently already a part of the executive board on the ASG. However, I wish to remain on the executive board and gain the position of president for a few reasons. I believe that I can contribute a lot of value to the ASG's mission of representing the student body in an objective manner, and I can do that in an even better way through the office of president, through its access to the many committees and groups that the president is responsible for. I believe that I have certain experiences that enable me to do this in a better way than anybody else, using my own experience of 3 years in debate and in my time as your vice-president. Part of debate is being able to represent opinions that are not necessarily your own and through that learning process one gains an appreciation for all opinions concerning an issue, along with the ability to objectively compare and adapt an opinion to more comprehensive and applicable stance. The ability to advocate any given opinion is a skill that I carry from debate into representing the student body, as I use the same skills that I used there as I do in representing the student body. I also want to continue pursuing and advocating for changes and activities that benefit the student body in any way. Just recently, I was able to secure a \$50,000 recommendation of ongoing funds to student activities, the first time a recommendation of ongoing funds has been accepted by college administration. If passed, it will be the first-time student activities will have dedicated allocated ongoing funds, so let us hope that that passes!

What are my goals for the student government?

My goals for the Associated Student Government (ASG) are to continue to satisfy its mission and to find new ways to do that. The mission of the Associated Student government is to represent the student body, and this takes many forms. My goal has been and will continue to be the representation of the student body in all these different mediums and to find new ways to spread student influence. Whether it be the establishment of new committees, new student activities, or new courses, there are many avenues of spreading the ASG's influence that are worth pursuing. On that note, and more specifically, I think a new priority for the ASG should be to more heavily advertise our presence so that we gain added attention in the mind of the student body. We need to promote ourselves with the express goal of getting new applicants to fill the senate and executive positions. A way we could further promote the ASG is to add the ASG into the college's presentation when they go to local high schools to promote the college to students. Another path could be pursuing legislation around further benefits to being a part of the Associated Student government, or offering various bookstore discounts, etcetera, in addition to our current benefit in priority registration. Pursuing this would have the effect of increasing the attraction to being in ASG, and thus would appeal more to the student body and potential members. Our mission should be to expand the ranks of the ASG and through this goal, we can promote other goals such as expanding our representative groups into adult students and better representing our various ethnic and racial groups at school.

These are the goals I would pursue as president, and that I think would benefit the student body to the highest extent.

What are my goals for Clovis Community College?

My goals for Clovis Community college coincide with my goals for the ASG. I think that the college has been doing a great job to pursue and meet its own goals and mission, and that fact is evidenced by the college becoming one of the best in California and by its elevating numbers in terms of transfer data and enrollment. Thus, some goals should be explored for the college around the idea of contacting various websites that represent the college system to ensure that we are represented, and this may also serve to promote our college to high school students. For instance, Clovis Community College is not listed on *Niche*, which is a common college rating website that students use to research colleges. Another example is that Clovis Community College is not on the *US News* community college database let alone given a ranking. Reaching out to these companies to assure we become the target of their review system would better promote the college as we currently lack exposure to the very websites that students use to make decisions on where they will attend college. By incorporating our college into these databases and ranking systems we exponentially increase our exposure to potential students along with illustrating how we stack up against other colleges across not just the state, but the nation.

How does this service align with my personal goals?

I understand that leadership is ultimately a position that serves others. I also believe that each of us is at our best when we feel personally and connected to the work that we do. In this way, I have always been interested and motivated to pursue a leadership journey as I believe it can be a way to know myself better and the impact that I can have on others— a quality that I believe good leaders embody. By serving in a leadership position, I believe it creates a path for me to know myself better through serving others. I want to be successful in economics, but I understand that my personal development can and will play a key role in how good I can be in my profession. Furthermore, I understand that the goals and scope of work for the ASG is bigger than any individual. I understand that it will take our entire student government working to deliver the best results for the student body and the college. The pursuit of these leadership outcomes, and the achievement of these goals is something that I would find personally gratifying and the experience itself I would find enriching on a personal level.

How can you help foster change and achieve a more equitable campus?

I believe that perspective is the most important part of fostering change, especially in a campus environment. I think an important step to do in this process, would be to visit and ask for the perspective of the various clubs that strive to embody these various minority groups, such as the Black Student Union, Gay-Straight Alliance Club, Indian Student Association, Muslim Student Association, Catholic Student Association, and any others with a perspective to share.

Reaching out to these groups to compile suggestions or a list of problems/challenges, would enable the ASG to have a specific list of either actionable suggestions or a list of problems in which we can and would devote time to matching each problem on said list with an actionable solution that we would come up with. It is the very ideology of this process that I would bring to the ASG, of having direct communication with these various student groups so that we can pursue a better status quo for all students rather than miss any one group through a lack of perspective. In other words, getting these perspectives is vital to pursuing change and fulfilling our mission of representing the students' best interests. Through applying this approach to both pursuing change AND equity, we ensure that we bring all voices to the table. Once we have gained perspective on the matter, it is our duty and purpose as ASG members to pursue solutions and changes that will result in a more equitable campus and college environment for everyone.

Summary

Thank you for your time in reading and listening to what I had to say. I appreciate your time and attention as a reader and hopefully as someone who agrees with what I had to say. I run as President because I feel that I possess the ability to improve how the ASG fulfills its mission and because I feel like I can succeed in the role as President and bring change to the areas that need it. It has been and will continue to be my mission to represent the student body, and all I can ask for is the opportunity to do so. I hope that each person who reads this will cast their vote for me, yet even if you do not, thank you for your time and consideration.

SAMANTHA JIMENEZ:

Hello! My name is Samantha Jimenez. I graduated from Clovis East High School. I am currently a full-time student at Clovis Community. I hope to transfer to Fresno State or UCLA in order to pursue a degree in nursing in order to become a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist! When I am not in my books, I enjoy my time weight training. One of my personal records before lockdown happened was that I was able to squat about 200 lbs! When I have a chance to volunteer, I volunteer at Medical Ministries where I help provide underserved countries by providing them with needed medical supplies and equipment. Helping others in need has always been something I've loved doing. Also, I am a part of the Honors Program, Alpha Gamma Sigma, and Planeteers Club. I plan to continue being involved in extracurriculars in order to expand my influence in the near future.

Throughout my high school years, I held many student leadership roles, especially in Track and Field. I would always lead the team to strive their best whether it be to hit a personal record on a race to be an individual who would be there to listen to fellow athletes during their worst time. Another student leadership role I was heavily involved in was that I was an ICC president. As an ICC president, I was able to hear the concerns of various clubs and help them get more students involved such as creating an Instagram page and promoting active clubs.

I would want to be a member of the ASG Executive Board because I have experience of what it takes to take on a huge role. In the fall of 2020, I was the ICC president where I would hold meetings with other club members every other week. I know what it takes in order to run and create an effective meeting. Also, in the spring of 2021, I became the Vice President of

External Affairs where I was a delegate for the General Assembly and voted on the school's behalf. As VPEA, I was able to get experience about how resolutions worked and were passed. Plus, I love being involved in school! It makes me feel as if I am giving back to the school. Also, being in ASG Executive Board/President's Cabinet could truly help me in the future when it comes time to apply to college and also give me the experience I've always wanted taking a huge role as President.

My goal for the Associated Student Government is to listen to other students' concerns about what might be going on on campus. I want to give suggestions about things we could do as a club in order to make others on campus feel welcome although we might be online. Also, being able to handle talking about certain issues that might be controversial. Another goal for Clovis Community College is to bring more students together and become more involved. I want our college to be known to have volunteers at different facilities. I want it to feel as if we are at the actual four-year college experience although there are barriers. The goals I hope to fulfill in my desired position are to help maintain the status as an active club and even create fundraisers in order to give back to students at Clovis Community College. Also, with the help of the next Vice President and VPEA, I hope to implement ethnic studies within the educational system. I truly believe that having ethnic studies implemented at Clovis Community College is able to help our students in order to become more knowledgeable of various cultures. Also, it has been shown to help students be able to identify the similar social patterns and qualities that are found in various societies. This would truly help students especially in whatever workforce they decide to go into since we are constantly working with individuals of different races.

How I can help foster change on the campus is by promoting heavily, especially on various social media outlets, and getting the executive board members to create new relationships with students. In doing so, I feel that it would help foster change on the campus even if we are in an online setting. For instance, the ethnic study is a topic that I am very passionate about. Being able to help implement this would help students from various backgrounds feel welcomed. Also, I want to help push more students to get involved in our clubs on campus since college is stressful. It could help students have an outlet especially in the various online classes they might've been doing.

As the President, I hope I would help other student government members to work together in a collective manner in order to focus on the most important issues that are arising within that time and create a strong relationship with other members. The role of the president I truly believe that I will be able to dedicate an abundance of time in order to attend various meetings ranging from committee meetings to attending various senate meetings and raise my concerns that students have brought up throughout the year. I hope to heavily advocate for subjects that the ASG believes in to the best of my capabilities within each future meetings I have with the upper divisions and creating the most diverse yet, successful student government involvement within various aspects.

Candidates for Vice President:

ALAN MEYER:

Greetings fellow students. My name is Alan Meyer, I am a recent graduate from Clovis West, completing my first year at Clovis Community College and I am running to be your Vice President for the Associated Student Government at Clovis Community College.

But, first I'd like to introduce myself a little more. My major is economics and computer science and I have high hopes of transferring to UC Berkeley. I have various hobbies that range from playing chess to rock climbing (which is honestly what most people know me for). I enjoy meeting new people and trying new things. My philosophy in life is to do what makes you happy, to have fun, and to always be kind. Recently, I have been volunteering at the Poverello House and help foster the homeless. Finally, I enjoy learning new things such as coding.

In the past, I have held many student leadership roles. From elementary school to high school, I was the lead altar server at Saint Paul Catholic Newman Center. Additionally, I was a Confirmation Leader helping fellow high school students go through Confirmation school, assist with class, and be a student leader during the retreats at St. Anthony Retreat Center. I also was a Karate instructor at Fresno Kenpo Karate for five years. I taught hour-long classes to students of all ages and various belt levels 2 times a week. Finally, in my Junior year of high school, I created my own rock climbing club. I helped cultivate a group of people who were curious about rock climbing and taught them how to rock climb at MetalMark (local climbing gym). In addition, I helped create a high school league with the Fresno Unified School District in which high schools create their own rock climbing team and participate in friendly competitions at MetalMark.

Since I have joined Clovis Community College, I have partaken in the Leon S. Honors Program, Alpha Gamma Sigma Honors program, a senator in the Associated Student Government, and I am a student representative in the Guided Pathways Committee. As my time at Clovis Community continues, I'd like to become more deeply integrated within the college. As a Vice President of the Associated Student Government, I will proudly uphold my duties of assisting the President, attending external meetings with the school, and being a part of more committees.

For the future of ASG, I'd like to make the voices of the students as strong as possible and try to advocate for changes that we students would enjoy. Our ASG is running smoothly and as Vice President, I'd see what more can I do along with what else do we need to make our campus safer and more pleasurable.

For Clovis Community College, I am advocating for changes such as a peer mentorship program for those coming to CCC and would like a fellow student's help if there are any questions about the school or any other specific questions new students may have. Additionally, I

am advocating for ethnic studies courses and to have more transferable courses. Finally, I want to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity at Clovis Community College regardless of income, race, gender identity, or sexual orientation. With this, I have already partnered with my Guided Pathways Committee who is working on tackling issues of equity by providing resources and various pathways for student success.

With this petition, I plan on continuing to integrate myself even more within the college and doing what I can to be more involved with the campus. I have enjoyed my time at Clovis Community College and as your Vice President of the Associated Student Government, I will try to make your time at CCC more enjoyable by listening and advocating for changes that benefit the students.

YANETH PEREZ-RODRIGUEZ

My name is Yaneth Perez-Rodriguez. I am finishing up my second semester of college and will be a sophomore this upcoming fall. I am premed for biopsychology and hope to eventually become a clinical psychologist in the future. These past two semesters I served as the Activities Commissioner for the ASG. My duties as Activities Commissioner were slightly restricted due to students moving to online classes. However, I am proud that I got the chance to recently hold an online event for Women's History Month. Students and faculty joined together to read poetry and celebrate women. As a member of the ASG, I also served as the student representative to committees such as the Technology Committee and Environmental Health Committee, in which I was able to voice student concerns and opinions. Here at Community, I am also in the Honors Program, Alpha Gamma Sigma, and Active Minds Club. I plan to continue to be a part of the programs/clubs and hold leadership roles this upcoming fall semester.

In my first year with the ASG, I was able to see how the different leadership positions interact with one another and observe what their duties consist of. I would love to move on from being a member of the ASG's President Cabinet to being a member of the ASG's Executive Board because I want to be more involved in the shaping of student lives on campus and hold a stronger voice. The members of the ASG all come from different backgrounds and can speak for CCC's diverse student population. Along with other institutions, I think that the ASG could benefit from having more women in leadership positions, especially women of color. I have witnessed the great leadership roles of the last two female ASG Presidents and hope to continue this legacy as the next Vice President.

There are currently no ethnic studies options at Clovis Community. This past semester, another member of the ASG and I have joined together to change this. Past members of the ASG have tried voicing their concerns about this issue but were ignored. My goals for next year's ASG are to be heard and make progress with issues that the ASG has brought up in the past years. I want the ASG to be able to hold more power in student lives and be able to bring change to the campus. As the Vice President, I would be able to hold a stronger voice and bring ethnic studies to Clovis Community.

My goal for the college as a whole is to bring changes that students want to see. This campus in particular would greatly benefit from having ethnic studies as an option for students to take. Clovis Community falls behind in this category because the surrounding community colleges already offer this option to students. During these past years, the world has seen the realities and dangers of systemic racism. Racism begins with ignorance and unfortunately, most students will only get the chance to learn about other cultures at school. Going to college can be a culture shock for students who come from predominantly white institutions. This is why my goal for Clovis Community is to integrate ethnic studies into the curriculum so that students can learn about other cultures or even more about their own. And by doing so eradicate the

ignorance that creates racism and well as changing a part of academia that is influenced by systemic racism.

As the Vice President, I would be able to join with other members of the ASG to make this a reality. The role of the vice president is to host the ASG meetings and create the agenda. In this position, I would be able to bring the issue of the lack of ethnic studies to light and update the ASG every week on my progress. I would be able to share information with other members who could then share the ASG's concerns with their respective committees. Gathering support from the ASG as a whole will be greatly beneficial in our journey to bring ethnic studies onto our campus. And as the VP, I would also be able to gather support from faculty. With this strong and respected position, my voice would be taken more seriously and hopefully heard loud enough to bring about the desired change.

Candidates for Vice President of Finance:

DAVID HERNANDEZ

My name is David Levi Hernandez, I'm a graduate of the 2020 Class of Clovis East High School. My parents are civil-war refugees from a tiny Central American country called El Salvador. They left their friends, families, and homes behind in pursuit of a life with hope instead of a life of insecurity. My father is a janitor and my mother works with campus catering for the Clovis Unified School District. The foundations my parents built for me were more than solid, and they allowed for my academic success from grade school to my senior year in high school.

I graduated from Clovis East as the President of the Latino Club, the Treasurer of the Pre-Collegiate Club, and a member of the exclusive Diversity Council. Although my time as President of the Latino Club was cut short by the beginning of the pandemic, throughout the first semester the Latino Club revitalized its treasury balance through group-effort fundraising campaigns. Not only did we reset the balance of the club but we also renewed the club's outreach efforts by collaborating with the junior-high Latino club as well as sponsoring cultural Performances from different ethnic clubs during student lunches. As the first Salvadoran President of the club, I also pushed the club-advisor in favor of focusing on the entire Latino diaspora versus a concentrated focus on Mexican-American Latinos. As Treasurer for the Pre-Collegiate Club, I approved and maintained Club budgets for the ongoing year as well as prospecting potential incomes for the next year. Serving on the Diversity council is a favorite memory of mine from high school, as stated previously this council was (at the time) exclusive, and to be part of the council one must be invited. During my Junior Year, there was an incident between a teacher and a student, where the student claimed to have been told to "go back to (their) country" after refusing to stand for the national anthem, this led to a district investigation but it forced my school to confront the reality of racial friction in our school. The diversity council arose in face of similar controversies, but the messaging born from this council was, to me, insufficient. The council promoted racial diversity and it boasted of the beauty of a multi-racial school (the most multi-racial in Clovis). I requested a meeting with the principal, but was delegated to a campus-director. I explained to the director that the promotion of racial diversity could never substitute the lack of Anti-Racism. This was the first time I sought to change the world I was born into, and I'll never forget how nervous I was in that room trying to

find the words to what I wanted to say. The director invited me to join the council and soon after I argued for the first time in favor of Anti-Racist campaigning. Racial Justice is an ongoing struggle and systemic racism still poisons our country, I hope the perspective I bring to this student government can make Clovis Community College a more equitable place, not just for Latino community but for the AAPI community as well as the African-American and Indigenous community.

I'm petitioning for Vice President of Finance because it is the role I believe I would fit in most productively. In line with my previous experience representing a student body, I truly believe in the importance of these roles and the interaction between the Associated Student Government and the student population as a whole. My goal as Vice President of Finance is to serve the student population by alleviating economic stress. This is my most important objective because of the context our student population exists in, a deadly once-in-a-century pandemic. I want to prime our budget to assist students and further engage with them. I've been inspired by the staff of Clovis Community and their dedication to serving students, and this is a large part of why I'm petitioning to be part of this student government. I had trouble transitioning to online schooling, I'm one of a million, but the assistance of Clovis Community's counselors motivated me to try harder and seek help further. I believe that my story doesn't have to be uncommon, I believe that our school, guided by this student government, can inspire the student class to involve itself more within the student governing process. Increasing participation is one of my highest priorities, especially in my younger colleagues. Voter participation rates in the US are shamefully low, even lower for the younger-generations of our voters. In a time of infinite income inequality, an environment being burnt for profit, and a totally dysfunctional political landscape, a renewed spirit of civic participation could be the antithesis to all of these problems. Participation within the community will always be an overreaching goal of mine in serving the community, and though it is not my primary objective as Vice President of Finance, I hope I can bring new ideas to bring the student body and its representation closer together.

SHADEE HEMAIDAN

Hello, my name is Shadee Hemaïdan, and this next semester will be the start of my second year at Clovis Community College. I am a hardworking student who is currently a biomedical engineering major. I am interested in technology and science, and hope my passions and skills, whether interpersonal or career oriented, will have a meaningful impact in my field and is able to contribute to a more positive and innovative society. As far as leadership roles go, I am currently a Senator for CCC 's ASG during this past semester. I have been in the leadership program at my high school for all 4 years and believe I am able to fulfil my duties as an impactful member of ASG in the upcoming semesters.

I want to be a member of the ASG Executive Board because I feel that the ASG club is filled with members who are striving to make meaningful changes that will better the experiences of students throughout their duration attending CCC. I enjoy putting myself out there and have the confidence to speak my mind in order to make positive changes that will be in the interests of the majority rather than just a selective few. I am running for VP of finance because I think it is important to be part of a group willing to put in the necessary time and are dedicated enough

to observe what they believe is happening in the campus environment and relay that knowledge so we can pave the proper steps to create significant improvements for future students. I will continue to work on being a powerful voice for our community not only through my words, but by my actions as well.

One of my prominent goals for the ASG is to become a student of service while contributing to the purposeful discussions and decisions made in accordance with what is best for our college. Becoming a student of service means you must put others before yourself. Being self-conscious that as a leader, I am there to serve others not only benefits the ones I help, but it also makes me more aware of the impact I have at Clovis Community.

My main roles I wish to uphold at Clovis Community is to be the example, not the person who thinks he is above the rules. I believe this is important to be a great leader because a person who is someone to look up to is not the exception to the guidelines, they are the ones who set the tone for everyone to know the expectations. This is important because you need a certain work ethic to be able to benefit CCC and create a better environment for all the students in it. In an academic sense, I hope to maintain a 4.0 GPA while being as involved as possible in my community because I plan on transferring to a UC to achieve my degree.

As far as my personal goals for my desired position, VP of finance, I hope to carefully manage our funding and utilize our resources in an informed and efficient manner, making sure to reach out to different groups, being as secure with our spending as possible. I am interested in the stock market and as of now am investing in some companies, and I will be sure to take that same interest and care for our club's resources for any events and activities we come across or want to create ourselves. I have always had a strong suit in math (it being one of my favorite subjects) and have kept track of money as a cashier for my church's annual Greek Festival fundraiser if any of you are familiar with it. Overall, I will be sure to be responsible if elected the new VP of finance and will be eager to receive feedback on where we will all agree on distributing and concentrating our supplies to.

I wish to foster change on campus by continuously going above and beyond my expectations and duties and to try and set the standard for determination and perseverance. Through my actions academically and socially, I hope to spur a noticeable influence in the mindsets of students that will then strive for success believing that they are good enough to attain whatever they set their eyes on.

To actively help CCC become a more equitable campus, I will try and make our activities more inclusive not limiting to any particular person, club, or group. The campus environment should be a place of belonging, where students are unique in their own right, but still should share common ground that they are meant to be here and are accepted for who they are, regardless of what they believe or look like. Not everyone will have the same opinions and characteristics, but it is in our differences that we can truly appreciate diversity and having an open mind to cultures and traditions can only strengthen us as a collective student body on the Clovis Community campus.

So when it comes to voting for your next VP of finance, remember Shadee Hemaidan as the candidate you choose! I will work smart and crunch the necessary numbers to keep CCC on track and spend our money wisely. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to being your next VP of finance.

STEPHANIE BINGLEY

Hello everyone, I'm Stephanie!

I am a full-time student at Clovis College and majoring in Business Administration and Sociology which are both for transfer. I hope to transfer to a four-year university to study Business Admin. for my Bachelor's, and, in the future, I intend to earn my MBA with an emphasis on finance which is one of my great passions. In my spare time, I love learning about investing and cryptocurrency which are always buzzing topics.

Previously, I have been in student leadership roles in high school through the ASB, or Associated Student Body Government where I served as a representative and volunteer, having responsibilities that range from voting on important decisions on a campus-wide level to help with setting up student events like dances. My time in student government was very rewarding, and I believe that our organization made a significant difference on campus.

I want to serve as Vice President of Finance because I believe that I can bring my knowledge on finances and business to improve our school. I hope to learn more about student organizations and to get more actively involved. There is so much potential in the role, and I intend to fulfill that through my time here.

My goals for ASG are to dedicate my time and effort to improve the functionality of the organization so that we can achieve more impactful measures at a quicker, more effective pace. Essentially, I want to work towards creating an efficient, productive organization that translates to better outcomes on the campus-wide scale. All of our decisions and actions make a difference in the student body, so we must be mindful of our approach and values in these roles.

Through my work in ASG, I will help work towards improving our campus through assisting with the institution's finances and budgets. ASG is arguably one of the most impactful organizations on campus in its work towards affecting the experiences of students, especially helping new students successfully transition into the college lifestyle as well as supporting existing students by establishing a supportive, resourceful college environment. There is so much to improve and strengthen on our campus and the productivity of our organization reflects that success.

Personally, I intend to improve the organization by contributing to create an open-minded, reflective environment that takes into consideration of all values and opinions towards our campus and its success. I intend to be an advocate for unheard voices on campus and will

take into consideration of all opinions. My inbox will always be open to any students with insight and input towards how our organization can be improved.

To help foster change on campus, I will work towards creating an inclusive, optimistic environment. I hope to create an accepting campus that brings everyone together to unite in our journeys.

Becoming a more equitable campus starts with supporting under-represented Populations through service and dedicating programs towards their success. This is one of the core values of our college and I aim to uphold these values in my work as VP of Finance.

Thank you for your time to read this, and I hope that this resonates with you.

Candidate for Vice President of External Affairs:

SARA AMIN

Throughout this essay, I will be discussing a little about myself, and I will be talking about why I want to become the ASG Vice President of External Affairs. Also, I will bring up my goals for the Associated Student Government, in addition to my goals for Clovis Community College.

First, a little about me is that the fall semester of 2021 will be the start of my third year attending Clovis Community College. Throughout my two years at CCC, I have been a senator for 3 semesters and have enjoyed being a voice for our campus. I had previously been a student at Clovis North High School but then I had decided to graduate early with around 3 of my friends and we all decided to attend Clovis Community College together. At Clovis Community College I have found several great friends in addition to having helpful and understanding professors which allowed me to overall do succeed in my class. My major is in civil engineering but I'm still deciding on what career I want to peruse; I'm mainly looking at either a civil engineering job or to further my learning and do something in the medical field such as becoming an optometrist. My dream schools to attend after Clovis Community are either UCLA or UC Irvine. A fact about me is that I enjoy volunteering and helping others. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I haven't been able to go out and volunteer as often, but usually, I volunteer at Saint Agnes Medical Center around 2-3 times a month for around 3 hours. Also, I recently got elected as secretary for the volunteers which means that after the pandemic, I'll hopefully be spending more time volunteering. Additionally, I have recently been spending more time volunteering at the Central California Food Bank. I also enjoy being a part of clubs and organizations so at Clovis Community College I'm currently the president of AGS which stands for Alpha Gamma Sigma and is a national honors society, in addition to being part of MSA which stands for the Muslim Student Association. Another fact about me is that I enjoy being around my family and friends, and enjoy watching movies, and listening to music with them. Overall in this paragraph, I have discussed myself and some of the stuff that I do in my free time.

Second, I will be discussing the reasons why I want to be a member of the ASG Executive Board as the Vice President of External Affairs. There are many reasons why I want to be the ASG Vice President of External Affairs. First of all, I was a senator for three semesters, and I enjoyed

being a part of the Associated Student Government of CCC, but after going to the general assembly this semester, I realized that I want to be a bigger part of it. I really enjoyed the general assembly and Samantha's role in it, who is currently our Vice President of External Affairs. Additionally, I have heard many great things about the position of the Vice President of External Affairs from many ASG members and have decided to take on the challenge and run for it. Also, I am seeking new experiences from the position, which will allow me to be more knowledgeable on the student government. Throughout this paragraph, I had discussed why I want to become a member of the ASG Executive Board as the Vice President of External Affairs.

Third I will be discussing some of my goals for the Associated Student Government. My first goal is to further work on some of the projects that we as an ASG couldn't complete in the previous semester in addition to coming up with new ideas and projects that we can accomplish. Also, being a part of ASG I want to allow all the fellow club members to feel as if it's a place in which they can feel like themselves and know that I'm there if they ever need a friend to talk to. Overall, I feel like having a day in which the ASG can come together and hang out in which we play ice breaker games and get to know each other at the beginning of the semester is an amazing way in which we can all get to have a better bond for the rest of the semester and know each other better. Due to the pandemic, it is harder, but I still believe that doing something virtually is an amazing way to connect the ASG. Throughout this paragraph, I had discussed some of my goals for the ASG along with some goals that can help bring us as a club to become closer to knowing each other.

Lastly, I will be discussing some of my goals for Clovis Community College which for example are to help make it a space in which the students are able to feel it as a community in which its easier to make friends especially, for the new students, since I understand that in the beginning college can be intimidating especially if your friends aren't attending the same school. One of my main goals for CCC is to help make it a place in which everyone feels welcome and feels that there's an opportunity to make friends. Overall I want the students at CCC to feel that the ASG is still looking out for them in all our decisions and I wish that as a club, we're able to have our fellow classmates feel that they matter in all our decisions even when it comes to decisions on events. Overall throughout this paragraph, I had discussed some of my goals for Clovis Community College.

Overall throughout this essay, I have discussed a little myself, in addition, I also brought up why I wanted to become the ASG Vice President of External Affairs. Also, I included some of my goals for the Associated Student Government, in addition to some goals for Clovis Community College.

Candidate for Secretary

JACOB ESQUIVEL

Hello fellow Crush students! My name is Ricardo Jacob Esquivel. I am currently a Freshman and an upcoming sophomore at Clovis Community College. This is my third semester attending CCC and I plan to major in biology. My future plans consist of transferring to a four year university and pursuing medicine. In my freetime, I volunteer at the Central California Blood Center because I am overly passionate about helping people. My role in the program consists of staying in the canteen and providing proper care for donors. On campus, I am the

president of Active Minds which is an organization for Mental health awareness. Due to COVID-19, a decline in mental health is increasing every day for students. In Active Minds, it is a safe place where students can come to relax and talk about their emotions without feeling judged. As a student who struggles with anxiety, being part of Active Minds and finding ways to be involved helps ease my mind tremendously. I find there to be such a negative stigma around talking about how you really feel and I want to change that for the better. In Active Minds, we have activities, discussions and presentations on important topics regarding mental health. In my academics, I am part of the Leon S. Peters Honors program for Fall of 2021. The Honors program indoubtley will change me into a better student and help me become more studious within my academics. I often challenge myself with new opportunities, keeping me motivated and focused on my current goals.

The Associated Student Government seems like an extraordinary program for me to make a difference at CCC and develop new friendships with peers. The position I am running for is Secretary because I thoroughly enjoy organizing and keeping track of important documents. I believe I would be a great fit for this desired position and it will be an exceptional opportunity for me to let my voice be heard from my classmates and professors. To be part of the ASG Executive Board would be an honor and privilege for me because I can truly make an impact on student's lives. Since it would be my first year of joining, I want to keep track of the meetings and do all the other duties the Secretary is responsible for. My goals for the Associated Student Government is just to make changes that affect the students in a positive way. I really want to make a difference within the campus because I truly think an environment plays a big role in a better education. My own personal goals that I have for myself at CCC is that I want to succeed with my classes. I think the biggest factor for me to ensure success is to make mistakes so you can learn from them and I found it helps me stay resilient. I plan to apply to transfer to numerous 4 year universities with outstanding pre-med programs. I have been following my IGETC and major requirements to stay on track with my classes. My family and friends have been my biggest motivators and support system for me throughout my academic journey. Without them, I have no idea where I would be. My counselor has also been a huge ally to me with keeping me on track and creating SEP for me every semester.

Being part of ASG will allow me to bring different voices and ideas to the table. Throughout this confusing time it is important for ASG to keep our students focused and engaged on campus and off. We can do this by providing activities, workshops and meetings to bring awareness to mental health for college students. We have to provide a variety of opportunities to meet specific needs students may have. CCC has given me a new perspective on college and helped me grow as a person. I want to help students be more active and motivated during the unprecedented time. By accommodating different learning styles and providing students with equal resources we can make CCC a more equitable campus.

Candidates for Inter Club Council President

ANDREW ARBOLEDA

Hey everyone! I'd love to welcome existing and new (family) members of Clovis Community College. I am a pre-PA student working vigorously on and off campus for the overall benefit of our beloved community. One of the major reasons I'm running for ICC President of Associated Students CCC is because I truly believe in the power and influence of AS and would love to use my in-depth knowledge leading one of the biggest AGS chapters in California (referencing to Santa Monica College) as External VP assistant and VP to assist, most importantly, the members of our student body and the members of our community, locally and regionally. Moreover, continuing as ICC President and having had more experience running ICC meetings would allow me to remain surrounded around a decorated line of leaders in the progression towards excellence both on and off campus.

As a part of the recruitment committee in the ***UCLA Care Extender Internship Program***, I helped increase orientation turnout by 40% twice, from 535 attendees to 750 attendees, during both the 2017 Fall and 2017 Spring rotation by consistently speaking to 50 to 300 students in science classrooms interested in healthcare and how they can apply, get selected, and succeed in the largest medical internship UCLA has to offer, in addition to informing hundreds of UCLA students at the Enormous Activities Fair (EAF) on September 24th, 2017 about the short, intermediate, and long-term array of benefits acquired upon acceptance and completion of the program, which were the driving forces that led to a high volume of prospects and a decrease in acceptance rates to roughly 15%. Publicly spoke to and recruited over 1000 prospective UCLA

Care Extender interns at Santa Monica College and the University of California, Los Angeles as a part of the UCLA Care Extender Internship. Additionally, I was an integral component to the Venice Family Clinic's Volunteer Program in organizing and assisting with programs like Volgistics in integrating strategies in the pursuit of strengthening the overall effectiveness of volunteering for UCLA students, SMC students, LMU students, etc. President and Founder of Santa Monica College's Hopping 4 A Cure chapter that deliberately focused on raising over \$5,000 every semester and spreading awareness of multiple sclerosis in Los Angeles County. I was also President /Founder of Chess Club at Santa Monica College.

With a strong background in the health sciences, my exceptional ability to be empathetic would be my strongest leadership quality as it is pivotal in understanding the needs of the individual you are engaging with as well as essential in cooperatively developing a win-win situation for both parties. Moreover, my inquisitive nature in conjunction with my insatiable hunger to innovate will serve me well in the advancement of the AS, but more importantly, the contribution to the growing number of clubs on campus.

Some of my personal goals to help foster change on (and off) campus is to provide Clovis Community College students the opportunities to showcase their untapped leadership potential by supplying new service opportunities on and off campus to maximize leadership capacity within the student body. Additionally, a long-term project involving the implementation of a transcript notation not only here at Clovis Community College but potentially district wide is a project I am adamantly focusing on to realize as soon as possible for the benefit of student volunteers. It is imperative that not only we recognize scholastic achievement but also foster volunteerism for the benefit of our own community and the addition of a transcript notation, I believe, may do just that. On top of that, I would assist in the continual reevaluation of AS here at Clovis Community College to make sure we as a community of driven students are doing

everything we can to perform at the highest level for the community we serve. In conjunction with my personal goals to cultivate a more equitable environment for the students is by launching an unofficial Clovis Community College Facebook group that Amrita Dhami and I are volunteering our time as co-admins and co-mods to curate an environment where students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members can share resources. Our mission as admins and mods fall in conjunction with our mission voicing the collective interests of CCC students – and that is to facilitate internal and external communication within the study body; primarily, the highly valued students of CCC are those in which we are actively working day in and day out with to improve relationships interdependently among a vast array of ethnic diversity.

Candidate for Senator

BRADLEY KENNEDY

My name is Bradley Kennedy, I am a Freshman at Clovis Community College and I would be honored to serve as a Senator for the 2021-2022 school year! I am a former Clovis West Golden Eagle and am the oldest of two younger siblings in my family. In my spare time I enjoy being active with my friends, playing tennis, and doing art whenever I get the chance. During my high school years, I was very active in clubs and activities such as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Environmental club, Eagle's Perch club, marching band, volleyball and tennis. I had the privilege of serving four years as President of FCA, three years on the Environmental club's leadership team, and two years as President of the Eagle's Perch club.

After high school, I knew that I would want to get involved at Clovis Community College somehow. When I came across this opportunity, I knew immediately that this would be the best way for me to get back to serving my school and community. I am someone who enjoys collaborating and working with groups of people. I am extremely creative and enjoy using my talents to help contribute to any cause. Being someone who is always willing to compromise, I will use my good listening skills to help others reach a plausible solution while serving as a senator. I am someone that isn't afraid to face a good challenge, therefore realizing that with hard work and a good team behind me, nothing is impossible. I possess good communication skills, am extremely organized, value the importance of teamwork, and know how to effectively execute my goals. My hard work ethic, drive, and positive spirit are what keep me motivated to serve my school and community.

My goal for the Associated Student Government is to ensure that officials work to represent the university's student body and to further advance student's experiences at Clovis Community College. I believe it is the responsibility of the Associated Student Government to work in conjunction with the University to encourage legislation that will keep the student's best interests in mind. As a Senator, it will be my duty to represent the Clovis Community College student body to the very best of my ability and to vote on legislation that encourages student opportunity, well-being, and success. I seek to improve university-to-student communications, add additional, virtual activities and platforms for students to participate in, and would like to propose environmentally friendly campus initiatives. In addition, I also seek to establish connections with organizations in our city that would equalize opportunity and give students opportunities to share their voice, regardless of their background and religion. In order to make these changes happen, I feel that it is my and the Associated Student

Government's responsibility to be the ones to initiate. In my position, I can propose all the legislation I want, but without the support of the student government, nothing will get done. I hope to encourage these changes by starting a "student's first" campaign that seeks to promote legislation that builds opportunity, encourages fairness, and creates success for students. By doing these, my hope is that together, we can make Clovis Community College the best place for students to be successful in education and in life.

It would be an honor to be selected to serve as a Senator for the 2021-2022 school year. I realize that Clovis Community College is an extremely special place and if elected I will work to ensure that it continues to be a school that exemplifies opportunity, success, and helps students achieve their educational intentions. I know that with hard work, determination, and the support of the Associated Student Government, I can help take Clovis Community College to the next level. Thank you for your time, and the opportunity to potentially serve for this outstanding school.