

CANDIDATE FOR:

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES

FLORIANE ESMERALDA DJEIGO



My name is Floriane Djeigo, and I'm hoping to be your next Director of Student Services. As an international student, a first-generation college student, and a Computer Engineering major, I am deeply committed to ensuring that El Camino College is a supportive environment where every student has access to the resources they need to succeed. I currently serve as your Senator for the Mathematical Sciences Division in ASO. In this role, I have advocated for students, developed new ideas to strengthen the division, and held office hours to provide students with a space to voice their concerns. Through my involvement in the Programs, Publicity, External Affairs, and Initiatives committees of ASO, I have contributed to projects that directly impact student life and engagement on campus. While my current focus has been on representing the students of my division, I am eager to expand my work to

serve the broader community of El Camino College. I believe in listening, creating spaces where every voice is heard, and empowering students to speak up about their needs and experiences. As Director of Student Services, I will lead with empathy, dedication, and a commitment to open and honest communication. My goal is not only to support the creation of student-centered policies, but to ensure that these resources are truly accessible, effective, and impactful for all students. Through both my personal experience and my work as Senator, I have seen the gap between available student services and student awareness, and I am committed to closing that gap. I plan to actively collaborate with campus organizations and committees to advocate for meaningful improvements, particularly in areas such as basic needs support, mental health services, and student resource awareness. I am committed to serving with the highest spirit, I believe our student services must continue to grow and adapt to meet the real and changing needs of our student body. The students of El Camino College are the heart of this campus, and their voices must always be valued. As your Director of Student Services, I promise to listen, take action, and deliver meaningful change; because I don't just talk about support, I make sure students actually experience it.

CANDIDATE FOR:

STUDENT TRUSTEE

NINA WATANABE



Want more student benefits, opportunities, and have your voice heard? Then vote Nina Watanabe as your 2026 Student Trustee! Curious to know about my background? Well, I'm currently the Robotic's club Inter-Club Council Representative, proud MANA member, Blue Robotics engineering intern, and WIT Co-Social Media director! I also formerly shadowed the First-Time College Student Director as an Executive Fellow for the student government of University of California, Riverside- which proudly represents over 26,000+ students. My main focus was to help provide more resources for students, particularly first-generation college students. I was tasked to aid the director in responsibilities that include but are not limited to: Assisting with office led projects such as hosting

Pre-Law/Pre-Medical panels, reworking bylaws, and improving pre-existing student resources such as the TRIO-scholars and the first year resources program. This work allowed me to help make positive impacts within my community and sparked my passion for student government. Furthermore, deciding to leave my 4-year college, where I was happy and felt well-integrated at, to attend El Camino College and support my family financially was challenging, but it showed me that I can balance my own goals with the needs of those around me. Additionally, as a first generation student and second generation Japanese immigrant, I understand how it feels to navigate unfamiliar spaces (like college!) while constantly feeling behind others. As a result, while I have many goals in mind, some of the main ones I'm especially driven to advocate for are pushing out initiatives for student resources to increase academic success, sense of community, available mentorship, and well-being. I also aim to advocate for more scholarship opportunities to the El Camino College Foundation to combat the recent decrease in state funding for higher education. With your help, I could also advocate for policies on a local, state, and even federal level in favor of El Camino students! My goal is to not only fulfill the basic responsibilities of a Student Trustee, but to go above and beyond to make a meaningful impact for every student on campus- which includes you!

CANDIDATE FOR:

STUDENT TRUSTEE

JACOB RODRIGUEZ



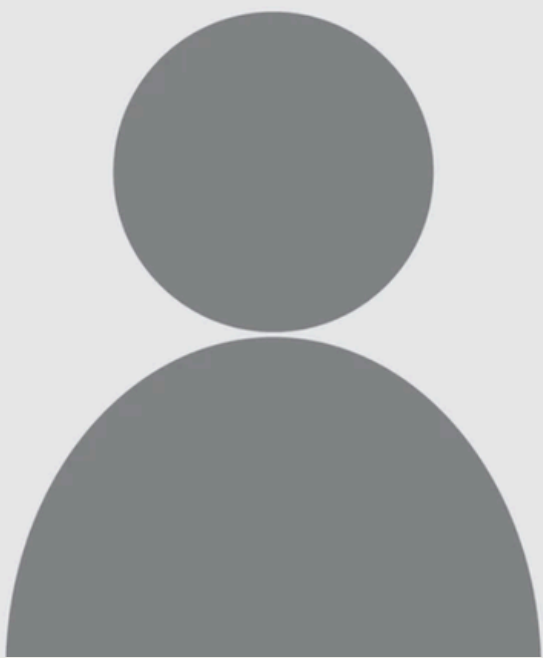
Hi! My name is Jacob Rodriguez (He/Him). As a first-year student, I represent the Student Senate for California Community Colleges as Region VII Treasurer, serving over 100,000 students, and the El Camino College student body as a Division Council member for the Natural Sciences Division. Some of my favorite experiences include attending the General Assembly at the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) and advocating for AB 2422 (student financial aid extensions) and AB 2236 (articulation agreements) on behalf of 20,000 college students at the California State Capitol in Sacramento. My initiatives and goals include increasing on- and off-campus research and internship opportunities, expanding online course availability, and promoting student success programs.

As a student who works two part-time jobs, I understand the challenges of scheduling and enrolling in competitive courses. Students without priority registration are extremely limited in their choices and may have to sacrifice their education due to full waitlists. Expanding online course offerings is essential to support students' work-life balance, because family and life come first. Research and internships expose students to career pathways and provide invaluable professional experiences that strengthen resumes and build leadership skills. Students deserve more opportunities to support their academic and professional development. El Camino College needs to address counseling issues! Students should have clear, comprehensive education plans that keep them on track for their transfer timelines and goals. These changes will improve transfer rates and overall student success. Outside of student government, I spend my time creating spaces for students to build friendships on the golf course. As president, I lead El Camino Club Golf with a focus on promoting inclusivity and affordability within the sport. Additionally, I work as an emergency medical technician and enjoy rock climbing and hiking with friends. With my background in student government, ambition to create change, and dedication to serving others, I am proud to run as a candidate for Student Trustee at El Camino College. Together, we can make a difference. VOTE JACOB RODRIGUEZ FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE @jacobfortrustee

CANDIDATE FOR:

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

STEVEN DIAZ



Director of Finance I am Steven Diaz and I am running for Director of Finance, ensure that funds are used with purpose, transparent, and fair. As a first-generation student and current President of the First-Gen Club, I understand how both sides of funding operate, how students depend on resources and how institutions manage them. I've seen firsthand how access to funding drives not only student success, but also the success of El Camino College as a whole. As Commissioner of Finance, I have learned how the various funds in ASO are allocated and how budgets are created and appropriated. I have also made myself very available to student organizations in order to understand the most effective ways in which they can spend their allocated funding. Through my involvement

with the ASO, I have experienced both the strengths and weaknesses inherent in the current funding system. As your Finance Director, my goal is to make student funding accessible, transparent and effective. As a student, I know that groups and societies should not have to waste hours agonizing over what can be afforded and should feel confident that their funding is meeting their needs. That accessing and understanding the variety of student funding opportunities should not be a source of stress. As your Finance Director, improving communication of funding so that, it can make the most of the opportunities available. Accountability and organization with continuous improvement. As a STEM student looking to become an engineer and who has a dream of becoming an entrepreneur. I look at all things from the perspective of how can this be improved?. I intend to bring this towards our management of our ASO funds and hope to improve communication and to provide a more transparent manner in which the funds are managed and to raise awareness of the spending of our money. I care about the impact our funds have on students and staff. I do not believe our budget should sit idle. I believe our budget can be an instrument to reach, teach, organize and strengthen our students.

CANDIDATE FOR:

PRESIDENT

KEILANI CAMARGO



I'm Keilani Camargo, and I want to represent you as the next ASO president. When I first applied to join ASO, I came in with a lot of on-campus experience from my previous job in the Warrior Welcome Center. During my time there, I saw firsthand how valuable our school's resources are, even when we aren't always on the receiving end. I also witnessed the shortcomings and limitations of what we could provide. I've used this experience to shape how I operate within ASO. Often raising concerns and asking questions in Senate meetings, which I know other students I've met and helped guide would ask me. Having the opportunity to advocate for students has truly changed my perspective on what we can accomplish not only as individuals but as an organized community. In my current position as

Commissioner of Finance, I've been able to learn about the role ASO plays on campus, not just as volunteers at our on-campus events but also in securing the funds to create them. The purpose of ASO is to advocate for students at every level, it's what inspired me to apply. As president, I want to show how we, as an organization, can best support the wider student body and your needs. My goal is to help students feel heard, valued, and know that their voice and opinions make all the difference.

CANDIDATE FOR:

PRESIDENT

MEHRA ZIATABARI



Hi Everybody! My name is Mehra Ziatabari, and I am running to be your Associated Student Organization (ASO) President! I am currently a first-year Biochemistry student and serve as Commissioner of Academic Affairs in ASO. As Commissioner of Academic Affairs I strive to provide meaningful academic support and opportunities that directly benefit students and their success. I have worked to ensure student concerns are addressed and that resources are accessible to everyone. I strive to provide continuous support to the students on campus, emphasizing transparency between deans, professors, faculty, and the students they serve especially by making for more efficient contact between all bodies. Increasing awareness and expansion efforts for tutoring resources, especially for STEM students by working with MESA, FYE, and the library tutoring department. Work to bridge communication and collaboration between students and faculty, ensuring that your voices are heard and implemented. In ASO committee, as Vice Chair of External Affairs I aim to advocate for our students at the government level, supporting opportunities to

promote the quality of education and personal and academic growth for all of our students. I have advocated for our 30,000 El Camino students in Sacramento by meeting with California Legislators for easier transferring processes and expanded financial aid opportunities. And advocated for better and more affordable medical care for California Community College students by pushing resolutions through the SSCCC a nonprofit focused on student equity, access, and success through legislative action. As a CCC Health Advocate I have advocated through specialized student rights groups to legislators, analyzed, and contributed through nonprofits to local and state health legislation that impacts community college students, working to improve access and equity in student healthcare. Which has Deb to the recent increase in low cost student health services resources. I am a national debate champion. My advocacy, combined with my experience as a national debate champion, has helped push for expanded low-cost health services, improved access to affordable care, more efficiency in financial aid, and easier transferring processes for El Camino College students. As President I will listen to you're concerns and advocate for you're solutions that promote your growths, both academic and personal. I am planning multiple projects such as hosting ICE protection and student rights seminars to support students. I plan to expand tutoring availability for late and evening class students, and supporting more advocacy trips to support legislation that directly benefits El Camino students like yourself. I also plan to continue strengthening communication between students and administration, ensuring transparency, accountability, and promoting teamwork and transparency. Through this I strive to build a student government that truly represents and empowers every single student voice. Being elected as your next President will allow me to bring my skills and experience into action, leading with impact while advocating for the success and well-being of our student body.

CANDIDATE FOR:

VICE PRESIDENT

SHERIFF ABDUL



Hi everyone, My name is Sheriff, and I'm running for ASO Vice President. I'm not going to pretend I'm the most perfect or most "qualified-sounding" person you'll read about, I'm just someone who actually cares, shows up, and follows through. And honestly, that's what this role needs. That aside, I still got qualifications... I've been involved on campus in a few different ways, working as a cabinet member and ICC representative with the International Students community, being active in BSU (black student union), and just being around spaces where students are trying to build something meaningful. Outside of that, I play soccer (captain in high school, so yes... I might take teamwork a little too seriously), and I'm also into speech and debate, so I'm used to

speaking up, but more importantly, listening. On a normal day, you'll probably see me in the library, headphones in, trying to get work done like everyone else, or pretending to be productive for at least 10 minutes before reality hits. So trust me, I understand the everyday student experience, the stress, the goals, and everything in between. What I bring is simple: I listen before I act I follow through on what I say And I care about making things actually better, not just talking about it As Vice President, I want to help make ASO feel less distant and more connected to students' real lives. Not something you only hear about in announcements, but something you can actually feel on campus. I'm approachable, you don't need to send a formal email or book a meeting. If you see me, you can talk to me. If something matters to you, it should matter to me too. At the end of the day, I'm not trying to be the most impressive person on paper. just someone you can trust to represent you and do the work. If that sounds like the kind of person you'd want in this role, I'd appreciate your vote.

CANDIDATE FOR:

VICE PRESIDENT

VANESSA LEANO



Hello everyone, my name is Vanessa Leano. I am running to be your Vice-President. I would like to share that as a community college student I have struggled with probably the same issues as most of us do. But that doesn't mean things most stay that way. And that's when I learned about ASO and their work. I began my journey at ASO as Senator of Humanities, I began learning and applying everything that was taught to me, and how to be a student leader. My passion for advocating began growing as I saw how ASO work on resolving issues that affect students. On my time here in ASO I have had the opportunity to learn from other student leaders who have experience in this area, seeing that passion and enthusiasm to work in improving our community for you as student made my

love for advocating grow. I applied to go into the Federal Advocacy Academy for March 2026, in Washington DC, and was selected to go. In this academy I was able to learn many different skills and knowledge about student leadership and how to we can make a change for us student. ASO has given me the opportunity to learn about students, and how we can improve issues or concern for them. I look forward to be the ASO Vice President, to be of assistance for ASO internal development but also began working in advertising all resources ECC has to offer them, since is a great school that is broad services may not be as popular as they need to be to reach all our student community. If elected Vice President I look forward working in seeing how we can obtain more job fairs, with more schedule availability to reach all students, and many more opportunities if I get elected.

CANDIDATE FOR:

DIRECTOR OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

ROOKAYA ABDELHAMID



Hello! My name is Rookaya Abdelhamid, and I will be running for the position of Director of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. To give a little backstory on who I am, I will be going into my second year here at El Camino, and my major is Kinesiology. During my time at Elco, I was given the opportunity to serve as one of the Commissioners of EDI. I witnessed and gained firsthand experience in listening to others' voices and advocating for the students of El Camino College. Additionally, as a member of the Council on Advancing and Unifying Student Equity (CAUSE), we have put on different events that highlight the various communities and identities that people come from. I have also served on the resolutions and initiatives committee to bring attention to the wants and needs of

the students. Beyond my work in the Associated Students Organization (ASO), I have also worked as an Outreach Ambassador for El Camino. Through my time in this role, I became introduced to all the incredible resources that we have on campus, ranging from transfer resources to financial aid, and support/success programs. I have provided group tours, application workshops, and outreach events, leading me to gain firsthand experience in communication and leadership about the programs, majors, and general information about El Camino College to others. This will directly tie into my hopes of continuing to connect students with support programs, as well as creating personalized events (with food) to create a community on campus. With the current times that we live in, and with everything that is going on around us, it is so important to have a sense of community and support when life can feel impossible and overwhelming. If given the role of Director of EDI, I plan to highlight all the various people and identities that fill El Camino, such as gender, cultures, and everything in between. At the end of the day, we are all the same people, with similar hopes and aspirations for the future, so why not highlight that together? Vote Rookaya for Director of EDI. Thank you!

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DIRECTOR OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

AARON ORELLANA



Hello, my name is Aaron Orellana. I am a college freshman at El Camino College. However my experience as a student has excelled more than a freshmen as I've served on multiple positions ranging from leadership to a helping hand on initiatives that promote social awareness and growth on demographic needs. For example, I am currently campaigning for a candidate State Assemblymember who fights for underrepresented groups all across District 65th. Within our campus, I partake in the CAUSE Council that aims at advancing different populations. I also share experience in leadership roles in ASO student government as Vice Chair of our committee resolutions. That all said, I hope that you can confide in me to be your next Director of EDI for the 2026-2027 academic year term.



Candidates for Executive Cabinet

2026-2027 ASO ELECTIONS