

SGA Candidate Information:

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President and Vice President

Matthew von Nida and Cristina Vera

3 Initiatives:

Educational Affordability: Advance efforts to foster an environment of more affordable tuition and textbooks for students. Providing resources to students by increasing opportunities on the DePaul scholarship portal, expanding affordable textbook options, and continuing efforts to advocate for the Monetary Award Program (MAP) and other forms of financial aid.

Student Voice: Strengthen student representation within the University structure. Continue through various forms of communication most convenient for students including the use of social media. A focus should be put on providing students with outlets to have interactive conversations with SGA and DePaul University administration.

Blue Demon Affinity: Utilize space to cultivate DePaul pride in all facets of the University. Attention should be put on incorporating Blue Demon imagery throughout all of DePaul's campuses. Efforts should also be made to further connect DePaul pride between athletics, academic departments, and alumni relations.

*The rest of our initiatives can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/vonnidavera>

Biographies:

My name is **Matthew von Nida** and I am running for President of the DePaul University Student Government Association (SGA). Three years ago, I took a leap to leave St. Louis for DePaul University in the giant city of Chicago, knowing no one. I quickly fell in love with the city, the students, and the faculty teaching my classes. I got involved as soon as possible. I ran for SGA the first month of school and was fortunate to be elected the Senator for First Year Students. That year, I also became heavily involved with LGBTQA activism through my involvement with Act Out DePaul. I began doing service work with organizations throughout the

city and on campus. My sophomore year, I took the next step by running for Executive Vice President for Operations of SGA. My new leadership role was coupled with my joining of Alpha Phi Omega, a transformative co-ed service fraternity at DePaul. That year, I also became the Vice President of Act Out and led the organization to a Queer activism conference and through other events. Junior year, I continued my role as EVP for Operations in SGA, my brotherhood in APO, and I became the president of Act Out. Throughout the last three years, I have also been a regular DePaul student. I am double majoring in International Studies and Italian. I have also worked on campus for some time, and after, held internship positions at International TEFL Academy and Simmons Law Firm.

The experiences I have gained from holding these positions have been life changing. I have met hundreds of inspiring students, learned the ins and outs of the University structure, and learned a lot about my own leadership qualities too. The characteristics that stick out most about the people I meet and work with at this University all come back to the Vincentian mission. As a university community, we are driven to change the world for the better through serving marginalized and oppressed communities. I am running for president to continue my own personal devotion to the Vincentian mission by serving DePaul's widely diverse student body. I hope to continue working with students to make our University, our city, our world a better place.

My name is **Cristina Vera** and I am running for the Vice President position on the Student Government Association (SGA). Born and raised in Chicago and being a first generation latina college student, I came to DePaul to get the education that was not afforded to my family; to become an example for them and myself of what can be achieved. I fell in love with DePaul's Vincentian mission and values towards community service and civic duty, and this is what drew me to the largest Catholic University in the nation. Immediately, I felt the Blue Demon Pride; from basketball games to the events organized around campus, DePaul's influence and imprint is seen, felt, and heard all around campus. And from my time here at DePaul, I have learned this can all be summed up into one phrase, and that is: We.Are.DePaul.

During my three years here on campus, I have been a part of various organizations that have had a large impact on my life, but none more than the Student Government Association (SGA). Having previously served as the Senator for the College of Business, I have prior experience and will be well adept to continuing previous efforts and starting new ones in order to bring the Student Government Association to the students; to be inclusive and transparent to the student body. Please view our initiatives for this upcoming school year and we hope to receive your votes and support in Matthew von Nida and I's joint campaign as President and Vice President of SGA.

Treasurer

Sophia Lammers

3 Initiatives

Enhance relationship between the student body and the SAF-B: Continue to ensure that meaningful programs are brought to DePaul through the allocation of the Student Activity Fee

Advocate: Ensure that student concerns in regards to financial well being are heard, relayed to the administration, and dealt with in a timely manner

Affinity: Continue to support programming that instills school pride in both the Lincoln Park and Loop Campus for students living both on and off campus

Transparency: Strengthen the relationship between the student body and SGA; find new methods to ensure the student opinion is communicated to administration, with a particular focus on the Budget and Tuition Pricing

Process

Accessibility to education: Continue to seek and promote opportunities to students, in regards to financial aid and scholarship, for keeping education affordable.

Biography

I am currently a junior studying marketing. The last two years I have served on SGA Cabinet, previously as the Public Relations Chair and currently as the EVP for Academic Affairs. In my role as EVP for Academic Affairs I have worked closely with the advising office, implementing new advisory boards for students to serve on. I also chaired the Campus Connect Advisory Board on a monthly basis. In this capacity, the committee began reviewing changes being rolled out, and proposed changes that could further enhance Campus Connect. Also student concerns about DePaul's study abroad experiences were solicited, brought to the attention of the Study Abroad Office and are in the process of being addressed.

Sofia Fernandez

3 Initiatives:

I am running for Treasurer, I would like to have more transparency within SGA. I would like to have the students voice heard of how their money should be distributed. I would also like to have the budget for the quarters be available to students much easier and allow for them to bring back their opinions.

Biography:

I am an Economics with a double major in Communications. I am captain of the women's club ultimate frisbee. I am vice president of DePaul United Nations Association. I am Vice Chair of Young Americans For Freedom. I enjoy running and swimming and competing in triathlons.

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Khalil Pillai

3 Initiatives:

1. More effective use of campus connect to make class selection, class description, and registration an easier and more efficient process
2. Focus on solidifying Student Advisory Boards in each college to improve student awareness of degree requirements and advice on furthering the learning experience.
3. Engage more students on the Tenure process at DePaul to further enhance the teaching quality at the university.

Biography:

DePaul has offered me many opportunities to expand my knowledge. As the President for UNICEF-DePaul for 2 years I help build its initiatives and bring them to existence on campus. With the help of my e-board we successfully raised awareness and advocated for millions around the world. Part of the UNICEF Campus Initiative is to engage its respecting university. To that extent, UNICEF-DePaul helped engage over 270 people for 2 years in a row at our annual "For the Sake of Fashion Show". We have raised over \$2000 for UNICEF and have helped thousands of children around the world. Outside of DePaul I have committed to my

district and served as its legislative intern for 6 months. Furthermore, becoming a new found crossfitter I have established more discipline, strength, and determination that goes beyond physical fitness. These traits will no doubt support me in representing the student body's concerns and help in the execution of goals.

Kevin Brooks

3 Initiatives:

- Advocate on behalf of the student body for a locked in tuition rate, which in turn will help to alleviate some of the stress associated with paying for college. This will in turn allow students to focus more on academics.
- Increase transparency and accountability within SGA and the university at large.
- Work to create policies to decrease prices or slow the rate of increase in textbook prices. By doing this we can hopefully prevent students from having to make the hard choice to not purchase or rent the textbooks they need for their classes for financial reasons.

Biography:

Kevin Brooks is a junior Political Science major here at DePaul University. He grew up in Glen Carbon, Ill., in a family that taught him the importance of service. He is a transfer student to DePaul and serves on the Executive Board of DePaul Democrats as Membership Director. He was an intern for Gov. Quinn's 2010 Gubernatorial Campaign and volunteered for Robin Kelly for Congress in the 2013 special election. Kevin has also done work with the Clinton Global Initiative in 2012 and 2013. As a candidate for SGA, Kevin plans to use these experiences of putting ideas into action to bring positive and constructive change on behalf of the DePaul student community.

Executive Vice President for Operations

Jake Boria

3 Initiatives:

- 1) Continue to work with Chartwells to add more variety and healthier options. I also plan to work with them to create more options for vegetarians, vegans, and those with dietary restrictions, as well as expand the hours within the dining area.
- 2) Expanding hours of buildings for quiet places for students to study. Expanding the hours of buildings would be especially beneficial during midterms and finals so crowding at the library would not be an issue.
- 3) Continue to work with Mail Services to establish an email system to alert students when a package has arrived at the campus Mail Center.

Biography:

Hello my name is Jake Boria. If you were to ask anyone about me, they would say I am always looking to get involved to make a positive impact. My senior year of high school I was Vice President of my class, President of the Student Senate, as well as our school representative in School Board Meetings. When I came to DePaul I knew I wanted to get involved and SGA seemed like a perfect fit. After completing my first year as the First-Year Senator I have grown as a leader and learned a lot about DePaul. During my Freshman year I also joined Sigma Phi Epsilon and got a job through the Community Outreach Office. I also enjoy playing intramural

sports on campus and utilizing everything the city has to offer.

Pierre Anderson

3 Initiatives:

Sustainability: Recognizing and implementing multifaceted sustainable practices by reducing water, expanding water recycling and save energy through facility improvements. Ensure responsible and efficient allocation of the annual sustainable capital improvement fund.

Dining Services: Create greater access and appeal of dining services by providing food options that appeal to the broader community of DePaul. Increase healthy food options and reduce the amount of grease used in dining services. Reducing or eliminating the required meal plan for on-campus students.

Vinnie Van Operation: Expand the distance of the Vinnie Van during midterms and finals' week and extend the coverage to accommodate the greater student body.

Biography:

Junior Psychology/Hospitality Leadership Business
Chicago native

Started my involvement at DePaul my freshmen year as a Senator for Corcoran Hall on Residence Hall Council. Then moved on to serve as Director of Programming on Residence Hall Council. I'm currently serving as Third Year Senator on SGA and Senior Night Coordinator with the Psychology department. I volunteer once a week with St. Joseph Services in Humboldt/Wicker Park. I've work under operations since my freshmen year and still do through Housing Services.

Executive Vice President for Student Affairs

Vanessa Cadavillo

3 Initiatives:

There are more than three initiatives that I have for the position but if I had to summarize what I'd like to see happen they would be: transparency, involvement within DePaul and the community, and maintain the importance of identity and diversity within the institutions.

Transparency: I believe its important to have students present and active in decision processes within the university. Not only is it essential to disseminate information to the student body and DePaul community, but it is most important to have the student voice heard within the administration. I've seen the impact the student voice has made when present during a committee and I'd like to see that grow and essentially enhance the relationship between faculty, staff, and students.

Involvement within DePaul & the Community: In order to create a holistic experience at DePaul, there should be a school pride the exists on campus. Campus affinity can be improved by encouraging students to attend events held by various departments at our university. It goes beyond being an active member on campus and also includes community outreach. I'd like to seek opportunities to grow ties between DePaul students and volunteer opportunities outside the university to create an effective learning experience.

Identity & Diversity: It is important to keep in mind St. Vincent DePaul's mission and values into our everyday lives. Though it may not seem present everyday, the values are intentionally and seamlessly incorporated into our academics and involvement in student organizations. I think it is essential to remember these values when making decisions within the university to create an inclusive and diverse experience at DePaul.

Biography:

I am currently a sophomore at DePaul University and will be beginning my junior year in the fall. I hope to continue a third year on DePaul Student Government Association. I began as the senator for First Year Students and proceeded to be Senator for Second for Second Year Students. Outside of SGA, I've been an active member of Delta Gamma Fraternity and have held numerous leadership positions within my sorority. I've also participated in DemonTHON as a morale captain and Relay For Life. I was honored to have been awarded the Panhellenic University Involvement award last year at the Fraternity and Sorority Life spring awards. I am a frequent volunteer at Little Sister of the Poor where I spend time with nursing home residents. Lastly, I've signed up and participated as a volunteer for various marathon and runs to tend to the extraordinary people of Chicago. I've been very thankful for these experiences and look forward to continue serving DePaul and Chicago.

Nassir Faulkner

3 Initiatives:

The first initiative that I will work on is college affordability. I would like to continue the work to bring down the cost of textbooks, but I will also work to find other areas in which SGA can help in making college more affordable. Secondly, I would like to see more unity on campus through SGA run events. I would like to put on events, working with other student organizations so that SGA is able to reach out to the student body in advancing more student participation on campus. Lastly I would like to play a role in the dialogue this campus needs to have on sexual assault. I would like to see a review of the administrations policies on sexual assault, working along with student groups in order to make sure that policies are being followed on all levels.

Biography:

My name is Nassir Faulkner, I am a sophomore here at DePaul studying Political science. I was raised by a single parent mom in the state of New York. Here at DePaul I am the Vice President of the DePaul College Democrats as well as a member of Eco DePaul. I am politically active, interning with Congressman Mike Quigley from IL 5th District. I did some canvassing in Iowa for President Obama's reelection campaign and I am the Deputy Finance Director for the College Democrats of Illinois. My dream job in the future is getting elected Mayor of New York City.

Senator for the Driehaus College of Business (2)

No candidates applied for this position.

Senator for the College of Communication

No candidates applied for this position.

Senator for the College of Computing and Digital Media (2)

Jorge Dominguez

3 Initiatives:

As the Senator for the College of Computing and Digital Media I would continue to serve as an advocate and representative for CDM students by voicing their concerns and opinions to administration.

For my first objective I would support CDM student organizations by promoting collaboration between the organizations to make their presence more prominent not only in CDM but at the university as a whole.

Secondly, I would form a committee composed of CDM students to analyze and figure out ways of improving current CDM technologies.

Thirdly, I would support collaboration with external companies interested in facilitating programs or workshops to expose students to the most up to date technologies being used with today's corporations.

Biography:

Hi, my name is Jorge Dominguez and I am currently majoring in Information Technology. I am the oldest of seven children and the first in my family to attend college. I was born in Austin, Texas and later moved to Rockford, Illinois at the age of seven. At the age of ten my family decided to move to the northwest suburbs of Illinois and pretty much lived there until I started attending college here in Chicago. At DePaul I am currently involved in extra-curricular activities with Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. and the DePaul Mobile Application Team. Aside from being a full-time DePaul student and a member of two organizations, I also currently hold two on-campus jobs. I am a Facilities Assistant for Housing Services and the Tech/Web Developer for the Office of Student Involvement. As a developing professional, I have developed personal values and goals that I've learned to align with DePaul University as a student and employee of the university.

My passion in Information Technology not only shows because I'm majoring in it but also with the work I've done as an intern at Addus HomeCare and other leadership positions I've held on campus. One of my main goals is to pursue a career in IT project management. As a Senator for CDM I will continue to carry out and follow both DePaul's and CDM's mission by encouraging personal growth and community responsibility. In past experiences when working in IT, I am sometimes given the opportunity to provide feedback on current technologies or processes. Particularly, when interning at Addus HomeCare, Inc. I was given the opportunity to give feedback on the company's website, which eventually lead to a complete re-design of it. Also when working as the Tech/Web Developer for the Office of Student Involvement I've helped student organizations create and develop a website to be used as a successful marketing tool. As a Senator of CDM I will continue to execute the implementation and development of new projects and events/programs to help benefit the CDM student body and DePaul community as a whole.

Sana Fatima

3 Initiatives:

- 1) Focus on engaging CDM students with a wider range of technological companies.
- 2) Quicker response to maintenance failures in CDM labs to improve efficiency and project completion.
- 3) Help promote CDM student organizations to CDM and non-CDM students.

Biography:

As a junior DePaul has allowed me to grow, learn, and expand my horizons in academics and in student organizations. As one of the founders of HerCDM and the President, I wanted to focus on providing young women in the CDM school the opportunity to not only network with each other, but bring them together for a common goal. By establishing an organization to help facilitate growth for women, we have made it our priority to empower them and give them the opportunity to succeed in the technology industry. Outside of school my web development and technical design skills are put the to test at the Center for Intellectual Property and Information Technology at the DePaul Law School. Working to empower women in the technology industry is a passion of mine. That same passion will benefit when representing all the concerns of CDM students and ensuring they are heard.

Patrick Meehan

3 Initiatives:

I want to develop a better digital means for students and teachers to connect with each other through a system that could consolidate Campus Connect, D2L, and OrgSync. This system would foster a better sense of collaboration, instill the idea of "flipped learning", as well as provide students a better means to access course materials, school events, and organizations in a system designed for the modern age that is built for mobile platforms and up.

Biography:

My name is Patrick Meehan, and I am a senior majoring in Interactive and Social media as well as Human-Computer Interaction for my combined masters degree. I have a strong background in design and skills in development, as well as creating systems that are built for the user in mind.

Senator for the College of Education

Nicole Been

3 Initiatives:

If elected I want to unite the DePaul student body so that we can have more respect for ALL ideas and opinions, I also want to give a voice to organizations who feel that they many not be fully represented on campus, finally I want create more events and opportunities for students in the College of Education to get to know each other and network.

Biography:

I am a freshman minoring in Secondary Education- Social Studies and minoring in Political Science. At DePaul I am involved in College Republicans, Young Ameicans for Freedom, Chi Omega Sorority, and I am the Founder/President of a new organization on campus called Turning Point USA. Outside of DePaul, I am working on the Bruce Rauner Campaign for Governor. I also am an ambassador/intern with the national chapter of Turning Point USA. Finally I help as a youth coordinator for my church.

Senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences (2)

Luke Kula

3 Initiatives:

I am seeking to be the SGA Senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science.

As a candidate for SGA, more than anything what I want to do is bring increased legitimacy, transparency, and responsiveness to Student Government. I not only think but I know that it's time for an SGA at DePaul that will represent the student body, allow them an outlet for their opinions and fight for their interests.

I want to advocate for student opinions and ensure that students have a fair, unbiased outlet as to express their sentiments, both good and bad about the University and more specifically their concerns about College of LAS. I feel that a very open dialogue with students will help find recurring problems in the college and lead to ways to solve them.

I want to help ensure that SGA does what it can to tackle the vital topic of sexual assault on campus. I believe it's an issue that I feel must be addressed by the next SGA.

I want to ensure that links between the College of LAS and the greater world are maintained and expanded. I want to do what I can to expand internships and opportunities for professional networking with LAS related career paths.

Additionally I want to increase the level of activism on campus and help provide more paths for students to get involved in advocacy work and causes that are pertinent to their particular interests.

Biography:

I grew up in Des Plaines Illinois, a classic American middle class Chicago suburb of 50,000 people. We had rich, we had poor, we had working class, and my high school, Maine West had students from all walks of life. I grew up in a diverse, multicultural setting, one very similar to that of the student body of DePaul.

Since coming to DePaul I have been very active both on and off campus. I joined Model UN, as well as formed and became President of DePaul Congressional Debate. Outside of DePaul I have channeled my passions of helping people and helping to correct problems in our society into non-profit work, and I currently work with Ed Choice Youth, a Chicago based organization advocating to advance true reforms to the Illinois education system. Additionally outside of DePaul I work as an intern and policy advocate for the Mayor of Des Plaines.

Jacqueline Martinez

3 Initiatives:

If elected to serve as a liaison in-between students and DePaul student government affairs alike, I hope to accomplish the three pillars of Action, Transparency and Advancement for students of all walks of life, all of which are pivotal in fostering DePaul University's distinctive identity.

Action: Measured by student's capacity to voice their opinion, As College Senator, I believe in strengthening student representation and inclusiveness within Student Government Affairs. Developing action surrounding and most importantly, voiced by the diverse populace of students at DePaul University is of my utmost concern.

Transparency: Working in collaboration with the University, As College Senator, I believe transparency in accordance to University Budget processes, Leadership transitions, and any sort of Project Initiation should be visible and voiced to students through various social media outlets.

Advancement: Upholding the DePaul Vincentian Identity, As College Senator, I believe in developing distinctive, engaging social and professional opportunities for students through academic and professional initiatives. From developing Job Recruitment Fairs, Networking Nights, to serving communities in need, I strongly believe that one of DePaul University's many assets is it's surrounding neighborhood: so why not go out and play with all that is to offer in our own backyard.

Biography:

As a current Sophomore at DePaul University enrolled as a Double Major in Economics and Public Policy, Jacqueline Martinez serves as a visionary thinker, continual learner, and impassioned civic conscious leader. With an interest in pursuing studies in Access to Higher Education and Equity, Jacqueline fulfills her academic interests both in and outside of the classroom at DePaul University through volunteerism, leadership and Internship experience. Whether she is teaching young Chicago Public School students financial literacy as the Junior Achievement DePaul Chapter President, Interning at the Chicago Council Research Think Thank downtown, or Doing Good with her Delta Gamma Sorority Sisters, Jacqueline's strong belief in learning from others continually demonstrates her innate passion in Vincentian values, and her interest for choosing to attend DePaul University. As she likes to mention, "The city of Chicago is our backyard, so why not go out and play with all it has to offer."

Senator for the College of Science and Health (2)

Sarah Scheinman

3 Initiatives:

In this role I hope to work towards three primary goals. The first would be to provide students with more opportunities to get involved with research, both at DePaul and at partnering institutions such as Rush and Rosalind Franklin. I would also like to try and create science oriented study abroad programs reserved chiefly for CSH students. Finally, I would like to establish a mentoring program, similar to SI but a bit more personalized, so that upperclassmen could work with transfer students and freshmen to help them integrate more smoothly into the rigorous academic climate of CSH.

Biography:

Sarah Scheinman is a third year psychology major concentrating in cognitive neuroscience and minoring in biology. She is extremely involved both on and off campus volunteering for Tutoring Chicago and Peer Health Exchange, working in two research labs (one at DePaul and one at Northwestern), and serving as Vice President of Students Supporting Israel at DePaul. She hopes to enter medical school upon graduation and is particularly interested in addressing health disparities in underrepresented and underserved populations.

Fiddia Zahra

3 Initiatives:

1) Provide the Health and Science student with tutoring aid in all health science subjects. This includes, but is not limited to, the core sciences of Biology Chemistry and Physics

- 2) Help bring a sense of DePaul community to the students in the Health and Sciences college.
- 3) Also aid with progressing and enhancing the greater DePaul community by bringing all of the concerns of my fellow students to light.

Biography:

I am currently a sophomore at DePaul. As a freshman I was involved in the Pakistani Student Association, I was also an active member in the South Asian Student Association. Currently I work at Entertainment Cruises, and I am also an active member in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars chapter at DePaul. I am also the chair of the recruitment committee in an up and coming fraternity, which goes by the name Phi Sigma Pi.

Lara Hilapad

3 Initiatives:

One of the major components that I will accomplish as part of my candidacy to increase the student voice by connecting students with the resources that are available for them. My plan of action is to conduct a department wide survey where students can voice their opinions on the courses they have taken. I am interested in what students would like to implement within the Science and Health Department that will improve their academic, intellectual, and research aspirations. I will be consistently meeting with College of Health and Student Association (CHSA), the advisors, and deans of the College of Science and Health in order to bridge the gap between students and their faculty.

Through this position I would like to increase the visibility of internships and health-care centric volunteer opportunities for students. I will be using social media platforms to create the visibility of internship opportunities, job openings, and a peer advising calendar. I will expand the amount of followers through Tumblr, Twitter, and Facebook. My goal is to create a unified virtual space for current and prospective students to have information and resources available to them. With that said, I would also like to establish a Health Science newsletter that will be published quarterly and distributed to Health and Science students via hard copy and available online.

As part of DePaul University's and Student Government Association (SGA) efforts for civic engagement, I would like to expand this by establishing relations with greater Chicago Land hospitals and planning a quarterly philanthropic service day at health-care centers for the Science and Health Students.

Biography:

My name is Lara Hilapad and I am running for the Science and Health Senator of the DePaul University Student Government Association (SGA). I was born in the Philippines and raised in Oak Park, Illinois being a first generation Asian American student. I came to DePaul because I am passionate about DePaul's mission, the variety of classes, and the dedicated faculty. I am involved with various student organizations on campus that pertain to my passions and interests of social activism and building Blue Demon pride. I am involved with the Office of Multicultural Student Success as an office assistant. I enjoy being a part of an office that serves first generation students of color. I expand these efforts by engaging in diverse communities such as the LGBTQ population as an event coordinator for Spectrum DePaul in August of 2013. I gained a leadership position through Alpha Phi Omega, which is a national community service fraternity. I serve as the co-Vice president of Service where I coordinate volunteer opportunities for our over 100 members. My involvement in building community at DePaul is through my position as the Vice President of Membership for the Future Alumni Association which serves to build DePaul affinity and develop students into future alumni leaders. I also have the pleasure of being a Facilities Assistant for the Housing Department for the upcoming 2014 school year.

Jaclyn Shea

3 Initiatives:

Career Development Opportunities: Enhance and centralize online career and academic advising resources so every student has internship, service, and job opportunities that meet the unique science and health needs. Interdisciplinary career opportunities will give students an upper hand in the ever-changing field.

Sexual Assault Prevention: Students should never felt unsafe on their campus. I will work with the university administration to update policies so every student can have a safe space. Furthermore, collaboration with departments, such as Health Promotion and Wellness, will ensure awareness and education about sexual violence and sexual health.

Global Health: To build upon the 2018 mission for DePaul to leverage the global diversity of Chicago, the College of Science and Health should increase its focus on global health to meet the needs of a quickly growing field that enables students to fulfill the Vincentian mission by serving populations across the world within health. Academic, social and career global health programs will maintain DePaul's role as innovative within the health sciences.

Biography:

Jaclyn is a junior majoring in Health Science with a concentration in Public Health and a Community Service minor. Jaclyn is a Community Service Scholar and has completed over 700 hours of service while at DePaul. She coordinates Peer Health Exchange at DePaul, a part national nonprofit that trains college volunteers to teach comprehensive health workshops to 9th graders. PHE at DePaul has over 60 volunteers and educates close to 5,000 teens annually. Jaclyn has diversified the volunteer base and implemented culture and privilege trainings so the program can better meet the needs of students. She is a research assistant to Dr. Bruce focusing on health disparities in the lgbtq community including HIV/AIDs, homelessness, and substance use. Jaclyn is also a Resident's Advisor in Sanctuary Hall and has enjoyed the relationships she's developed with residents. Jaclyn is starting a student organization that focuses on global health with the aim of providing a space for interdisciplinary dialogue, career development, and service opportunities. Her work with students and within the health field has solidified Jaclyn's passion for the College of Science and Health.

Senator for the College of Law

No candidates applied for this position.

Senator for the School for New Learning

No candidates applied for this position.

Senator for the School of Music

Benjamin Karon

3 Initiatives:

Within the school of music there is a clear disconnect between the different genres of musicians. Currently, I am involved in both classical chamber and large ensembles, and jazz chamber and large ensembles. I hope to use my diverse background to encourage the students of the school of music to branch out, and be more supportive of their peers. Attendance at many of the less known ensembles is clearly lower than the performers would like. As senator, I would work to advertise performances to both the school of music students, and students outside of the school. Along with helping build the audience base, I would work to improve the school of music "Jam Pantry" into an area where students could purchase hot beverages and food with their meal plans.

Biography

I am currently a freshman intending to major in Performing Arts Management within the school of music. I am involved in the Wind Symphony, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Workshop, and several Jazz Combos. Outside of ensembles, I have done marketing work for Ensemble 20+. Outside of DePaul I have interned with Kenall Manufacturing and worked as the Assistant Band Director at Barrington High School. Please consider me for your next Senator of the School of Music!

Charles Jacobs:

3 Initiatives:

I am running for the senator position to represent The School of Music. The DePaul Wind Symphony recently performed at Morrill Elementary School in Englewood where students do not have the opportunity to experience music like other students throughout Chicago. I would like to provide more experiences like this one to many other students throughout Chicago who do not have the chance to experience music like us at DePaul. With a similar upcoming event, organized by Brandon Allen, I believe it is important to continue pursuing these opportunities throughout the future.

In order to make these experiences as effective and enjoyable as possible for the younger students, The School of Music needs to have a stronger community within itself. This can be attained by organizing trips to music-related and non-music-related events throughout the city. School of Music students would have opportunities to connect with their peers outside of the classroom which would make an experience like the one at Morrill Elementary more enjoyable for elementary students. Taking all School of Music students into consideration, a wide range of outings could be planned; from The CSO at Orchestra Hall to a local band playing at Metro, countless options await throughout the city.

Lastly, it would be my pleasure to assist and reinforce the goals of The DePaul Music Students' Association in any way possible while communicating their goals to the DePaul Student Government Association.

Biography:

While at DePaul University, I am very focused on music. Since music can be such a competitive field to pursue, all of my energy is usually going into something music related.

Outside of DePaul, I have had countless performance opportunities. One instance was an informal recital where my high school flute ensemble played at a homeless shelter during the holidays. It was great to experience a performance where the audience was truly livened by the Holiday Music.

In the near future, I will be playing music at Lurie Children's Hospital alongside other DePaul musicians. I am excited to maintain a positive relationship with communities like the Lurie Children's Hospital so that we can keep the momentum of community outreach moving. I have also been fortunate enough to perform at the National Flute Association Convention and the Illinois Music Educators Association Conference. I am always grateful for performance opportunities, and when the performance is appreciated and meaningful to the audience, it is even more meaningful to me as a musician.

Senator for The Theatre School

No candidates applied for this position.

Senator for Second Year Students

Gini Yost

3 Initiatives:

I am running for second year senator. As a member of SGA I wish to bring more of a connection between the athletic center and the student body, which would build more school spirit. I would like to help bring more interactive activities to our campus to encourage more of a community feel for those who live on and near campus. Another objective for me is promoting and carrying on the vision and mission of our school. Enhancing the connection between the student body and the Vincentian mission is really important and I believe there are fun ways SGA can do this.

Biography:

I am currently a Freshmen at DePaul on the women's soccer team. In the past I have always been involved in multiple things, because I believe that having a balance is really important. I participated in the SLI winter leadership conference and look to further my involvement in organizations outside of athletics, which is why I am running for SGA. Outside of school I volunteer at the Little Sister's of the Poor nursing home and I am a social media coordinator and staff member for an organization in Nebraska, Launch Leadership. Launch promotes and teaches leadership development through one-day and summer workshops for middle and high school students.

Natalie Cushman

3 Initiatives:

It is in this role that I hope to accomplish the following three goals: publicize and foster student involvement especially as it pertains to second year students (this initiative is intended to increase student retention, campus affinity, and community), contribute to efforts of increased civic engagement for SGA in local, state, and federal government, and lastly, to promote sustainability initiatives in the student center (reduce the usage of disposable products) and to raise awareness about environmental justice.

Biography:

I am a First Year student in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences with a major in Public Policy Studies and an Urban Studies concentration. I have served as a senator for Residence Hall Council over this past year at DePaul for Corcoran Hall. Within this organization, I have been responsible for collaborating with a hall senate team to design, propose, organize, and execute alternative programming for the on-campus residents of my hall. Furthermore, this position granted me the opportunity to serve in the student organization's general senate, which included duties such as attending weekly meetings, approving and voting on program proposals, and contributing to all-campus resident events sponsored by RHC. Ultimately, this organization provided me a footing on campus as a first-year student and introduced me to the inner-workings of DePaul's student organizations and allowed me to experience leadership and student-representation in the context of a university setting.

Also, I was recently hired as an intern for an Illinois House State Representative in the 39th District. This opportunity has allowed me to get involved in government on the state level and to observe and assist in governmental functions, while I continue to develop and strengthen clerical, communication, leadership, and programming skills. Although this opportunity is relatively new, it is extremely applicable experience to both my field of study, and my pursuit of candidacy for DePaul's Student Government Association. In high school, I was heavily involved in the Associated Student Body organization on which I served two executive roles in addition to general member: Executive Commissioner of Student Affairs (2011-2012), and Executive President (2012-2013). While this experience is in my past, it introduced me to the realm of student representation and student government in addition to campaigning and office holding.

Lastly, I am a member of PED DePaul (Pangea Educational Development Club), through which I tutor through RefugeeOne. My involvement in this club has increased my familiarity of student organizations at DePaul while affording me the opportunity to engage in socially responsible, service-based leadership. My participation in PED DePaul has contributed to my experiential understanding of DePaul's service values (Urban, Catholic, and Vincentian), and to the implementation of socially responsible leadership.

Dina Osama-Abdalla

3 Initiatives:

I believe that I am a good candidate for this position because I understand the obstacles that second year students face when looking for internships due to the fact that I started my internship search early on. I plan on implementing a plan for second year students to utilize the career center and the DePaul ASK mentors program, which sets current students up with alumni that work in fields that those students are interested in. I plan on running on a platform of diversity and inclusion on campus.

As an Arab Muslim woman I want to work with minority and cultural clubs on campus to combat micro aggressions. I have professional relationships with the Black Student Union, Arab Culture Club, UMMA, African Student Association and Middle East Politics Association. I want to work on allocating more funding towards religious, cultural and minority groups and clubs on campus.

I want to also start working on an initiative that would make it mandatory for all academic advisors to reach out to their students in their second year at least once a year to discuss their academic careers and plans.

Biography:

EDUCATION: DePaul University, Chicago, IL Bachelor in International Studies, June 2017

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE :Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR Chicago), Chicago, IL Intern, May

2013 to July 2013 • Translate for Staff Attorney Rabya Khan on Arabic to English documents on clients from Syria who were trying to obtain permanent asylum in the United States • Assisting in Due launched a ‘Syrian Asylum Project’ to handle cases of Syrian refugees • Translated for Staff Attorney Rabya Khan’s clients on individual cases for citizenship and green card status United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Cairo, Egypt Assistant, June 2012 to August 2012 • Assisted Palestinians who had come to Egypt from the Gaza Strip for medical treatment by offering moral support, answering concerns and questions and advising Palestinians on asylum applications to Egypt • I worked extensively with several UNHCR employees as an oral translator, translating from Arabic to English

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: DePaul University’s Model United Nations, Member: Participated in the annual session of the Chicago Model United Nations Conference Amnesty International – DePaul Chapter, Member Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), Member

AWARDS: Muslim Interscholastic Tournament (MIST): 2nd Place in Debate (2011-2012) Muslim Interscholastic Tournament (MIST): 3rd Place Delegate Overall (2011-2012) Muslim Interscholastic Tournament (MIST): 1st Place in Debate (2012-2013)

SKILLS: Languages: Fluent in the Modern Standard Arabic Language Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Tumblr, and LinkedIn Technical: Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Adobe Photoshop HTML (basic) Transferable: Excellent researcher and public speaker Motivated self-starter who accepts new challenges and adapts to diverse and changing environments

Senator for Third Year Students

No candidates applied for this position.

Senator for Fourth and Fifth Year Students

No candidates applied for this position.

Senator for Graduate Students

David Sanchez

3 Initiatives:

Campus Affinity- Instill a greater sense of school pride throughout the student body, by means of promoting community, student involvement, and Blue Demon pride. Help bring interesting and known public to speakers to Depaul. I want to bring new student pride orientation. I would also like to encourage graduate program outings to help promote visibility around Chicago.

Civic Engagement - I have an extensive background working with public officials. We must advocate and lobby with municipal, state, and federal governments and organizations in order to solidify DePaul University as Chicago’s anchor institution and advance student interests within the public agenda.

Identity and Diversity- Maintain DePaul University’s distinctive Catholic, Vincentian, and urban identity and continue to foster a diverse, inclusive, and just campus climate. Help promote the diverse student body at Depaul University.

Biography:

David Sanchez is a first year graduate student pursuing a Masters of Public Administration. David is Administrative Intern with Chicago's 2nd ward Alderman Robert Fioretti. Before moving to Chicago in the Fall of 2013 to attend DePaul University, David was a community organizer in Texas. In 2012, David was the Democratic candidate for the Texas 26th Congressional District. David has a passion for public service and would love to be your Senator for Graduate Students.

Senator for Community and Government Relations

Eric Skawski

3 Initiatives:

I am running for the position of Senator for Community and Government Relations. In filling the role as Senator for Community and Govt. Relations, I hope to foster better relations with the Federal, State, and Local governments which affect legislation that impacts DePaul University and its students. If elected, I plan on reaching out to government officials and their offices to foster better relationships with them in order to sway their favor in any legislation that is pertinent to DePaul University and its students. I plan on attending public meetings in which the topics affect the University and its students.

Biography:

Hailing from the western suburb of Elmhurst, I attended York Community High School (honor roll student) while working part time for the US Secret Service (junior and senior year) as a student assistant in the Chicago Field Office. I worked in various divisions within the Secret Service for over 3 years to include supporting the missions of various federal investigations and the delicate tasks involved with the President's security.

Senior year of high school, I was selected for a national scholarship for Army ROTC and will be commissioning as a 2LT in the US Army after graduating in June of 2015. In ROTC I have participated in various functions such as an assignment in Romania, an internship at Fort Carson, CO., and various other military training assignments.

Here at DePaul I proudly maintain a 3.5 GPA while being named to the Dean's list the past (2) quarters respectively.

I studied abroad in London, England this past fall (2013) which provided me with the ability to travel Europe and garner a more world-wide prospective.

I also participate in intramural softball here at DePaul.

I have a high level of motivation, drive, and intellect coupled with solid communicating and diplomacy/negotiating skills which would make me an excellent candidate for becoming a Senator for Community and Government Relations.

Bobby Robaina

3 Initiatives:

1. Student body representation at events and meetings within the Lincoln Park and Loop communities
2. DePaul University Students leaders in governmental affairs across the city and state

3. Accountability; students should have progress they want and can see

Biography:

Hello, my name is Bobby Robaina. I am a sophomore here at DePaul University. I major in Political Science and minor in Archaeology (and no, Archaeologists don't dig up dinosaurs :-P). I hope to someday become a consumer advocate & attorney, as well as an amateur archaeologist.

Currently, I am the *SGA Senator for Transfer Students*. Recently, I was awarded "Senator of The Quarter" for the winter. As senator, I was able to implement the Transfer Outreach Program (TOP) in which DePaul students who transferred here from another school can volunteer to go to other campuses around the city and suburbs and participate in transfer events, along with counselors from the Office of Adult and Transfer Admissions. These campus visits allow DePaul transfer students to give other students looking to transfer here an opportunity to learn in depth about student life and campus involvement at DePaul. It's a form of giving back. Furthermore, we will also be sending hand-written cards and welcome phone calls to transfer students who have just been admitted to DePaul. I am proud of our work with TOP and will continue it. In the capacity of Senator for Community & Government Relations, I will make great use of my experience in SGA to work on initiatives regarding discounts for my fellow students and community service.

Currently, I am working on my other initiative, which adds another Senator position to SGA: *The Senator for Veteran Students*. I know that veteran students are a sizable student community at DePaul and think that they deserve a voting position on SGA as well as a senator who can work on stuff on their behalf.

Other than my involvement in SGA, I am a member of DePaul's YoungLife (part of campus ministry). Shout out to YL!

First and foremost, I am an Eagle Scout. But I am also the "President Emeritus" of Venture Crew 392 (part of the Boy Scouts of America). We do all sorts of fun things like whitewater rafting, car washes, bake sales, going to Fright Fest at Six Flags, camping, and go-karting. But mainly in venturing, we do A LOT of community service. For example, proceeds from one of our bake sales went towards the college fund of a boy in Haiti whose family was displaced after the earthquake in 2010. Also, we've participated in Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg, Illinois. Moreover, I have participated in cleaning up litter from a local bike path many times. I have plenty of experience in community service and will use that experience as Senator for Community & Government Relations. When it comes to my plans to increase student discounts at DePaul in this position, I surely can get things going.

I've volunteered time working on Illinois State Representative Michelle Mussman's reelection campaign. She represents all or parts of Schaumburg, Elk Grove Village, Roselle, Hoffman Estates, Hanover Park, Rolling Meadows and Bloomingdale. She's the "Mom on a Mission". Coming from Schaumburg, Illinois, community and involvement in the community mean a lot to me. I know that my devotion to community will influence my role as Senator for Community & Government Relations for the benefit for my fellow students.

Other than that, I enjoy spending time watching *Family Guy*, *Two & a Half Men*, *Shark Tank*, and *Law & Order: SVU* when I'm not at the library studying or doing homework.

Michelle An

3 Initiatives:

With this role, I hope to set up times where I will be visibly available for students of DePaul to speak with me about matters they want discussed in SGA meetings. I also hope to make sure that the different organizations at DePaul feel that they have SGA's support by helping them to advertise their events through social media.

Another objective I have is to make SGA more transparent for the student body by posting what was discussed in each meeting.

Biography:

I am actively involved both within the DePaul community as well as outside of it. I am a member of the University Honors Program and often attend different events hosted by that program. In fact, I am planning to be a Honors mentor in the upcoming year and hope to encourage incoming Freshman to get involved at DePaul. However I spend most of my time volunteering my time to the community. I am a volunteer at PAWS Chicago where I assist in cat adoptions and taking care of kittens. I also volunteer at the Itasca Korean School where I assist the kindergarten teacher in taking care the students as well as some lessons.

Senator for Commuter Students

Rakip Bebo

3 Initiatives:

I plan on running as the Senator for Commuter Students. The three initiatives or objectives I would like to accomplish would be to make commuting more efficient and affordable, help make commuter students more active in the school community, and to help students with commuting problems easy access to information missed in class.

Biography:

No biography provided.

Senator for Intercultural Awareness

Joseph Kerins

3 Initiatives:

I am running for senator of intercultural awareness position. Four objectives I would like to accomplish in this role are: (1) Establish an intercultural awareness council composed of cultural, religious, and ethnic student organizations, with the goal of promoting a more direct and clear dialogue between the university and our diverse student voices. (2) Actively speak up and voice student concerns against micro-aggressions occurring on campus. (3) Establish student dining which caters to religious dietary needs and is inclusive to all students. (4) Clarify the allocation of funds process for ethnic and culturally diverse student organizations.

Biography:

Since arriving at DePaul in 2012, I have served leadership positions in two DePaul organizations-- previously as Marketing Director of Roosevelt University's chapter of DePaul, and currently as Marketing & Outreach Director of UNICEF-DePaul. Within my studies and outside involvement, I have been dedicated to understanding and reconciling discrimination amongst the Muslim-American community in the Chicago-area. This was fostered during my internship last summer at the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR).

Discrimination, prejudice, and power relations in contemporary America has guide my coursework and independent studies throughout my college career. This summer, I will be interning at the U.S. Department of State, hoping to use my experiences there to develop my ability to work in a professional capacity to pursue a

career in the Foreign Service.

Senator for Mission and Values

Sam Signorelli

3 Initiatives:

I am running for senator for Mission and Values. Three initiatives/objectives I intend to pursue should I be elected include: increasing student awareness of and engagement with the university's Vincentian values by making service opportunities more accessible, increasing direct communication between SGA and the OMV and VCSO, and ensuring that all SGA initiatives and decisions are aligned with the mission and values of DePaul.

Biography:

I am heavily involved in a number of activities both on and off campus that have increased my awareness and understanding of the university's mission and values. These include creating and coordinating a weekly DCSA group, DREAM, where DePaul volunteers tutor and mentor formerly incarcerated youth in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood and participating on a Service Immersion trip with the Vincentian Community Service Office, which I will also be leading next year. I have led Vincentian Service Day teams for the last two years and next year will serve on the Senior Team for DCSA, collaborating with other students to shape and organize the program logistically. I have also served as the University Ministry liaison in SGA throughout this past academic year. I currently work in the JTR library on campus and this summer I will be an Orientation Leader for incoming freshman. During my freshman year I was a member of the Residential Education EDGE team, where I learned vital employment and organization skills and techniques. I also volunteer with World Relief Chicago, participating on the Good Neighbor Team, in which I am matched with a recently-settled refugee family and help them adjust to life in the U.S. by serving as a mentor and a friend. Finally, I organized the Contingent for and Alternatively Funded Arena, along with other DePaul students and faculty concerned with DePaul's controversial financial investments and how they reflect our mission and values throughout the 2013-14 academic year.

Senator for Sustainability

Joseph Arcus

3 Initiatives:

- 1.) Dining Services: Work on having healthier options at the dining services open longer; use biodegradable containers; expand the use of reusable dining ware.
- 2.) Infrastructure: Advocate for more green infrastructure projects on campus, such as bike lanes, bike racks, and green roofs.
- 3.) Environmental Leadership: Host an event with all environmental and sustainability-focused student organizations to discuss events, initiatives, successes, increase cooperation, and foster solidarity.

Biography:

Joe is an Environmental Studies and Geography double major with a concentration in Urban Development and Planning. Joe is active in the Vincentian community on campus, having been on a service immersion trip to East Saint Louis and volunteered with AIRE over the past year. He is politically active, serving on the executive board of the DePaul Democrats as the Deputy Treasurer. Joe was selected to be a part of the DePaul P3 team that went to Washington, DC, to present their research on urban soil quality and designs for a green infrastructure project in Greater Grand Crossing. He is also a member of ECODePaul and Dreamin' Demons. Joe looks forward to serving the DePaul student body and the Chicago community on sustainability and environmental awareness