

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

ELECTIONS APRIL 9 - 11

The Associated Student Candidates



Jared Reyes | AS President

My name is Jared Reyes, I am seeking the position of Associated Students (AS) President. My goal through this position is to continue to grow the organization, enhance the student experience, and represent the student perspective. I am determined to create a positive and lasting impact.

My qualifications for this position include a variety of leadership experience. I have served as the AS Vice President of External Affairs for the previous year, both a Resident Advisor (RA) and Orientation Leader for two years, and an executive officer position through my fraternity. These roles have given me a diverse perspective on the student experience, and understanding the impacts through leadership positions. I have accumulated skills needed to develop myself as a successful leader, and build up those around me.

I am running with several goals. First is to increase AS support services, such as creating more opportunities for scholarships through the organization, and creating a textbook library. Second is to bring the student perspective to the table in major campus decisions. For example, contract negotiations with dining service providers. Finally, I want to ensure the success of the Associated Students by building on the culture of advocacy and continuing the development of quality AS officers.

Additional Statements:

Hey Otters! My name is Jared Reyes and I am running to be your Associated Students (AS) President! I want to continue to advocate for the student perspective whether it is having dialogues with campus administration, or finding new ways for AS to support and enhance the student experience. I aim to be your AS President to advocate for your needs, wants, and concerns; this organization can create a massive and lasting impact on your life here at CSUMB. Your AS is here to serve you, and through the efforts of all officers, we aim to provide quality representation and service to all students. Come hear more about platforms and meet the candidates at the speeches and debates, then be sure to vote between April 9-11th!

4th year
Major: Social & Behavioral Sciences
Double Concentration in Political Economy and Geographic Information Systems



Rickie Wattanakasaem | Vice President of University Affairs

I am submitting this Candidate Statement to officialize my intent to run in the upcoming Associated Students Elections for the position of Vice President of University Affairs. I am seeking this position as I would like to expand my involvement, my impact on our campus, and increase overall student involvement. Some of my qualifications include being the Residential Housing Association's National Communication Coordinator. In that position I was the main contact for representatives from other Universities Housing Associations and I represented our campus on a regional and national level at Conferences. With this position I would like to move from not only voicing the resident's concerns on campus, but the student population as a whole. During my first year at CSUMB I was a part of Area 2 Council where we put on events for students and I also was a part of AS through being involved in the First Year Leadership Council. I am also a Tour Guide on our campus so when many potential students come to visit I am one of the people that get to introduce them to our campus and the great things about it. As for my platform, I will be running as an Individual Candidate focusing on voicing the student's concerns, advocating for their needs, and looking to increase student involvement.

2nd year
Major: Collaborative Health & Human Services



Ava Faithe Castro | Sustainability Senator

Ava is ecstatic to be running for AS Sustainability Senator. She is passionate about the environment and will strive as Senator to make change towards campus sustainability. Ava will help to run the farmers' market that is to come on campus. She plans to work with the sustainability office and the green team to help reach the Zero Waste Goals for 2020. She plans to reach these goals by implementing a better waste system and facilitating an effective composting. Ava hopes to see students form together for the common desire for a green school. As a Senator for the school, with her naturally social nature, she hopes to hear all student environmental concerns and advocate on behalf of all students.

1st year
Major: Environmental Studies
Sustainable Communities



Annabel Negrete | College of Education Senator

I, Annabel Negrete, am seeking the position of College of Education Senator. I believe that I am the right person to fill this position for the year 2018-2019 because I am motivated to be a strong advocate for all who fall under my college. Many students aren't aware there is a position in place to advocate for them, and I would like to play a role in changing that. I would do this through strong effort in reaching out to students by being active on campus and educate myself on all the issues that affect the students of my college, and our options. I will be an effective and accountable member of the Associated Students on all matters that come to senate and the committee of colleges. This position requires commitment, especially since it has gone without an elected senator for too long, until I was hired. I am working toward reaching out to students of my college any chance I get, and our Dean. With this momentum I hope to continue to move forward in my current position to be a part of positive and necessary change for our college. Through hard work, dedication, and what I strongly believe in, communication. I hope to encourage much more involvement to all in my college, to be a part of change and make the most of their experience on campus. As well as, feel confident about where we stand on campus.

3rd year with senior standing
Major: Liberal Studies
Minor: Human Development

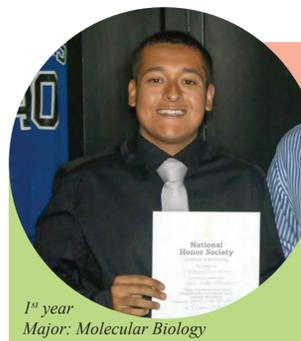


Jeyleen Meza | College of Science Senator

My name is Jeyleen Meza and I am running for the College of Science Senator position. I am seeking this position because I want to represent the science majors on this campus. As a science major myself, I understand the struggles and worries that my peers which prompted me to apply for this position because I want to help relieve some of their worries. I have experience with leadership because I was part of my high school's ASB group where I developed as a leader but most importantly as a student. The experience I got from it helped me realize that anyone can be a leader. This position will allow me to be the person my peers can turn to when they need their voices heard or have concerns about. This opportunity will allow me to be involved and it could help me improve the experience my peers have. I want the students here to remember college as a good time and if I can help with that it will make me feel accomplished, and I feel that joining Associated Students can help me with that. This position will allow me to bring new ideas into the table and help create events that people will enjoy. As for my platform, I will focus on bettering the way information is presented to students in the science field, create events that interest them, and promote student involvement in order better their experience.

Additional Comments:

My name is Jeyleen Meza and I am currently in my second year of college as a marine science major. Some interesting things about me is that I love John Cena and I have fed an otter before. Also, I have a giant Morrisey poster in my room that a friend gave me.



Antonio Hernandez | College of Science Senator

Hello. My name is Antonio Hernandez. I am from Watsonville, CA and I'm a first year. My major is Molecular Biology. I am running for AS College of Science Senator because I have always had a passion to represent other people and being able to give back to my fellow classmates. I have always wanted to be involved in ideas and new comings and to share them with everyone. I believe I'm qualified for this position because I'm a persistent, excellent communicator, open-minded, benevolent person. My two years spent as a representative and rally coordinator in ASB, leading group tours, being a school ambassador demonstrates my experience in leadership. This will help me in AS because I will be able to use my experience to accomplish the duties of a Senator. In AS I would like to be able to represent the College of Science by bringing in fresh new ideas that will benefit the students. I also would like to inform any students on events or changes happening. I would like to hear from the students their ideas that they believe will be valuable to the college.

Additional Comments:

My major is Molecular Biology and I am a first year freshman. I would really love to be able to serve as the AS Science Senator because I really want to make a growth in the college of science.



Rebecca Harbison | College of Health Sciences and Human Services Senator

This university was my first choice school when I applied here during my senior year of high school. I fell in love with the amazing kinesiology program, the great campus, and the overall vibe of acceptance and community that this school had that never seemed to be present at the other schools I toured. This school has given me a fresh start and I want to help my college continue to grow and improve just like how it helped me. I want prospective students touring this school to see out CHSHS programs the way I saw them when I toured here and more. I want to be the change in this school to make the Otters more successful and stronger.

I have been involved in leadership programs for my schools for a majority of my life. Starting in elementary school, I was the vice president of the student council and continued to be involved in student leadership or government in middle school and high school and ran it for 3 years.

In office, I want to bring in potential employers for job fairs that can help the students within our college to find the job they want after university. I want to have workshops for people that aren't sure what to do with their degree after university and help guide them to a career field they wish to go into. Finally, I hope to encourage the incoming students to one day be productive members of society with my influence.

Additional Message:

My name is Rebecca Harbison and I am a first year Kinesiology major. I play for the women's rugby team here and am a radio host at our media for the show Nerd Herd that discusses news within the gaming and tech community. On my free time, I like to exercise and play video games. Specifically, I enjoy biking and PC gaming with the occasional Nintendo game. I hope you will consider voting for me!"



Francis Everman | College of Health Sciences and Human Services Senator

I am a transfer student who loves what I study, and is glad for the opportunity to work to build the world I want to live in. I am so proud to be in the College of Health Sciences and Human Services where we are dedicated to mental, physical, and social health. It is here that we are learning to help communities thrive. I use this knowledge in my work with Associated Students, and have the better part of two semesters of experience already as the CHSHS Senator. This means that I have the edge of experience within AS and within the community. I already have the skills, involvement, and resources necessary to be successful in this position. I bring a competitive edge with my work with the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center, in Pride club, within AS, and from years of nonprofit and for-profit management and marketing. As your CHSHS senator I will continue to unify our college by providing more networking opportunities to build community during our time here and for our future professional lives. I will engage fellow transfer students with resources to get better involved on campus so we can all make the most out of our shortened time here. Finally, I will improve current and create new student resources such as a textbook swap in August to help ease the back-to-school financial burden, build community, and engage students. I am Francis Everman, and I am dedicated to giving everyone the well-rounded education they deserve.

3rd Year
Major: Collaborative Health and Human Services
Concentration: Community Health
Minor: Education - Teaching English
Language Learners Pathway



Maddy Maurer | Basic Needs Senator

Hi! My name is Maddy Maurer, & I am seeking the position of Basic Needs Senator. I am seeking this position because almost all of the more serious issues students face relate back to their basic needs. Basic needs include: food, safety, mental well-being, physical health, housing, financial support, a sense of belonging, & a quality education. Unfortunately, there are many institutional, systemic, & personal barriers preventing students from meeting their basic needs. So, I am running on the platform Students First. I believe that students' basic needs should be at the forefront of our campus' collective mind.

If elected, my goals in this position would be:

- Working with the CSUMB Mental Health Advisory Committee to explore ways to increase the amount of & the quality of counseling programs that are available to students.
- Working with Student Housing & Financial Aid to create a webpage to serve as a central hub for students to access affordable resources.
- Carrying out current plans to institutionalize & expand the Food Pantry on our campus. I am qualified for this position because I have had two years of experience working within Associated Students. From 2016-2017 I served as an Education & Outreach Coordinator for the Environmental Affairs Committee, & this past year I have served as the College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences Senator. These roles have expanded my professional leadership development, & my experiences would allow me to tackle the responsibilities of being the Basic Needs Senator more successfully than someone who is new to the organization.

Additional Comments:

During the second weekend of March I was given the opportunity to attend the California Higher Education Student Summit (CHESS). At this conference I learned about the Back To Basics campaign being promoted across all CSU campuses, attended training sessions, and lobbied our local representatives at the state capital. This experience has deepened my understand of how basic needs are affecting students everywhere, not just on our campus. I will use this training to help enact change on our campus, and put students first.



Carol Chen | Basic Needs Senator

Hello, my name is Carol and I am currently a freshman here at Monterey Bay. I am ecstatic to run to be your AS Basic Needs Senator. I believe that I will be able to bring fresh insight and ideas that will be vital into shaping this new position. There are 8 items that the Basic Needs Senator needs to focus on: physical health, housing, quality education, mental well-being, sense of belonging, financial support, safety and food. If you, the student body, permit, I would love to specifically target the categories of physical health, mental well-being and a sense of belonging. To me, a student's basic needs are more than just the physical aspects of items such as food or housing. It is important to have a healthy mindset along with a healthy body. If elected, I hope to help create more programs and activities that will target these points. I believe that I am qualified for this position because I am hard-working, driven, friendly, and most importantly, I am always open to new ideas. Having held numerous leadership positions in the past, I feel more than prepared to be your AS Basic Needs Senator.



1st year
Major: Biology

Claire Allock | Basic Needs Senator

I am Claire Allock, a freshman Biology major at CSUMB aspiring to become Basic Needs Senator of 2018-19 Associated Students Government. Although a new position, an advocate for student access to affordable food and housing, as well as mental health support necessary. While the depiction of the modern society, we must overcome this conventionalized injustice.

As a full-time student paying my own tuition, I understand the burden higher education places upon many students. Many students, myself included, struggle to fulfill basic needs such as nutritious meals and mental-health care despite paying monumental tuition. As Basic Needs Senator, I will promote and prioritize these overlooked needs by expanding student access to fresh produce through the AS Food Pantry, strongly advocating for mental health awareness, and working with financial aid to provide more accessible housing.

Extensive work experience and communication skills make me well-equipped for Basic Needs Senator. Employed as a Student Office Coordinator through CSUMB's Student Activities department, I work directly in planning many events for various student organization. This work experience provides me with unique dual perspectives on campus event-planning: both the administrative side and the diverse student body it caters to. Also, in September I became a certified Mental Health First Aider, boosting my knowledge on student mental health. I feel confident in my ability to act as Associated Student's Basic Needs Senator and be given the opportunity to promote positive change on our campus.