

Student Union Assembly Chair

DT Amajoyi

Hello, my name is DT Amajoyi. I am running to be your next SUA Chair. For the past three years here at UCSC I have been an active member within Engaging Education, SUA, the United States Student Association, African Black Student Alliance, and I currently serve as your SUA Commissioner of Diversity. I have worked on issues such as outreach and retention of underrepresented and under-resourced communities, I have lobbied legislators, effectively increased student engagement on tuition increases, and student loan debt. I have organized campus-wide events on the DreamACT, and have worked to foster collaboration between identity-based orgs. As your Chair, I am committed to working together to furthering fiscal responsibility within the SUA, ensuring that student leaders are accurately representing the student body, and most importantly I want you to feel that your student government is addressing the issues you are facing. Thank you for your vote.

Austin T.D. Hall

Hello, my name is Austin Travis Dylan Hall. I've been a college representative to the SUA for 2 years, I am the Vice President of Internal Affairs for College Nine, and I've also interned and volunteered for the EVC Office of the SUA. I've lobbied state legislators to fight against student fees and for fair access to education, and I've sat on academic committees to represent student's academic concerns. If elected your Chair, I will make it my mission to show the students of UC Santa Cruz that they have a voice. I want to bring the SUA to the students through more outreach, increased interaction between the colleges and the SUA, and by making the SUA a dedicated and positive member of life on campus. I want to help students to get involved with the struggles for student's rights. I know that the students, united, will never be divided.

Internal Vice Chair

Shaz Umer

Hi, my name is Shazzzaaammm. I've been involved with the SUA for two years serving as Chief of Staff to the SUA Chair, Merrill Representative, and currently am an RA. I've noticed the lack of accountability within SUA; therefore, I will ensure that SUA's \$300,000 fiscal budget is balanced, providing much needed support to student organizations, campus sustainability council and engaging education. I will make sure the main stage is affordable for ethnic organizations to host cultural events. I will bring back CruzFit, organize a concert and ensure free printing services are readily available. I chose to run for Internal Vice-Chair because I want to make sure every student feels equally represented, by being nonpartisan and communicating with all students especially transfers. I believe deeply that we can solve class availability, academic grievances and affordability at family student housing if we stay United to form a more perfect Student union.

Brittany Smith

Hello, my name is Brittany Smith, and I am running to be your Internal Vice Chair. This year I have worked within SUA as Special Projects Manager to the Chair, I have organized programs with other officers, and I am College Nine's representative. My experience and vision will allow me to incorporate a diverse student voice within SUA, and bring more students to be involved with Student Committee on Committees.

It is important that SCOC operates effectively to hold administration accountable. I will initiate SCOC public events for students to discuss campus issues, financial aid, and academic policies with administration directly. I am also committed to bridging SUA and the sustainability community, as well as strengthening SUA bonds

with Engaging Education. As IVC I will ensure that SUA acts as an ally to all students, fostering collaboration in order to secure our status as the greatest stakeholders in our UC.

External Vice Chair

Mick Jagger Del Rosario

Hi everyone! My name is Mick Del Rosario. I'm a 3rd year Politics student, Vice Chair of Porter Senate, and your SUA Representative. I've worked on various campaigns—one being No on Prop 23, where we defended California's environmental standards and empowered students statewide, by organizing and winning that election. As your next External Vice Chair, I'll work towards ensuring that the SUA is serving its students, by taking on issues that need to be addressed—our campus being represented on a state and national level, ensuring that we have a safer campus by working with administration and city officials, and reaching out to inform fellow students that the SUA is here to represent you. All of this can be possible with your support. Together, we will set the tone in student government where every student counts. It begins with us—because together, we're united.

Victor Velasco

My name is Victor Velasco and I am running to be your next External Vice Chair. This year, I ensured a strong and recognized student voice on our campus as Internal Vice Chair and Chair of the Student Committee on Committees, and am co-chair for the Queer Student Union. My own experiences as a working class, 1st generation, queer, student of color have allowed me to understand and advocate for the wide range of issues that impact students across the UC system. As EVC I am committed to fight budget cuts and tuition increases, demand for transparency and accountability from the UC Regents, support bills that will create more revenue and make higher education more accessible, and challenge my office to register the largest amount of students in UCSC history. In a system that continues to fail us, I will fight to ensure that our education remains a right!

Commissioner of Diversity

Ian Colby

I'm Ian. Hello! I believe the SUA takes itself too seriously. Because of that, most students don't care about the SUA. I don't want to start a revolution. I'm not necessarily diverse. I'm a 13th generation American with a luscious, soft, tantalizing beard. Previous officers of the SUA have tried to change the world by following their own image of a better future. Idealists! As my daddy used to say, "An idealist is one who, upon noticing that roses smell better than cabbage, concludes that it will also make a better stew." Practical ways to get people to care about the SUA are not going to come from who's been elected before. I'm going to be frank with you, I Can't Serve. I am a fraud. But you can vote for me as a mandate against what's been tried before...Oh! and I really like the children's show "Caillou"...

Rocio Zamora

It's always been a crisis for historically underrepresented students, yet the political climate has intensified and calls for a coalescence. As a first generation, working-class, Chicana scholar activist I've fought inequity my entire life. I celebrate and promote diversity but plan to go beyond this approach by providing a critical perspective and building a movement. We need to collectively push for an equitable and inclusive university FOR ALL. It's not until this is achieved that true diversity can be claimed. My key experiences in diversity issues include but aren't limited to: Co-chairing the Womyn of Color Conference, student initiated outreach,

MEChA, and mobilizing against hate acts. One year as Commissioner of Diversity will not bring UCSC diversity to its full potential. This struggle is long lasting, but I guarantee that if you vote for me I'll put my heart and passion into creating the biggest change I can.

Commissioner of Academic Affairs

Shikū Muhire

Hello I'm Shikū Muhire and I'm running to be your Commissioner of Academic Affairs because I believe that my ambition and articulation for academic concerns makes me a candidate who will reach out to a diverse student population that I've built relationships with these past 2 years. Having spoken with UC Regents and Executive Vice Chancellor Allison Galloway regarding diversity and academics as an integrated topic, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies is a challenge I am looking to advance with students. I hope to bridge the gap between students, faculty, and administration by mobilizing students to target the Academic Senate and academic committees. I will vocalize our concerns by bringing personal testimonies to the administration and Academic Senate.

We pay way too much, and carry more ownership in our academic success, accessibility, and transparency than what is seen.

Thank you for your vote; it's time to reclaim our education! #PSvotePROGRESSIVE.

James Ramsey

Dear UCSC,

Through the years I have had a lot of experience with Academic Affairs at UCSC. As a freshman I interned for the CAA. As a sophomore I was one of the cofounders of the UC CLASS survey and a member of the Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid and as a junior I've helped construct the Student Academic Senate and have acted as its chair for the past two quarters. As the CAA for next year I pledge that I'm going to increase the voice that students have in academic affairs. I want to communicate monthly with the broader student body, create student forums for discussing UCSC course curriculum, and institutionalize the UC CLASS survey. I'm running for the Commissioner of Academic Affairs because I love the office and feel there is so much I can do for the student body. Let's remain United in our future.

Organizing Director

Kevin Huang

My name is Kevin Huang and I'm running for SUA Organizing Director because I want to hold decision makers accountable to students.

This year, I serve as Campus Organizing Director, College Ten Senate President, and Vice Chair of the Student Labor Action Project (SLAP). Over the years, I have led campaigns on and off campus to fight against student loan debt, budget cuts, and fee hikes.

As your SUA Organizing Director, I will fight against cuts to academic resources for students on campus. I will strengthen the bonds of students and workers to leverage our power to fight together for issues on our campus. I will mobilize our campus for VOTE2012, and by reclaiming our voice, students will have the power to hold ineffective politicians accountable by voting them out. Vote for me and together, we will mobilize and be heard, making change as we move forward.

P.S. Vote Progressive!

College Nine Representative

Carlos Ocampo

My name is Carlos Ocampo and I aim to create a deeper connection with my College Nine student body/undergraduate student body on issues such as promoting diversity, and making sure College Nine is inclusive to all student needs.

My past leadership roles give me the experience to hear the concerns of the College Nine/Undergraduate Student Body while also being an active member in SUA. One example of my leadership skills is my experience working with the Chicano Youth Leadership Project, which assists students to become future leaders. I was the 2010 Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project (CLYLP) Student President, which entailed keeping in contact with CLYLP participants, and facilitating feedback to improve the organization.

I also am interested in learning about many communities on campus and gaining a deeper understanding of the student's voice at College Nine. I would appreciate your vote, as Carlos Ocampo for College Nine Representative.

Cowell College Representative

Mike Pham

Hello Cowell College!

My name is Mike Pham(tastic), and I'm running to be your Cowell College Student Union Assembly Representative for next year. I could talk about how I've been involved with various SUA committes in the past, how I've attended multiple SUA-sponsored conferences, and most significantly, how I've been the SUA Representative for Cowell College for the past two years, but that doesn't really matter. What I will say is this: I like turtles. So vote for me; I'll throw a kegger in your honor. #VotePartyParty

Kresge College Representative

Lyle Green-Nickerson

Hello, I'm Lyle Green-Nickerson and I am running to be the Elected Kresge College Representative. As a representative appointed by Kresge Parliament, I attend every meeting of SUA, as well as the Diversity Committee meetings, and taking notes about what is discussed. Since I have started attending these meetings, there have been issues that have been brought up that I would like to change, such as fair representation, making sure that the budget is balanced, and a good system of checks and balances. Another is issue is that SUA is not well-known on the campus, yet we represent the undergraduates. This is something that I would definitely want to address if I were elected as the Kresge Representative. Such changes would be quite beneficial for our community as a whole because we are united.

Merrill College Representative

Ryan King

Hi, Merrill! I'm Ryan King and I want to serve Merrill by representing our college in the Student Union Assembly for 2012-2013. I am a first-year student living in B-dorm and I am going to be a Merrill R.A. next year.

I feel that, in SUA, Merrill needs to be a strong voice for:

- 1) Increasing student participation in SUA
- 2) Advocating for access and affordability to UCSC for underserved students/communities
- 3) Supporting Students of Color and ethnic student organizations
- 4) Representing diverse Queer identities in SUA

I pledge to hold weekly office hours to ensure that every student at Merrill has the opportunity to engage with SUA. I'm proud to be a Merrill affiliate because of our strong, supportive community (and cardiac hill has done wonders for my calves!). I hope to have your support, and hope to see you in office hours next year!

Vanessa Estelí Morales

Hi all you Banana Slugs,

My name is Vanessa Estelí Morales and i'd like to be your Student Union Assembly (SUA) Representative next year. I am currently a second year student majoring in Marine Biology and I've been the SUA Representative for Merrill Student Government (MSG) for the past year. I've tried to share your views and concerns in our discussions and decisions. I would also like to see SUA sponsored programs to have a larger impact on the greater campus community, not just a select few; so I will do my best to see to that. When events come up that you're interested in, please apply and participate. I want to keep SUA as transparent as possible, so please don't hesitate to ask what's up in SUA. I promise I'll do my best to answer.

See you around campus
Vanessa Estelí Morales

Porter College Representative

Abraham Aaron Aragundi

Hello UCSC, my name is Abraham A. Aragundi and I am your candidate running for next years Porter College Representative. In my four years at UCSC, Porter College has changed my life in unique ways. From working at its very own Dining Hall, to being a Community Assistant, I have been able to feel and experience Porter as a student and a worker. Now, I want to take another role, as the College representative. I have come to realize that in our community, there exists a lack of diversity. Also, the support for artistic liberty and expression across the arts is one of the most visible absences. If I am elected for this position, my duties as a representative will be to serve as support system for students to nurture an active, political, and collective voice in Porter College in order for our issues to be heard and cultivate change.

Shingo Brann

Hello, my name is Shingo Brann and I am seeking candidacy in the position of Porter College Representative in UCSC's Student Union Assembly. To become Porter's student rep would be splendid because it is one of the best ways to make a difference during my time here at UCSC. To improve the lives and conditions of my fellow colleagues, future students, and myself are things that would be accomplished. SUA provides opportunities to meet and network, which is why I want to become involved. If it is for a good cause, collaborating with others is something I love to do. I also would like to become a rep because it can provide myself with transferable skills and help with my chances of becoming more employable.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If accepted, I look forward to actively participating in the work and social opportunities SUA has to offer.

Oakes College Representative

Melody Aguilar

Because I have grown attached to this beautifully diverse community along with all of its unique aspects, I feel that I am the perfect candidate to effectively represent Oakes College. I have three years of previous experience in my High School's student government, I have been to various conferences throughout the nation, I have led and represented students many times in various forms, and I have been an active leader in numerous activities and positions. Due to my proven maturity, responsibility, dedication, and most importantly, passion when it comes to issues regarding students and affordable higher education, I pledge to be an honorable leader for Oakes and successfully represent the valuable student voice. I will be an informed, reliable, and approachable representative that will always be ready to serve the needs of my fellow peers because I realize the importance of our Oakes community and the impact of student power.

Stevenson College Representative

Charlsie Chang

Hi, I'm Charlsie! I'm a first year and I'm running as Stevenson's SUA Representative. I love Stevenson and being in SUA -- I've held this position all year as an appointed representative from Stevenson Student Council. My main focus is cultivating diversity on campus and directing the focus of SUA toward increasing visibility, accountability, and direct impact on the student body. I would also like to collaborate with other college governments in throwing events, strengthening bonds between colleges, and emphasize more on student life.

Norma Vasquez

Greetings fellow undergraduate banana-slugs! My name is Norma Vasquez and I am running to be SUA's next Stevenson Representative. As a second year I am currently SUA's Outreach Organizer intern under the diversity committee. Having held this position in SUA throughout the year I have acquired great community organizing skills by outreaching and collaborating with many of our ethnic/identity based organizations, the resource center directors, and professors ensuring equal access and representation on our campus. As Stevenson Representative I am committed to represent and express the concerns and student voice of Stevenson College, strengthen the bridges between colleges, student organizations and faculty, create social events, ensure accessibility to student resources but most importantly enrich the Stevenson community experience. Thank you for your vote.

For questions regarding campus elections, please contact Lucy Rojas at larojas@ucsc.edu or 459-1676.