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Class Representative Election Announcement

Hi All! Don't forget that the SBA Class Representatives Election starts Monday, September 6 @ 12:00 AM and close Friday, September 10 @ 11:59 PM. You can vote for your class representative via SCU apps or by using the following link:

<https://www.scu.edu/apps/vote/public/>

Cast your vote and help determine who will represent your class interests as a member of the Board of Governors!

Please go to the bottom of this document for an election FAQ!

1L Students' Candidate Statements

Candidate 1 - Ethan Cruz

Hey fellow 1L Broncos!

Hope your first few weeks are going better than expected! My name is Ethan Cruz and I would love the opportunity to serve as your 1L Representative for this year!

For those of you who don't know me, I am originally from Southern California, more specifically, Pasadena, CA. Home of the Rose Parade! I just recently completed my undergraduate studies at UCLA/Zoom University, majoring in History, Entrepreneurship, and my favorite, Virtual Backgrounds. I have interned and worked over the past four years for many companies and startups, ranging from Facebook to Universal Music Group to seed round social media startups. I'm an outdoor and travel enthusiast, enjoying all activities ranging from hiking to kayaking to river rafting and anything in between. I also have a golden retriever, named Bailey, who is a great partner to go on these outdoor adventures with.

But enough about me, the more important question everyone should be asking is "how can he help our 1L class?"



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Well as your 1L Representative, I am determined to accomplish the following,

1. Being a voice for our class by truly listening to all of you and, but more importantly, by getting to know every one of you so that when it comes time to vote on an issue affecting our class, I am more knowledgeable of all the different views and could make a more informed decision on it.
2. Advocating for more networking events within our entire class, including the part-time students. With each section having a different schedule, it truly makes it difficult to interact outside of the 35-70 people you might see a day. Just for reference, there are over 200 students in our class, of which you are only interacting with a fraction a day. Just imagine you could be making amazing friendships that could last forever.
3. Creating a sense of community for both our class and within the broader aspect of the Santa Clara Law family by advocating for a space that anyone can share whatever they want, whenever they want. Law school is stressful, especially as 1Ls and sometimes all we need as students is just a moment to take a deep breath and realize, Wow I am accomplishing a lifelong goal of mine and I'm not going through it alone, I have a family.

During Dean Kaufman's Convocation speech, he referenced that everyone belonged. My goal as your 1L Rep and really why I came to law school was to be a voice. A voice for you, my fellow 1L classmates, so that you can feel and know that Charney Hall and Santa Clara University are your home.

So, I thank you for the time and am looking forward to hopefully being able to represent our class this year as part of the Student Bar Association at Santa Clara University, School of Law.

Take Care and Go Broncos!

Ethan Cruz
(ecruz@scu.edu)

Candidate 2 - Julie Major

Hi Broncos!

My name is Julie Major and I would love to serve as a 1L rep! After over a year of online learning and minimal social interaction I am over the moon to be meeting you all face to face. While there are several amazing organizations here at Santa Clara Law, I want to be a part of SBA to directly serve and represent the student body. I am dedicated to ensuring we all get the opportunities and quality education that we deserve.



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Throughout my undergraduate career I was an active member of several organizations dedicated to advocating for the student body to the administration. I was able to improve the experience on campus and work with faculty and staff to establish workshops aimed at helping students to adjust to life in a pandemic and improve their educational experience. Beyond this I have experience in planning events and actively communicating with my peers on a daily basis.

While there are many phenomenal candidates for this position I hope you will consider me for your SBA 1L representative. I will do everything in my power to ensure we all experience an amazing 3 years here at Santa Clara!

Candidate 3 - Jason Cowan

Hey everyone! My name is Jason Cowan, I am from Newport Beach, California, and it truly has been a pleasure getting to meet and know many of you as we begin our law school journey together.

So far, the best part of these three hectic weeks for me has been hearing all the incredible stories, backgrounds, and experiences of each of my classmates. We really make up an amazing class, and I cannot wait for each of us to make our time here at Santa Clara Law some of the most memorable moments in our lives. For those I have not met, please never hesitate to say hi or wave at me around Charney as I awkwardly figure out whom the masked individual is flagging me down. What led me here to Santa Clara Law and joining this community is my passion for public service. After my undergrad in Dallas, Texas, I was able to have the opportunity to intern for a senator in D.C., work for a senate subcommittee, and pursue a graduate degree in government focusing on public policy analysis and writing. I draw attention to these experiences because what made each one so impactful in my life was the close-knit team or community that lead each journey. I want to be your 1L Class Representative because I want to build a close-knit community where we feel like we are all making a positive impact on the three-year journey we have together. From hearing and learning about each of our experiences that led us here, it is evident that we all have something meaningful to contribute to the legal community and one another.

My experience and passion thus far have been public service and working for the government. Santa Clara Law is now my new home, and I cannot think of a better experience than serving the Class of 2024 and reflecting your desires and goals within the Student Bar Association. I will be committed to voicing your valuable aspirations, contributions, and concerns. As 1L Rep, I plan to be as accessible as possible with an open mind and genuine care to all of you each and every day. In the end, all I aspire to do is ensure this fantastic community gets a little closer to one another and has the opportunity to share and appreciate all the unique world-changing individuals that make up not just our 1L class but the whole Santa Clara Law community!



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If you have any questions or want to learn more about me, please do not be a stranger and reach out in person or via email/Facebook, jcowan@scu.edu. Thank you very much for your time, and I hope to earn your support!

Best regards,

Jason Cowan

Candidate 4 - Dea Sula

Dear fellow Broncos,

My name is Dea Sula, and I am running to be one of our first year representatives. I use "our" because the shared experience of this past year, these past few weeks, and the coming year bind us together as a community, and as a community, we need to take collective care of each other. Our collective needs and wants as students are voiced through our student government system, which I hope to join as a conduit to express what you, my community members, need.

A few weeks ago, I packed up everything and moved here from Austin, Texas. Two things stood out to me immediately; first, Santa Clara has a gorgeous climate, and second, the people here are some of the kindest I've ever met. I bring up the weather because we reflect our environment, and I would love to be part of making our community as warm and inviting as our surroundings. The kindness I have seen has only motivated me to get to know all of you more, and I hope the same is true for you. I would love to meet each of you as your representative and as your peer.

I have been a part of several student organizations in the past, but I've found that being a representative is less about listing credentials and more about understanding the spirit of whom you aim to serve. We are intelligent, creative, and just by being here have demonstrated a grit that will help us persevere in and beyond law school. From my few weeks here, our law class is not only one that I am proud to be a part of, but one I will be honored to serve.

We are all navigating new territory as first year law students. When facing novel situations, we can be avoidant and fearful. Or we can fully commit ourselves to the experience with as much zeal and enthusiasm as we can muster. I have decided to be in the latter camp, and I invite you to do the same for all of our time at Santa Clara Law. My commitment to you is that if I am elected, I will fully utilize my voice to uplift yours as we embark on this journey together.

Thank you for your consideration,



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Dea Sula

Candidate 5 - Caroline Perrino

Hi, 1L Broncos and class of 2024!

My name is Caroline Perrino and I would love to serve as one of your 1L class representatives! I believe in advocating your voices and concerns so I can promote the interests of our class alongside our incredible Student Bar Association, to Dean Kaufman and the administration and faculty. One way or another each of us will have a meaningful impact in the legal community and I truly believe that collaboration and trust between students and the faculty while in law school will empower us, even more, when we enter the legal world.

If you have ideas conducive to the academic growth of our class or would like to see more transparency of the allocation of tuition to events that enrich our law school experience, I'll be here to advocate it on your behalf. If combating mental health issues is of importance to you, I'll be here to promote the resources and services available to advance our wellness and safety. I'll also be here to make sure we can have some fun along the way and I would appreciate your ideas for an end-of-year 1L celebration. I would love to make sure we celebrate our first-year accomplishments in the best way we can!

I also believe in enhancing the inclusion of all members of Santa Clara Law so we can bring our genuine selves to this community. I plan to support other 1L representatives' initiatives through collaboration that can bring our unique voices together. Our diversity is what makes us strong and in my opinion an unrepeatable class.

During our first month of law school, I have seen how people from all over our section have gone out of their way to make myself and others feel belonged. I thought to myself that if there is something I could do to show how grateful I am for meeting each one of you (and will continue to meet the entirety of our class), it would be to have the opportunity to listen to your needs, concerns, and goals so I can promote the interests of our class. If elected I promise to listen and empower your voice to uphold the integrity and high standards of the legal community at Santa Clara while making sure the class of 2024 leaves a valuable and distinguishable mark.

Thanks for taking the time to consider voting for me as your 1L rep!



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Candidate 6 - Noel Bensalem

Hi fellow 1Ls! My name is Noel I graduated from Syracuse University in Political Science, Middle Eastern Studies(MES), and Communication and Rhetorical Studies. At Syracuse I worked for the Mayor of North Syracuse, was the lead organizer of TEDxSyracuseUniversity for 2 years, and ran 2 Syracuse marathons. My father is an immigrant from Tunisia, I learned Arabic in my undergrad, and studied MES to better advocate in higher education and government for the region.

Each day on campus I am reminded why I chose to be here. I've fallen in love with the community and I am really excited to get to know our class more. My primary goal is to strengthen the SCU community through circulating fun, exciting events SBA plans. At Syracuse I worked with community leaders to foster a safer environment for minorities. As a 1L rep I plan to work with SBA to strengthen similar initiatives to create inclusive spaces on campus.

I strongly encourage anyone who is struggling with anything or just wants a new friend to talk to please email me! I will always be here for you to talk to. sbensalem@scu.edu

best,

Noel

Candidate 7 - Nicole Poirot

Hey guys!!

My name is Nicole Poirot and I'm super excited to be running to be one of your 1L representatives! I went to the University of Texas at Austin where I studied Electrical and Computer Engineering. While at UT, I was in Student Government (SG) as an Engineering Representative and as the Chair of the Student Affairs Committee. What I loved the most about being in SG was that we could turn ideas and complaints into real change for the community. Through SG, we were able to fight for issues such as mental health, cheaper housing options, and voting rights. Being involved in the community has always been a passion of mine, and I hope to continue that at Santa Clara.

In my short time at SCU, I've been in awe of how kind and encouraging everyone is. My main goal as a 1L rep would be to ensure that everyone here feels that same kindness and encouragement. Additionally, I've noticed some things I'd like to help work on, including getting a law school rep in the university-wide student government, opening facilities for law students when we're here without the rest



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of the university, and getting law school merch! I'm ready to do whatever work is necessary to make our school and our student experience the best it can possibly be!

As one of your 1L representatives, I'll work hard to ensure that your voices are heard, your concerns addressed, and that real, meaningful change is implemented both on campus and in our community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me! My email is npoirot@scu.edu.

Thank you!!

Candidate 8 - Olivia Tomita

Hi fellow Broncos!

My name is Olivia Tomita and I would love the opportunity to serve as your 1L representative! I'm from Torrance, California and graduated from the University of Southern California this past spring. I love traveling, trying new restaurants and coffee shops, and going on road trips.

I have three goals as your 1L representative: communicate with administration and SBA on your behalf, academic and social events, and to include everyone who wants to participate. I truly believe that SCU Law has done a great job of being a supportive, diverse community and I will do my best to uphold and further improve that standard. I'm committed to voicing your concerns, ideas, and various perspectives and will encourage you to bring forward your suggestions and feedback. I'd love to have social events where we can meet people outside of our section and am interested in creating community service opportunities to give back to the Santa Clara community.

If you've read this far, a big thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to consider electing me as your 1L representative. I'd love nothing more than to hear from you; whether you want to chat, study together, or just rant about life. You can always reach out to me at otomita@scu.edu and I'm very friendly (even though you can't tell with a mask), so please say hi to me if you see me in Charney!

Best wishes,

Olivia Tomita

Candidate 9 - Leah Klassen



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Hi Broncos!

I've loved meeting many of you over the last few weeks and to those who I haven't had the chance to meet yet, I look forward to growing with you over the next 3 years. I'm so excited to have the opportunity to run for the SBA 1L rep position!

A little bit about me: I was born and raised in the Midwest and I attended Michigan State University for my undergraduate degree where I graduated from this spring with degrees in political theory & constitutional democracy as well as social relations & policy. During my time at Michigan State, I was involved in many student organizations and held various leadership roles. Being heavily involved in student organizations has been a major part of my journey to law school and I hope to have the opportunity to positively contribute to our campus community!

When I was choosing where to continue my education, I was looking for a school that fostered a positive sense of community. In the short time we have been here at Santa Clara, I have been realized that this community is just what I was looking for as it not only encourages me but also pushes me. From what I've heard, these next three years are going to push us to our limits and I hope as your SBA 1L rep I can challenge you, but also provide support when we inevitably are drowning in exam prep, have consumed way too much coffee, and haven't slept in days. I will be committed to amplifying your concerns, understanding your goals, and working diligently to ensure that our community at Santa Clara remains a safe space for students. Santa Clara has already given me so much and I hope to have the opportunity to give back!

With that being said, if anyone ever wants to chat, vent, study, or procrastinate, please reach out. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Leah Klassen

Candidate 10 - Erik Echeona

Hello fellow Broncos! My name is Erik Echeona and I would be honored to serve as your SCU Law 1L Cohort representative for SBA! Meeting so many of you the past three weeks in Charney Hall has made me so excited and hopeful for what the next three years will bring. Like most of you, I am not from "the Bay." I grew up just a couple hours northeast, in the Sacramento area, and graduated from SCU's undergraduate program back in June of 2020 with a degree in Political Science and Spanish Literature.

As a "double Bronco", my love for Santa Clara already runs deep. To give you an idea of my past commitment to the community, I was elected to the SCU Associated Student Senate as a first year and



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over my tenure as a student representative, I led and collaborated in a wide variety of student efforts that benefited the undergraduate student population. I supervised multiple committees, helped manage all student club funds (\$150,000), evaluated hundreds of club funding requests, co-authored bylaw revisions that clarified University privacy policies with regards to student rights, and mobilized the student government's participation in a challenge, winning the university \$100,000 for on-campus sustainability efforts.

In other words, if elected as your 1L rep, you can count on me to continue working on initiatives that benefit all students. As of right now, I hope to make an impact in my first year as your rep by joining the SBA finance committee to get more funding for law student associations and improve the offered apparel selection for SCU Law students.

If you see me around Charney, say hi!

Erik Echeona

2L Students' Candidate Statements

Candidate 1- Patrick Cain

Hey Everyone!

My name is Patrick Cain, and I would love the opportunity to serve as your SBA 2L Class Representative!

I was born and raised in Walnut Creek and attended Saint Mary's College. In undergrad, I was a member of the law club and the philosophy club. During my free time, I like to golf, run, play chess and drink coffee.

As a Santa Clara Law Student, I believe that students must communicate with one another. Last year we survived 1L on Zoom. I don't think any of us realized how difficult that would be, but we did it. Now that we are back on campus, it is great to see one another in person for the first time. At Saint Mary's, I learned that the best way to grow as a person is to communicate with each other. I want to serve as the 2L representative to communicate with our class and the administration.

I played sports until my sophomore year in college, so I know what it means to be a part of a team. Although my days as an athlete are over, I believe I can use the skills I learned through sports and my club participation at Saint Mary's to benefit our class. I hope to help in any way that I can and make sure that every voice is heard. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement of intent, and I hope I can represent our class.



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Sincerely,

Patrick Cain

Candidate 2 - Amy Allshouse

Hello 2L Friends,

My name is Amy Allshouse and I would love the opportunity to serve as your SBA 2L Class Representative. I came to law school with a tech and marketing background and I am interested entrepreneurial law.

I want to make sure your voices are heard and I'd like to get to know all of you and be a person you can come to with any concerns or ideas. I want to encourage the school to be as transparent as possible with us at all times.

I'll be available to you any time to listen to how school is going for you, to learn what else you might need to support your law school experience, and to help you get the most out of these years at Santa Clara Law.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve my fellow students!

Candidate 3 – Maleeha Syeda

Started off at Zoom Law and now we are back!

Hey 2L humans, hope you are all safe and well! My name is Maleeha Syeda and I'm excited to run for 2L Representative. I grew up in the Bay Area and I'm actually a Double Bronco! My background is in Neuroscience and I'm currently interested in IP/Patent law. I'm also the External Co-VP of South Asian Law Student Association.

As a 2L Rep, I hope to be a diverse voice for the 2L class. When I joined SALSA, one thing I appreciated is being surrounded by other law students from similar backgrounds and cultures, something I wasn't as exposed to before. I was able to get involved in organizing various panels and and be a part of multiple networking events. I not only met various attorneys but also other 2Ls outside of my section and expanded my contacts. I do believe connection is key!! Through online classes last year, I felt that a lot



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of our classmates formed a sense of camaraderie where we found ways to connect despite being isolated and away from campus. I want to continue to maintain the trust us 2Ls have built during our first year and continue to strengthen our bond and be a direct source of contact for people to reach out to in times of needs. I hope to be completely accessible so that my peers can express their concerns and questions they have regarding any upcoming events and proposals they want to bring forth. Transparency is also something I want to maintain and strengthen by continuing to keep other 2Ls in the loop! By communicating directly with my peers, I will ensure to keep them continuously informed so that no news is a surprise.

Finally, as Michael Scott said, "I knew exactly what to do. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do"....and that is okay. In times of difficulty, there's bound to be uncertainty and we are all in this together. I hope to create support system where everyone is in a safe space and can support each other while we continue our law school journey! Thank you for your consideration and hit me up if you want to get boba!!

Maleeha Syeda

Candidate 4 – Thomas Kunkel

Hey everyone,

My name is Tom Kunkel, and I am excited to be in the running for the SBA 2L class representative. For those of you I haven't met yet, here's a bit about me: I grew up all over the East Bay and graduated from UC Davis in 2018. While at Davis, I served as my fraternity's treasurer. I genuinely enjoy being outdoors, chatting, and a lot of caffeine.

To keep it short and sweet, my main objective in running is to support our student body. I want to ensure that SCU is a safe, respectful, and supportive place for all of our students (and faculty), and make sure your concerns as students are heard and necessary changes are effected.

Thank you for considering me for the 2L representative position! Stay healthy and stay safe y'all.

Candidate 5 - Korryn Dalesandro

Hi folks!



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My name is Korryn Dalesandro and I heard that being a 2L rep is the best job in the world, so I would really love to find out if that's true! I spent my first year of law school stranded in a midwest suburb with my parents, so I am nothing short of thrilled to be in California and to meet all of YOU. My purpose for running for this position is to bring our class together after a funky first year apart.

Until recently, I had almost no knowledge of who SBA is or what they do. I hope to bring more awareness to the student body about why they should care about SBA and how SBA can help them. Being involved in your community is a lifelong commitment, and it can start small here at Charney Hall.

During undergrad, my involvement on the executive board of our Model United Nations club was where I learned the most, and I hope to continue that out-of-classroom growth on SBA. Personally, I love nerding out on international relations/politics, my Spotify playlists, niche travel destinations, and stand-up comedy. Finally, make sure you VOTE! ALL THE TIME! FOR EVERYTHING! PRACTICE NOW! THIS ONE'S EASY! DO IT!

Blue skies,

Korryn Dalesandro

Candidate 6 - Kaelyn Keller

Hi 2L Friends!

My name is Kaelyn Keller, and I would love to serve as one of your 2L reps! I was born and raised in Long Beach, California and graduated from UCLA in 2020 with a B.S. in Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology. After being on zoom for 1L year, I moved up to Santa Clara a few weeks ago and I have loved getting to meet all of you in person!

When I'm not stuck in Charney studying, I enjoy painting, yoga, and maintaining my obsessive plant collection. I'm currently the Outreach Chair for First-Generation Law Students Association and I'm interested in working in IP and In-House. As a 2L rep, I want to make sure all of your voices are heard (If you ever want to talk, I'm the blonde girl with the unhealthy coffee obsession). We've all spent the last year online and as your representative, I would make it my priority to ensure that we are able to make the most of the two remaining years we have in person.

I sincerely look forward to continuing to get to know my fellow 2Ls and helping to represent your thoughts and concerns this school year. Thank you for taking time to read this and please don't hesitate to reach out!



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Best, Kaelyn

3L Students' Candidate Statements

Candidate 1 - Michael Wang

Hello everyone!

My name is Michael Wang and I am asking for your support for SBA 3L Class Representative. I don't think I need to elaborate much of what I have done on campus, I'll let my email signature line speak for itself. In my positions of leadership, I have found many roadblocks and struggles in ensuring that our students deserve the best. As a 2L, I picked up many mentees to ensure that 1Ls found a home in Santa Clara and felt welcome, especially during a difficult year during COVID-19.

I don't want to write out a whole essay. My goals are simple: transparency and accountability. I do think we need more transparency with administration and more clarity on their front. Especially with more LSOs, it is important that we are able to put together quality panels and events to bring professionals to our students, and to bring Santa Clara Law students closer together. We also need more accountability to ensure that students remain safe and have their voices heard. Especially being back in person, we want to ensure that all students feel safe and not ignored. It is the job of SBA to ensure that students are well represented, and I hope to assist with that.

Thanks so much!

Candidate 2 - John Alec Stouras

Hello, my name is John Alec; I am a 3L in Tech Edge, ILSO, and LLSA, and I am a huge privacy geek. We went through a lot as a student class during COVID, and there are many concerns that we as a student body have. I want to be able to be your voice for our last year as 3Ls. As someone who has been through hardships too during COVID, both familial and professional, I understand how we can use our skills, adversity, and empathy to push forward. I will use all of my abilities to be the communication and action relay between us and the school.

Vote for John Alec!



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Candidate 3 - Athena Niayesh

Hello 3Ls!

I am Athena Niayesh and I would love to represent you all as your 3L rep! A vote for me is a vote for transparency!

I want to first congratulate you on making it to your third year of law school - especially with completing about half of it online. It is so nice to see all of your lovely faces in class and around campus again this year.

Last year, I had the amazing opportunity to serve on SBA as the Co-Director of Internal Communications, and I hope to continue to be involved in SBA this year by being your voice. You can come to me with any questions, comments, or concerns - I will be here for you. I will maintain strong communication with you throughout the year, and let you know any important updates as soon as I receive them. I firmly believe that strong communication is the key to a great relationship - and I want to form a great relationship with all of you by being completely transparent as your 3L rep.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my statement, and please remember to take care of yourselves. :)

A vote for me is a vote for transparency!

Thanks,

Athena Niayesh

Candidate 4 - Daniel Grigore

Greetings and welcome back. It has been my pleasure to represent the Class of 2022 for two years. As I hope to make it a third, I am once again asking you to vote for me, Daniel Grigore, as your class representative.

I have been involved with many student organizations on campus and am familiar with responsibility. I get tasks done and work well as a part of team. This collaborative and interpersonal mindset has positively influenced my two years on SBA where I not only listened to and advocated on the behalf of the Class of '22, but spent time on the legislative committee, thinking of the student body as a whole. In



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this legislative position, I helped revise and refresh our school's constitution in light of both the pandemic and other relevant social issues.

Recently, I exhibited the active representation that has epitomized my tenure: during the great Charney heatwave that ravaged our building in late August of '21, I collaborated with others in the know and distributed grievance-form links to many of my classmates and friends suffering as a result of technical difficulties. Our efforts were rewarded. Do you feel that AC? You have only yourself to thank! I truly believe that students, working as a collective with united intention, can change their environment for the better.

Now, I do not take my position lightly, despite the humorous example above. When I hear of or experience a valid need, I will do everything in my power to make sure that person knows that their question, comment, or concern means something to me. Whether you are a 3L or not, you can rest assured I will take you seriously. And because I take you seriously, I will endeavor to produce results.

In conclusion, I will echo what has been included in my previous personal statements: it is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice. My goal is to continue serving you, my 3L classmates and friends, in the personable and amiable manner as years past. Good luck with your classes, don't forget to fill out your moral character application, and remember to wash your hands. Thanks for reading.

Part-Time (1L-4L) Students' Candidate Statements

Candidate 1 - Annaliese Parker

Being a part time law student provides us each with an individual unique experience. As a part time student who also works full time, I understand the day to day challenges many of you face. If elected as the Part Time Representative, I would embrace those unique experiences and advocate for each of you to receive the best support the law school can provide. I would do that by working with our VP of Part Time Students to provide opportunities for us to network, get to know each other and ensure that club activities are accessible to part time students as much as possible. I would also engage with you to ensure that your concerns and grievances are adequately represented in addition to striving for a resolution. Thank you for your consideration!

Candidate 2 - Jordan Heinze



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Hi all! I am a new 1L and part-time student. I am a mother of a wonderful kiddo and excited what completing law school will mean for myself and my family. My main interest is criminal law. But I feel that encompasses so many things. International human rights, immigration law, and public interest/social justice are also passions of mine. Between working full time, being a wife and mother, and now a law school student, I don't really have much time to spare. What little time I do have, however, I would love to spend meeting my fellow students and learning how to make this experience better for all of us. Thank you!

FAQ

Q: How many representatives will each class elect?

A: Each class is allocated one representative for every 60 students. For 2021-2022, the allocation is:

1L = 4 Reps, 2 Alternates

2L = 4 Reps, 2 Alternates

3L = 3 Reps, 2 Alternates

Part-time (1L - 4L) = 2 Reps, 1 Alternate

LLM = 1 Rep, 1 Alternate

This is tentative, subject to confirmation from the admin.

Q: Why would I want to become a Class Representative?

A: Becoming a spokesperson for your class is an opportunity to hone your leadership, negotiation, advocacy, and organizational skills. It is also an opportunity to get to know and understand your classmates while striving to make the law school experience the best it can be for all students.

Q: What are the duties of a Class Representative?

A: See the attached SBA Constitution for more details. Essentially, class reps represent their class's interests to the SBA Executive Board and school administration. Reps attend and vote on all issues before the Board of Governors and solicit opinions, suggestions, and information from their class. Reps also assist the Executive Board in executing SBA services, programs, and activities and serve on at least one of the following committees: Community Service, Finance, Legislative, Orientation, Social, or Student Action Committees.

Q: What does an Alternate do?

A: The Alternates perform the same duties as a Rep, except they will only vote during meetings of the Board of Governors when a Rep is absent.

Q: I have a lot going on. What is the time commitment?

A: The Board of Governors meets at least once a month; Reps and Alternates should plan to attend each meeting. However, Reps and Alternates are encouraged to be more involved and there are plenty of opportunities to do so.



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