

VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

A.S. ELECTIONS 2025

Vote for the Incoming **A.S. Board of Directors** 2025-2026! Term begins June 1, 2025.





Voting app will go live on **Thursday, April 17, 7:01 PM**

CAST YOUR VOTE: 04/17-23

VOTING BEGINS

04/17, Thursday, 7pm

VOTING ENDS

04/23, Wednesday, 11:59pm

HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE

Vote online using your SJSU ONE login credentials at sisu.edu/as/vote.

You will vote using the A.S. Elections Voting App.

VOTING BOOTHS

04/21-22, Monday-Tuesday

llam-3pm: 7th Street: in front of Student Wellness Center

11am-3pm: Housing Quad

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

 All matriculated SJSU students who have paid the most current association fees are eligible to vote in A.S. Elections.

• Continuing Education and Open University students are ineligible to vote.

AVAILABLE ON SJSU.EDU/AS/VOTE

03/26, Wednesday: Voter Information Guide (VIG)

04/22, Wednesday: all Candidate Endorsements available

QUESTIONS

Contact the Students' Election Commission (SEC) at: student-elections@sjsu.edu.

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS YOUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT!

Associated Students of San José State University has been a student owned and operated organization on campus since 1897.

We are committed to providing services and activities that enhance the opportunity to meet, recreate and maximize student life. Opportunities to get involved and obtain leadership skills are among our highest priorities.

The A.S. Board of Directors represents the student body and is made up of 13 members, including President, Vice President and Controller. They are the voice of SJSU students and advocate on their behalf on campus, statewide and national issues.

OUR MISSION

To support and represent the students of San José State University by continuing the organization's legacy of student advocacy and leadership;

To enhance SJSU students' education through high-quality programs and services; and,

To prepare students as they move towards a thoughtful and purposeful life after graduation.

A.S. DEPARTMENTS

Administration

César E. Chávez Community Action Center

Child Development Center

Events

General Services Center

Human Resources

Marketing

A.S. Print Shop

Student Government

Transportation Solutions

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2025 STUDENTS' ELECTION COMMISSION

Hello Spartans!

My name is Glerys Gonzalez, and I currently serve as the Chief Elections Officer in the Student Election Commission (SEC), overseeing the 2025 A.S. Elections.

For those who may not be familiar with the SEC, we are a committee within the A.S. Government Department, dedicated to ensuring a fair and impactful election for the upcoming A.S. Board of Directors (BOD). This year, I'm thrilled to be working alongside 6 incredible women leading the committee—each bringing their passion and dedication to making this election an engaging election season!

Many of you might recognize me from my involvement in various clubs such as: Association of Latino Professionals For America, Responsible Computing Club, Beta Alpha Psi, and more. As an out-of-state student, I have deeply involved myself in student activities and leadership positions to grow as a person, create community, and build skills for my future career. In these positions, I have realized that we as students can make a change on our campus.

Student government and the A.S. Board of Directors (BoD) is a space where students can advocate for the SJSU community. The BoD consists of students who have access to bring student perspectives to the University Administration and influence not only campus policies but also the student experience.

My goal is to inform students about these positions and about the A.S. Elections process. Through our vote, we as students get to decide who to elect as the BoD each year.

Your vote is your voice! Make sure to take the time this semester to vote and use your voice as an SJSU student! Stay informed this A.S. Election Season!

A.S. Students' Election Commission 2025

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A.S. ELECTIONS 2025 CALENDAR

CAMPAIGN PERIOD: March 18-April 23

VOTING PERIOD: April 17-23

Elections Kick-Off O3/18, Tuesday, 11am-1pm S.U. Meeting Room 4

Meet the Candidates 04/08, Tuesday, 1-3pm S.U. Meeting Room 4

Candidate Videos

Instagram @as_sjsu O4/10-11, Thursday-Friday

Candidate Debates

O4/17 Thursday, 5-7 S.U. Meeting Room 4 Voting begins at 7pm

ELECTIONS RESULTS REVEAL

O4/24, Thursday, 12-2pm S.U. Meeting Room 1

WIN PRIZES!

Winners will be chosen throughout voting period using a randomizer. Winners names will be announced daily via the A.S. Instagram @as_sjsu.

To read full contest mechanics, please visit sjsu.edu/as/vote.



Katelyn Gambarin
for A.S. President

Hello Spartans! My name is Katelyn Gambarin, and I am excited to announce that I am running to be your next A.S. President!

For the past three years, I have dedicated myself to serving students through A.S., first as a Student-at-Large in the Lobby Corps Committee, then as your Director of Internal Affairs, and currently as your Director of Legislative Affairs. These experiences have reaffirmed my commitment to representing student voices and pushing for meaningful change.

As A.S. President, my goals are clear: advocating for your needs, fostering community through engaging events and celebrations, and promoting transparency in how the A.S. operations support you. I am a firm believer that all students should have a supportive environment to thrive, and I am committed to ensuring that A.S. remains an advocate, for you and with you.

I would be honored to continue serving the campus community that has given so much to me, and working toward a better student experience for all. If elected, I will continue to elevate your voice, mobilize our community, and work to address your needs. I humbly ask for your support in this election—let's make a difference together.



Geoffrey Agustin

Hi Spartans! My name is Geoffrey Agustin, and I am honored to be running to be your next A.S. Vice President.

As your current Director of Communications, I have contributed significantly to the growth of the A.S. social media presence. I have worked diligently to update our communication channels to publicize the work that the Board of Directors does for the student body. With the help of our Marketing department, our main account hit 10,000 followers on Instagram last October!

I also serve as the Secretary for Pilipino Commencement (PilGrad), an active member of AkbayanSJSU, and the Vice President/Secretary-elect for Tau Beta Pi, the oldest engineering society in the United States. These roles have facilitated my connections with individuals from diverse backgrounds, from Pilipino individuals learning more about their culture to getting to know professionals within the engineering industry. Talking to people with diverse perspectives allows me to see the impact that my decisions as a student leader have on our community.

As Vice President, I want to focus on three things: advocacy for marginalized groups, expansion of opportunities for student involvement in A.S., and improvement in the efficiency of internal A.S. procedures. I seek to implement a mentorship program within A.S., allowing students to shadow Board members while developing their leadership skills. Most importantly, I will continue to listen to your student voices if elected to this role; I am here to represent all of you. Thank you for your support!



Rishika Joshi for A.S. Controller

Happy Spring Spartans!!

My name is Rishika Joshi and I am a third-year majoring in Chemical Engineering. I am excited to announce my candidacy for the AS Controller executive position.

This past year I have been serving as the Treasurer for 2 esteemed clubs on campus SMTA(Surface Mount Technology Association) and AICHE(American Institute of Chemical Engineers) and as someone running to be your next Controller, understanding the exact procedure that students/RSOs go through to obtain the AS funding process is very crucial to make important decisions and changes to the budget policies which would streamline and make obtaining AS Funding easier for everyone.

Adding to that I plan to continue my advocacy for the BayPass Continuation Program which I initiated as your current Director of Sustainability Affairs along with Transportation Solutions because its next step now requires discussions about its costs and the goal is to get BayPass initiated for every single SJSU Student making their transit/commute life easier with unlimited "free" rides on every operator that accepts Clipper Card (including but not limited to BART, Caltrain, AC Transit) in the Bay Area. The program initially was offered to only a quarter of SJSU Students who were randomly selected but I am committed to working with all the stakeholders to ensure that this initiative benefits ALL SJSU Student population.



Jayeesh Tarachandani

for A.S. Director of Business Affairs

As a student deeply invested in financial responsibility and student advocacy, I am running for the A.S. Board of Directors – Business Affairs to ensure that every dollar of student funds is spent wisely, transparently, and with maximum impact.

With experience as Vice Chair of Finance for the Student Union Board, I have worked to optimize budgeting, improve campus services, and ensure financial decisions prioritize student needs. Additionally, my background in engineering technology, business, and finance equips me to bring data-driven solutions to financial management within A.S. If elected, I will:

- Increase transparency in A.S. financial operations.
- Streamline budget processes to make funding more accessible to student organizations.
- Advocate for student-centered investments that enhance campus life.

My mission is to make sure A.S. funds are effectively utilized to benefit YOU—the students. Let's build a financially responsible, inclusive, and forward-thinking S|SU together!

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Meghna Paul for A.S. Director of Business Affairs

Hi, I'm Meghna Paul, and I'm excited to run for A.S. Director of Business Affairs! I'm a Management Information Systems major with a Legal Studies minor at San Jose State University, and I'm passionate about financial transparency, responsible budgeting, and making student government work for you. My goal is to make sure student funds are used wisely, resources are accessible, and financial decisions reflect the needs of our community.

My experience in finance, data analytics, and business operations has prepared me to take on this role. As a Data Analytics Intern at Plethy, I worked with financial data to improve decision-making and efficiency. As an Instructional Assistant at the Lucas College of Business, I helped students develop financial skills, strengthening my understanding of budgeting and problem-solving. I also led the Silicon Valley Innovation Challenge, managing event funding, logistics, and engagement. These experiences have given me the skills to manage budgets, make smart financial decisions, and advocate for students.

If elected, I will work to make financial processes more transparent, so every student understands where funds are going. I will push for more funding for student-led initiatives, career development, and campus resources, ensuring students get the support they need. I also want to make financial decisions more inclusive, so all voices are heard in the budgeting process

I believe that student government should be a platform for advocacy, opportunity, and meaningful change, ensuring that every student has the resources and support they need to succeed. Your vote is a step toward a more transparent, student-focused, and financially responsible SJSU. Together, we can make a lasting impact!



Sivagami Subramanyan for A.S. Director of Business Affairs

Hello, Spartans! My name is **Sivagami Subramanyan**, and I'm honored to be running for your next **Director of Business Affairs** to enhance financial transparency, improve campus resources, and advocate for student needs.

As an active member of the SJSU community who has been an **officer for seven student organizations** and a **Finance major**, I understand the challenges students face and the importance of responsible financial management. My past experience as **VP of Operations** for the Financial Management Association, **Chief Coordinator of Finance** for the Indian Student Organization, and **President** of the Spartan Real Estate Association has given me firsthand experience in overseeing budgets, organizing events, and collaborating with university departments. This background has prepared me to ensure your student fees are allocated effectively and transparently.

I hope to **enhance transparency** by making financial reports more accessible, s**upport student organizations** by streamlining funding processes and increasing financial resources, **improve campus resources** by addressing outdated facilities, and **amplify student voices** through regular forums and feedback sessions.

My promise to you is that I will always prioritize your voice in decision-making and work relentlessly to create a more efficient, accessible, and supportive campus environment for all students. I am committed to making a real difference at SJSU and supporting students of all backgrounds. Your concerns deserve action, and I am here to ensure they are heard and addressed. Let's build a stronger and more transparent SJSU together!



Abraham Lau for A.S. Director of Business Affairs

Hi there fellow Spartans, my name is Abe Lau, and I'm running to be your next A.S. Director of Business Affairs! As a first-year Business Administration Major here at San Jose State University, I have learned what it takes to be a Spartan! To date, my past leadership experience includes winning national Future Business Leaders of America competitions, competing for 4 years in High School Varsity Tennis while leading as a Team Captain, and serving as a Treasurer for the SJSU Club Tennis team. My goals are as follows: increase the efficiency of funds for student led-organizations, organize needed development to the budget with fellow student leaders, and be a strong voice for student's financial resources. All in all, I am excited to see you all at my campaign events and remember "Spartans On Top!"



Arhaam Atiq for A.S. Director of Business Affairs

Hey Spartans,

Hey! I'm Arhaam Atiq and I am here to elevate the student experience at SJSU, through the role of Director of Business Affairs. I am a sophomore with a strong track record of growing clubs and teams, as demonstrated by my experience as the vice president of my high school's commerce club. I bring a blend of business acumen, creative problem-solving, and a relentless passion for making our campus a place where every student thrives. As an international student, I understand the struggles of balancing ambition with opportunity. That's why I'm running for Director of Business Affairs: to make sure every student has the resources, support, and opportunities they need to succeed. My vision for SJSU is a more connected, inclusive, campus full of innovation and opportunities for all.

Thank You.



Isabella Rosal
for A.S. Director of Communications

As a dedicated leader in public relations, digital marketing, and advocacy, I am running for Director of Communications to strengthen student engagement and ensure clear, transparent communication between Associated Students and the SJSU community. With experience managing a 3.4k-following social media presence as the Communications Vice President of Alpha Xi Delta, I have led branding initiatives, developed strategic messaging, and enhanced student outreach. My work with the Dwight Bentel Hall Communications Agency has further equipped me with skills in grassroots marketing, audience engagement, and digital content strategy, allowing me to modernize AS's communication efforts.

Beyond my communications experience, I am passionate about women's rights and representation. As an intern with V-Day, a global women's rights organization, I worked to develop digital content and engagement strategies that amplified feminist advocacy. Representation matters, and I believe student government should reflect the voices and experiences of all students, including women and underrepresented communities.

If elected, I will expand AS's digital presence, create more engaging and accessible content, and ensure every student feels informed and represented. By leveraging my expertise in creative marketing, public relations, and community engagement, I will make it easier for students to connect with AS and have their voices heard.



Laura Charles

for A.S. Director of Internal Affairs

Hello Spartans!

My name is Laura Charles, and I am excited to be running to be your Director of Internal Affairs for the 2025-2026 school year! I am a First-Year Student studying Public Health with focus in Population Data Science, and my pronouns are She/Her/Hers. I'm passionate about making sure your voice is heard and that your needs are met.

As your Director of Internal Affairs, I'll be your advocate and connector – always listening, ready to help, and always working to make SJSU a place where everyone feels seen and supported.

Some ways I will make a difference:

- 1) Keep you informed: I'll make sure our Governing Documents are up to date and reflect what's best for YOU-the students. This includes keeping us aligned with your needs, pushing for a safer and more inclusive campus environment.
- 2) Elevate Student Voices: Open Communication is key to everything! I'll bridge the gap between students and administration, making sure that YOUR feedback or concerns aren't just heard, but that they get acted upon.
- 3) Engage & Empower: Not just hosting meetings, but also making them meaningful and enjoyable. From roundtable discussions to general body meetings, I'll make sure YOU have multiple ways to share your thoughts on matters you care about.

If you elect me, I will ensure every Spartan has a platform to make a valuable impact on our campus. Together, we can build a stronger and more connected community where we all thrive. Let's make it happen — I'm ready to be YOUR voice!



Teairra Brownfor A.S. Director of Student Resource Affairs

Hi Spartans! My name is Teairra Brown, and I am a sophomore double majoring in Public Relations and Radio-Television-Film. I serve as an Orientation Leader, Treasurer for the Black Honors Society, President of PRSSA, and previously held a position on the Board of Directors. I am excited to announce my candidacy for Director of Student Resource Affairs!

During my time at SJSU and within A.S., I have recognized a strong need for increased student engagement and greater accessibility to campus resources. Through my leadership roles, I've learned that meaningful change takes time, dedication, and collaboration. If elected, I will work to amplify student voices and ensure that campus resources are utilized to their fullest potential. One of my primary initiatives will be enhancing the Spartan Squad Ambassador Program to increase student involvement in athletics and school spirit. Additionally, I plan to organize listening groups and workshops with campus resources to provide students with valuable information while identifying areas for improvement in places like the Wellness Center. I also want to simplify event access by developing a centralized event calendar, making it easier for students to stay informed.

Above all, I am committed to fostering an inclusive, supportive campus environment where student concerns are heard and valued. I believe in strengthening the collaboration between students, faculty, and resource staff to enhance the overall experience for all Spartans. Let's work together to create a more engaged and empowered student body. Go Spartans!



Dhvani Sehgal for A.S. Director of Student Resource Affairs

Hi everyone! I'm *Dhvani Sehgal*, a sophomore majoring in Engineering Technology and a dedicated Orientation Leader. Through my leadership experience, I've had the privilege of connecting with students from all backgrounds, understanding their challenges, and helping them navigate campus life. Now, I'm ready to take that support to the next level as your *Director of Student Resource Affairs*.

My goal is simple: to make sure every student has the tools and support they need to succeed—academically, professionally, and personally. Here's how I plan to do it:

- 1. Make Resources Easy to Find and Use Many students don't know where to go for academic help, mental health support, or career guidance. I will push for clearer communication and better organization of campus resources so that every student knows what's available and how to access it.
- 2. *Improve Student Advocacy and Support* Your voice matters, and I'm here to make sure it's heard. I will listen to student concerns and work with administration to bring real changes that make life on campus smoother and more supportive.
- 3. *Enhance Campus Life and Engagement* Whether it's academic support, wellness services, or athletics, I want to help build a stronger, more connected student community where everyone feels included and empowered.

I'm here to be your advocate, your voice, and your bridge to the resources you deserve. Vote for me, and let's work together to create a campus where every student can thrive!

Esmeralda Ramirez

for A.S. Director of Student Resource Affairs



Seth Hellerfor A.S. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities

Aloha! My name is Seth Heller, your candidate for the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities. I was born and raised in Hawai'i and eventually found my way to San José, where I am pursuing a Biology major with a concentration in PreMed. Why am I running for this position? I am running for this position to advocate for YOUR rights; I aim to ensure your safety and amplify your voice as an individual. As a student, I want to feel safe on campus. Let's be real: why should we pay tuition to a university where we don't even feel secure? There was a recent incident where a peaceful protester was assaulted by a professor. If elected, I vow to ensure that incidents like this never happen again. You have my word. Moreover, I know what it feels like not to be heard on campus. There were times when I wanted to speak on an issue, but my voice was just not strong enough. Because of this, I will implement a stronger Student Spotlight Panel for those who are interested in being heard on campus and having a role in advocacy within the student body. In all, as your candidate for the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, not only will I devote my time to keeping this campus a safe place for all of us to study, I will create opportunities for you to have a stronger and more impactful voice. Let's get to work, Spartans!



Surleen Randhawa

for A.S. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities

I Surleen Randhawa, am excited to apply for the AS Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities position because of my deep passion for public health policy, student advocacy, and equitable access to resources. As a Public Health major with a Nutrition minor, I understand the crucial role that policies and administrative decisions play in student well-being, safety, and success.

As an international student and first-generation college student, I have firsthand experience navigating complex university policies, from Title IX protections to financial aid and student rights. I know how overwhelming these processes can be, especially for students from diverse backgrounds. This has driven me to advocate for transparency, accessibility, and stronger student support systems.

My leadership experience as President of Women's Wellness at SJSU, board member of PHSA (Public Health Student Association), and involvement in the Solidarity Network has strengthened my ability to advocate for students, organize impactful initiatives, and collaborate with university administration. These roles have allowed me to work closely with underrepresented communities, amplifying their voices and ensuring their concerns are addressed.

This role is an opportunity to **enhance policy awareness, improve accessibility to resources, and implement meaningful changes** that create a more informed and empowered campus community. I am committed to ensuring that every student at SJSU knows their rights, has access to necessary resources, and feels supported throughout their academic journey.



Shreyas Guntapalli

for A.S. Director of Student Rights and Responsibilites

Hello Spartans! My name is Shreyas Guntapalli, and I am very thrilled to be announcing my candidacy for the Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities position. Majoring in Public Health with a Population Data Science concentration at San Jose State University has not only provided me with a solid academic foundation but has also instilled in me the value of pursuing a career that involves helping others. With this background, I am very prepared to serve as a dedicated leader in enhancing the student experience and fostering a thriving campus community.

I have shown leadership skills by earning my Eagle Scout rank on March 14th, 2024, and earning this rank taught me the values of public service, honor, trust, and dignity. Additionally, before being awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, I led a service project that involved collecting pet supplies for therapy dogs and service dogs for the Las Positas College Veterans First Program in Livermore, California. Leading this project taught me the values of being a good leader and public service.

If I am elected, I will prioritize student welfare and campus safety. I will work tirelessly to improve the campus safety both on and off campus by collaborating with UPD and the Title IX Office.

I humbly ask for your support and trust in leading our student body towards a safer campus. Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to campaigning as your next Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Thank You, Shreyas Guntapalli



Kaili Mallari for A.S. Director of Sustainability Affairs

Hello, Spartans!

My name is Kaili Mallari. I'm a third-year Environmental Studies major, and I'm passionate about becoming your next Sustainability Affairs Director. As an ENVS major, I see the effort that SJSU has taken to become a more sustainable campus, such as incorporating single-waste stream bins and composting food waste from the Dining Commons. Although our school has made so much progress over the years, I believe that more can still be done.

I am committed to advocating for sustainable initiatives that address both immediate and long-term challenges on our campus. Some of my goals include:

- 1. Reviving the Clothes Closet Providing an affordable clothing resource for students, combating fast fashion and reducing textile waste
- **2. Expanding Single-Stream Waste to Dorms** Implement consistent waste and recycling practices across all campus housing
- **3. Increase Sustainability Education** Organize interactive workshops, guest speaker series, and engaging campaigns to empower students to adopt sustainable lifestyles

As your current Environmental Resource Center Director, I've successfully planned the Sustainability Fair last semester, which promoted sustainability initiatives and opened discussions about what our campus is doing to become a greener campus. This experience has not only deepened my understanding of SJSU's current sustainability efforts but has also given me a unique perspective on how we can continue advancing toward a more environmentally friendly campus.

With your support, I can bring these experiences to our campus to make a difference. Together, we can create a community that is not only thriving academically but also leading the way in sustainability.



Frigyes Erdosi Szucs for A.S. Director of Sustainability Affairs

Fellow Spartans!

My name is Frigyes "Frici" Erdosi Szucs, and I am honored to be your candidate for the Director of Sustainability Affairs position at SJSU. I'm a first-year undergraduate Materials Engineering student passionate about sustainability. I previously served as the VP of Sustainability at Santa Rosa Junior College, where I helped the college meet its sustainability goals by advocating for, implementing, and supporting sustainable programs and decision-making. This position provided me with valuable experience in navigating university bureaucracy to ensure programs and decisions were carried through to completion.

Similarly, I plan to promote sustainability here at SJSU. In collaboration with the university, we will develop and implement programs to reduce our environmental impact in all aspects of campus life, from governance through transportation to waste management. For example, I will do everything possible to reintroduce BayPass for everyone, allowing us to ride public transit without a fare in the entire Bay Area, making commutes more affordable and convenient for all.

I look forward to collaborating with students and departments to create a more sustainable SJSU. Let's make an impact together!

Looking forward to serving you, Frigyes Erdosi Szucs

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