



Student Government Association General Election Candidates 2019 – 2020 Academic Year

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BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Presidential Candidate



Pamela Ho Fung

Hello! My name is Pamela Ho Fung and I am running to be your student body President at the beautiful Biscayne Bay Campus. I currently serve as the Speaker Pro Tempore and Lower Division Senator. During my time here at FIU, I experienced the amazing activities it promotes and the outstanding education it offers. I have many goals to make the students' experience and time at FIU even more memorable and meaningful. I would like to have occasional events where conversations are started between students and the leaders serving them with the purpose to share concerns, ideas, and improvements. I would like to expand student's engagement with FIU and the councils by offering more events in the CARTA, CASE, HM, and WUC buildings so students of all majors, backgrounds, and stories are included in the fun and intellectual events. Students' health and educational purpose at FIU is my top priority and I will be honored if I'm able to work along students to refresh their experience at the Biscayne Bay Campus and FIU.

Vice Presidential Candidate

Mahalia Balfour

During my time here at the Beautiful Biscayne Bay Campus of Florida International University, I have felt a calling to become the next Vice President of this essential council here at FIU. As Vice President, I would seek to use my position to continue advocating on behalf of students needs, concerns and safety, increase awareness and access to academic resources, and highlight the importance of keeping the Beautiful Biscayne Bay Campus both eco-friendly and sustainable, as well as increasing our community involvement.

Platform Points

- Academic Resources
- Environment and Sustainability
- Community Involvement
- Student Involvement
- Student Safety
- Focus on the FIU's motto
- Focus on FIU's Values

At Large Senator Candidates

Keanu Orfano

The SGA is a body that is all about helping and improving the student body. This is what I want to do. I want to help in any capacity that is possible for me. I want to give my service to my FIU community at BBC. I want to use my hands, my voice, and my brain to further the prosperity that is the Beautiful Biscayne Bay Campus. This is my purpose, to help and serve. I believe that this is the best way for me to do so in my beloved Florida International University.

Mickalia Paisley

If given the opportunity to serve as a member of the senate for another year, I would like to spend time addressing the specific needs of students across the campus. During one on one sessions or through means of events, I would like to hear the concerns of students and see in what ways we can offer them more resources. I would like to see more course and organizational options offered to students.

College of Arts, Science & Education Candidates

Gabriella Malak

I want to allow more opportunities for the CASE students at the Biscayne Bay Campus. I believe many students who mainly go to BBC do not have as many opportunities to further improve their education and add to their resumes. I believe many internships, and clubs can be found at the main campus and are not offered to students who may not be able to go to the main campus or get involved in these clubs they offer. There are many hands-on opportunities at BBC for science students that I believe are not taken advantage of, and I want to change that.

Communication + Journalism Candidates



Aaliyah Gordon

- Create more events for students to partake in
- Events dealing with learning about issues dealing with school or spreading more awareness of certain issues



Catalina Nemmi

Some ideas that I have for the FIU I-75 Campus is to constantly gain knowledge on what the student concerns are and work to solve these concerns. Another goal I have for the I-75 campus is to get more classes onto that campus so there is more movement and the campus behind to grow. I will work towards being the voice for FIU I-75 at all conversations concerning FIU and I will work closely with the I-75 Committee to be the liaison for both campuses.

Health Services Administration Candidate

Mark Manoco

So I could say that my mission and purpose is to provide assistance to the community or I could be honest and say that I really don't know what my mission of purpose is but I can tell you this that I'm trying to figure out what my mission of purpose is by figuring out what I like and what I don't like. I'm hoping you guys will accept me into this position so I can accomplish these goals of mine because I really want to figure out who I am as an individual. If you accept me into this role you'll see that I am a hard working person that truly wants to accomplish whatever missions that are ahead of me with fierce spirit and devotion.



Hospitality And Tourism Management Candidate

Yuze Ji

My name is Yuze Ji, and my English name is Crystal. I'm from China and I'm a senior student of the hospitality management major in FIU. The hospitality management major in our school is ranked around fourth in American Universities. It's a very famous major and I feel interested in this part. I have got 3.64 about GPA. And I think it will be very useful in my career in the future if I can be a member of the student government association of FIU. I will cherish my opportunity to work for the student government and I believe that my dream will come true with my effort in a day. In this two years, I will put more time in working for the association if I can join in successfully. I already have several months' experience working in SGA. I will constantly enrich myself to be a knowledgeable person. I will work hard to learn more professional knowledge. I will try to help more people in the campus and put myself into the work of the association. For the future, I will strive to practice and combine personal goals and down-to-earth work styles. I want to improve myself and learn more knowledge by working in the student government. Hope You will give me a chance to join into the organization.

Upper Division Candidates

Gabriel Hernandez

The main purpose of the platform I wish to present is to convey my best interest as an individual who seeks to strengthen the reputation of Florida International University which had achieved in earning. Along with passing legislation and bills which I feel would enhance the experience and opportunities available for our students. Also to expand the involvement of students in order to boost Panther Pride and appreciation of our academia including our campus locations.

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION

President & Vice President Candidates



Sabrina Rosell (Right)

Sabrina Leeloo Rosell is currently pursuing a B.A. in Political Science at Florida International University and serves as the MMC Student Body President. In this capacity, she, alongside the executive leadership, are responsible for the allocation of a \$20 million budget for the enhancement of the overall collegiate experience for the 56,000 students at FIU. Prior to her service as President, Sabrina served as Vice President and as Secretary of Governmental Relations. Sabrina has worked on several political campaigns ranging from local, state and federal. Her combined experience in public and governmental relations led her to Balsera Communications, a leading national public affairs and strategic communications firm delivering impactful media relations, digital strategy and issue advocacy campaigns to top-tier organizations and companies. Sabrina previously worked at Live Like Bella, a non-profit organization as the Strategic Partnerships Coordinator, where she created a sustainable fundraising program and assisted with governmental relations.

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Isabella Ojeda (Left)

Isabella Ojeda is a Junior from Orlando, Florida. She studied at an international high school representing students from 81 countries around the world. Growing up in a community that valued diversity, she became passionate about expanding access to educational and leadership opportunities for people. Her decision to attend FIU was shaped by her experience in high school, having gained so much from building relationships with students from many different cultures. During her sophomore year in college, Isabella served as the VP of Outreach for the Student Programming Council. This year, Isabella is proud to serve as your SPC President and an SGA Cabinet Member. Freshman year, she was nominated to work for the Center for Excellence in Writing as a Writing Assistant. Through Isabella's involvements and her time in SPC, she has discovered her passion for advocating for student needs and ensuring student voices do not go unheard. Go Panthers!

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Honors College Candidate



Cornelius Brown

Cornelius Brown is a native of Miami, FL who is finishing his Sophomore semester at FIU. Cornelius is an outgoing individual who sees the good in every situation and is always looking to retain knowledge from every area in his life. Growing up his was consistently involved in football and is currently looking to join the football program at FIU. Currently, he is a current member of the Honors College program and is majoring in Public

Administration. He also is looking to receive a Certificate in Entrepreneurship with the hopes to one day take his knowledge and start his own business.

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At Large Senator Candidates



Matthew Beck

Matthew Beck is a junior double majoring in political science and international relations. Beck has held numerous positions within multiple organizations on campus, which has given him a passion for serving the student body. Previously, he served as the senator of housing and internal affairs chair in the Student Government Association, his time in this position has given him the knowledge on how to better represent and advocate for the needs of the student body. If elected as the next Senator At-Large, Beck wants to give the students of FIU the voice they deserve when it comes to the betterment of the Modesto Maidique

Campus and their education.



Charles "CJ" Kelly

Charles (CJ) Kelly is a junior studying mechanical engineering. From his experiences in many involvements on campus such as Roarthon, Relay For Life, aB, peer mentor and more, he feels he is best qualified to represent the student body. He is running for re-election because he wants the future of FIU to be in the hands of the students. CJ is hardworking and determined to make sure the voice of the students of FIU will be heard.

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Rose Ingraham

Hey Panthers! I am currently a sophomore studying Computer Science and National Security Studies. This past year I served as the Honors College Senator which gave me the platform to advocate and support Honors students. In November, I hosted a Volunteer Fair, where all students could network with local non-profits for volunteer opportunities. As Lower Division Senator, I was able to bring American Sign Language courses to FIU, so students could be able to communicate with the hearing impaired population. I also had the privilege of serving as a voting member of the MMC budget committee, allocating over \$2 million for students' academic, professional, and affinity needs. If elected, I plan to advocate for an engineering or STEM centered study abroad, and will work to improve transportation on campus. I am very excited to serve the student body again as YOUR Senator for all Panthers!



Ariadna Natteri

Seeking re-election for her At Large seat, Ariadna is currently a senior at FIU pursuing a bachelors in Public Administration and Political Science. This past year I have worked hard to advocate for the needs of the student body even going up to Tallahassee and making sure the needs of the FIU community are heard loud and clear within the state legislature. Having served as the Operational Review Committee Chair I have really been able to take a look at the money that is being spent by all of the councils and organizations at FIU and making sure it correlates with the needs of our student body. I pride myself on being an objective voice in the senate, and always representing the student body to the best of my ability. I am seeking re-election to continue to represent our 54,000 students in order to spark innovation, build panther pride, and continue to be worlds ahead.

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Graduate Senator Candidates

Mitra Ahmadinejad (Naseh)



Mitra Ahmadinejad (Naseh) is a Doctoral candidate and Graduate Assistant at the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work, School of Social Work. Previously in Student Government Association, Mitra served as the Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) Coordinator and Chair of the Graduate and Professional Student Committee (GPSC). Outside of the Student Government Association, Mitra has served as the President of the Iranian Student Organization, member of the Graduate Advisory Board (GAB), member of the Dean's Student Advisory Committee at the Stempel College, and student representative at the Educational Policy Committee (EPC) of the Stempel College.

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Angel Algarin



Angel Algarin, MPH is currently a PhD candidate in the Robert Stempel College of Public Health studying Epidemiology. In Fall 2018, Angel became the newly appointed Graduate Secretary of the student government association (SGA). During his time as Graduate secretary, he has worked together with the Graduate Advisory Board and the Graduate and Professional Student Council to assist in making impactful change on issues facing graduate students such as student stipends. If elected, Angel wants to focus on: 1) increasing the transparency of SGA, 2)

increasing graduate student involvement in SGA, 3) working together with the graduate school to find research funding for students, 4) Bridging the gap between graduate and undergraduate research by building a mentorship program.

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Bertha Vera



Bertha is the current senator for the Robert Stempel College of Public Health and Social Work as an undergrad. She will graduate this Spring 2019 with her Bachelor degree in Science of Social Work. She plans to pursue her Master degree this Summer 2019 as she qualified for the advanced standing program, she plans to graduate with her MSW Spring 2020. Bertha plans to run as a graduate senator this election. During Bertha's undergrad year she was very involved with students and organizations. She was the President for the Phi Alpha national honor society of social work, she was active with the Student Social Work Association as well as on the Dean's Advisory

Committee and various student panels and public speaking events. Bertha is interested in running as a graduate senator to continue to reach students at a different compacity, to challenge herself and work alongside a team.

Leila Zahedi



Leila Zahedi is a Doctoral student and Graduate Research Assistant at the School of Computing and Information Sciences. Previously in Student Government Association, Leila served as the Graduate Student Appreciation Week(GSAW) Coordinator. She is currently Chair of the Graduate and Professional Student Committee (GPSC). Leila also served as the Event Coordinator of the Iranian Student Organization and Seminar Coordinator of the Computer Science Graduate Student Association.

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Lower Division Senator Candidates



Alexandra Ibarria

Alexandra Ibarria is a freshman studying Psychology. She is a proud sister of Phi Sigma Sigma and has decided to run for Lower Division Senator due to her passion for serving others and our FIU community. Alexandra wants to make real change and implement policies that will help students succeed which is why she decided to run with the fiyou party. A party that has a proven track record of supporting the FIU student body and advocating for student's needs. She will use her prior leadership experience to launch new programs and initiatives that will protect student rights, involve more students in organizations, and to serve as a liaison between the student body, faculty, and administration.

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Briana Jimenez

Briana is a sophomore studying Public Relations, Advertising, and Applied Communications. She is involved in a number of student organizations on campus. Briana has served as Vice President of Operations, and VP of Communications for the FIU Student Ambassadors. She is also a proud sister of the Theta Gamma Chapter of Phi Mu and serves as the Public Relations Chair for the organization. Briana is currently a Panther Camp Facilitator charged with the opportunity to serve those that walk through the doors of FIU. She is very grateful to be a part of a group that is dedicated to easing the transition to FIU and infusing the Panther Spirit in the community. Briana is interested in SGA because she would like to use her communications skills to promote the vision of next generation creators who engage in unique learning experiences within CARTA.

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Carolina Machin

Carolina is a rising sophomore studying communications and political science on a pre-law track as a part of the Honors College. Currently a proud sister of Alpha Omicron Pi where she is the Vice President of Chapter Development as well as a serving on the Homecoming Council. She began her FIU experience by being selected as an SGA Intern and later moving on to become a Lower Division Senator. Being elected half way through the year, she wishes to continue her time as a Lower Division senator in order to fulfill her initiatives and continue serving the student body.

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Afsanna Kiara Mohammad

Afsaana Kiara Mohammed, preferably known as Kiara, is a sophomore studying International Relations and Political Science while pursuing a certificate in Middle Eastern Studies and Peace Corps Prep. Kiara is an ambitious, spontaneous student who loves giving back to her community in any shape or form. She does this by participating in various organizations on campus, such as the Born Different Advocate Alliance and the Women Who Lead Steering Committee, and helps tackle important issues, whether it is for women's, disability, or veteran's rights. Kiara wants to expand her influence on giving back and supporting one another which is why she is interested in running for Senator - Lower Division. Kiara hopes to one day run for Vice President/President and wants to start building her skills from now, not only that, but she

has enjoyed her experience as an Intern for SGA and wants to continue working with them.

College of Arts, Science & Education Senator Candidates



Alejandro Arzola

Alejandro has been an FIU Panther since Fall 2016. He is majoring in Biology and aspires to go onto medical school after he graduates in Spring 2020. Alejandro has taken many leadership roles at FIU as well as already being a part of SGA during the 2018-19 school year. Alejandro has been on the executive boards for multiple organizations including Roarthon and Beta Theta Pi. He is also a part of the Honors College, Quantifying Biology in the Classroom, and Omicron Delta Kappa, all academic honors organizations.

Alejandro hopes to serve his college and general student body so that they can experience what it really means to be an FIU Panther. He has seen what being involved on campus brings to the college community and hopes that he can inspire many others to do the same, whether it be academic involvements or extra-curricular.

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Mallory Fortuno

Mallory is currently a Junior studying Biology on the Pre - Veterinary track. On campus she is involved in several organizations including being a Panther Camp facilitator, Peer Mentor, Roarthon Overall Director and Community Relations chair. This candidate is interested in this position because she would like to become more actively involved in the decisions being made for this college and allow for the students voices to be heard. Also, prepare students for greater opportunities with a wide variety of outreach and networking.
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Janelle Fraga

Janelle is a current sophomore as an English major on the pre-law track. She came to FIU with a desire to be involved in making a difference while also representing fellow students. She set a mission to continue to challenge herself and to consistently grow from each of her endeavors. Janelle quickly became involved and joined organizations such as Delta Phi Epsilon and Academy of Leaders. She also works on campus assisting students in the Office of Scholarships. Janelle wants to become a Senator for the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education because she knows that she has the resources to be able to reach out to students and increase the volume at which their concerns are heard. Janelle does not

see things for how they are, rather, how they should be. She wants to ensure that FIU is providing the best for all students.

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Amy Gonzalez

Amy is a sophomore majoring in psychology with a chemistry minor. Furthermore, Amy hopes to become a future doctor after completing her undergraduate requirements. There are many involvements Amy has successfully joined such as, being a participant and steering committee member of Alternative Breaks. Additionally, Amy had the pleasure of being a 2018 peer advisor and welcomed all the incoming students of FIU. Also, Amy is extremely involved in the academic aspect of involvements; for instance, she was a PLTL leader for a semester and is currently a research assistant for the Center for Children and Families in FIU. In essence, the reason why Amy has a desire to be the senator of CASE is because being involved has allowed Amy to see the struggles the students of CASE have to endure.

Furthermore, Amy hopes to implement her ideas to help the students of her college.

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College of Arts, Science & Education Senator Candidates (Continued)



[Leslie Llambias](#)

Leslie Llambias is currently a psychology major pursuing the Pre-Med track. She is a senior enrolled in FIU's Honors College planning on graduating in Fall 2019. She is a proud sister of Phi Sigma Sigma and has participated in mission trips internationally with organizations that focus on helping underprivileged children, like ICO and GCE. Her most important involvement is that one that brings to light her passion for service, which is the reason she is running for Senator. Leslie believes that she needs to be the change she wants to see in the world, and why travel so far when she can start promoting change to improve the success

her FIU community from home. Leslie wants to employ her prior experiences to advocate fearlessly about new initiatives that will aid the needs of the student body, especially those from the Arts, Sciences, and Education population.

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[Anthony Membrano](#)

CASE Senator candidate, Anthony Membreno, is a sophomore studying biochemistry with a minor in dance. He is a former SGA intern and currently an Alternative Breaks Site Leader. He has event organization and team-building. He is a historian for Phi Delta Epsilon (PhiDE), the medical fraternity on campus, therefore he is constantly surrounded by C.A.S.E students who express their concerns and ideas. Anthony also has a unique connection with fine arts majors and would love to advocate on their behalf.



[Sophia Viteri](#)

Sophia Viteri is a junior studying Psychology on a Pre Law Track. She has been heavily involved on campus with Greek Life, attending Academy of Leaders, being a Marketing Coordinator for SPC, and Finance Chair for Phi Alpha Delta Pre Law Fraternity. She hopes to be much more involved by voicing student's opinion in SGA! Being a part of Student Government in high school, as well as understanding the responsibilities of holding a leadership position, Sophia is ready to implement new ideas to our student body. This position will allow her to begin change within the CASE school and its students.

College of Business Senator Candidate

David Nivia



David Nivia is a Senior at FIU double majoring in International Business and Supply Chain Management. He was born in Bogota, Colombia and moved to the United States when he was seven years old. David, the current President, has been involved in the International Business Honor Society and India's service trip for 3 years. He is also heavily involved in professional organizations in FIU and Miami such as Model United Nations, City of Doral, and the Sales Society. Additionally, David has also been part of several business organizations such as PIF, ALPFA, Social Media Association, AMA, and the Study Abroad PAW program. Furthermore, he is a proud brother and the scholarship chair of Theta Chi. As the current Business senator, he is looking for re-election to continue advocating for the FIU student body, as well as improving and easing the job/internship opportunities at FIU in the private and public sectors.

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Karla Sofia Perez

Karla Sofia Perez is a sophomore majoring in Accounting/Business Management and minoring in Business Analytics. She is a Peer Advisor Coordinator, Peer Mentor and Student Conduct Committee member. She wants to be a Senator for the College of Business because her past leadership roles have allowed her to gain an understanding of how to advocate for others and what our student leaders need.



Gabriela Ponce

Gabriela Ponce is a junior double majoring in International Business and Management Information Systems. On campus, she is an active student leader and has multiple leadership positions including being a 2018 Peer Advisor, President of the Dean's Student Advisory Board for the College of Business, and the Vice President of Alumni Relations for the professional business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi. If chosen for business senator, Gabriela will advocate for students to receive the necessary skills in order to be successful in the competitive job market that most align with student interests and goals. She also hopes to create initiatives to encourage student involvement within the College of Business

and address changing student needs.

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[Jonathan Soufia](#) Jonathan is a freshman studying International Business. He is a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon as well a part of the Student Ambassador Association here on campus. Jonathan has a strong passion for humanitarian efforts and encourages others to do the same, as well. He has helped raise over \$50,000 of funds for charities such as Special Olympics, Florida Breast Cancer Association and IOCC. Jonathan continues to fuel this passion of his, through the efforts as a Special Olympics Coach at the Antiochian Village and by hosting his annual Charity Basketball Tournament, since its formation over \$30,000 has been

raised towards the Syrian Relief Fund. Jonathan was able to foster his skills in leadership and communication through his various internships he's acquired which fueled his desire to run for your Senator

of the College of Business. He hopes to use his previous experiences to better the student life at FIU.

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College of Communication, Architecture, & The Arts



[Van Le](#)

Van Le, an architecture student who is pursuing a Master's in Architecture, has always had the intentions to give back to the community in some way. Van continuously seeks new insight from others within and outside the university. She is involved with the CARTA community by being part of the Miami Beach Urban Studios Leadership Engagement And Development Students (MBUS LEADS) program. Van has engaged with CARTA students and professionals in similar fields. In result, she has taken part in meetings and collaborations relating to her career. Van hopes with these connections they can be shared and grown within the CARTA community. To learn more about what the student body of CARTA may want to improve to make their time in college be worthwhile. For the chance of the CARTA school to become more connected and well rounded with each other.



[Rafael Vazquez](#)

Rafael Vazquez is a Junior studying Communication Arts here at FIU. Rafael is running to be a senator for the school of CARTA because he believes he has the passion and spark to effectively represent the students of his college, as well as the overall FIU student body. He is extremely passionate about FIU and has every intention to serve his peers in the best way possible as their voice within SGA. Some of his past involvements include Orientation Peer Advisor, Roarthon Committee, Peer Mentor, and Greek Life. His past leadership roles have prepared him to effectively serve FIU students by offering him leadership experience as well as an understanding of what it means to be an involved student on campus and how to be a voice for others.

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College of Engineering and Computer Science



[Elizabeth Alume](#)

Elizabeth is currently a Junior pursuing a degree in Computer Science. She is extremely involved on campus, especially when it comes to extracurricular activities. Her goals are to campaign for more funding to both the Engineering Center and the School of Computing and Information Sciences, while also motivating the student body to engage in more student life activities.



[Melanie Crombie](#)

Melanie is a senior studying mechanical engineering. Her involvements include Roarthon, Omicron Delta Kappa, and Greek life. Within Roarthon, she has served as a morale captain, fundraising chair and overall director. Within Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society, she serves as the Vice President of Programming. She is a proud sister of Phi Mu Fraternity, and an Order of Omega inductee. She also serves as one of the 2019 Undergraduate Interfraternity Institute student coordinators for FIU's UIFI retreat. After many involvements on the MMC campus, she hopes to bring about change within the Engineering Campus. The organizations at the MMC campus create a wonderful energy that powers students through the semester. She

hopes to assist not only student organizations but also individual students to spark that same energy within the Engineering Campus to help students to power through and enjoy their time as an FIU Panther.



[Danny De Leon](#)

Danny is a senior studying civil engineering with a strong passion for students. He has been involved with numerous involvements and departments at both the Engineering Center and Modesto A. Maidique Campus such as the Center for Leadership and Service, Office of Orientation and Family Programs, Career and Talent Development Department, and the Center for Student Engagement. With a strong love for FIU he has worked continuously to improve the experience of other students at FIU and has pushed for the improvement of facilities and programs at the Engineering Center. He wishes to continue his work as the Senator for the

College of Engineering and Computing.

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[Rahul Mittal](#)

Rahul Mittal is a Sophomore majoring in Computer Science with minors in Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences. He is an International Student from India. He is currently the President of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) at FIU. He works as a Tutor at the Academic Success Initiative (ASI) at the FIU School of Computing and Information Sciences. He is also a Resident Assistant at the Honors Hall. Through the SGA Senator position, Rahul wants to further enhance the resources available for students at the College of Engineering and Computing which will excel professional development, career readiness and

graduation and retention rates.

Housing Senator Candidates



[Cameron Moody](#)

Cameron is a Junior studying international business and finance. He has worked in the orientation office as a Panther Camp Facilitator, Director of Sponsorship, and is now currently serving as the Overall Director of Panther Camp. He also served an Alternative Breaks Site Leader for the Winter break of 2018. He has had the honor of receiving Dean's List in all of the semesters he has attended FIU. He has always had a passion for changing the perception of FIU and using his positions to make the FIU community a better one. He has lived on campus for all three years, and is driven for

making the community of on campus students better and more connected.

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[Molly Schantz](#)

Molly is a freshman from Asheville, North Carolina studying Political Science on the Pre Law track. She is a member of the Honors College and lives on campus. She is currently an intern for SGA at MMC and also runs the March For Our Lives chapter at FIU to work alongside policymakers and spread awareness about safe gun reform. Molly is running to be a Housing Senator because she understands the unique needs of resident students and wants to make FIU feel as welcoming and comfortable as possible for every student who chose this campus to be their new home.

Nursing & Health Sciences Senator Candidates



[Ana Hevia](#)

Ana Hevia is a current junior studying Nursing here at FIU. She is currently a Senator for the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and wants to be part of SGA again for the 2019-2020 school year. Ana wants to continue her role in SGA because she enjoys representing the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and working with the student body in order to make positive changes.

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[Elizabeth Vazquez](#)



Elizabeth Vazquez is a current junior in the nursing program here at FIU. She was recently involved in alternative breaks last year, is currently working for the STAR Center at FIU, and is a current member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Elizabeth is interested in running for senator of nursing and health sciences because she aims to strengthen relations with current college members and those of other colleges as well. This can be done through fundraisers, team building events, etc. Additionally, she plans to persuade the students to get involved in more activities within and outside the college. This can be done through advertisement of campus events/activities. Additionally, she plans to work with the dean and other college senators in establishing nursing and other health sciences tutoring services to those within the college.

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School of International and Public Affairs Senator Candidates



[Casey Amaya](#)

Casey Amaya is a junior at The Honors College at Florida International University. A Hispanic Scholarship Fund Scholar, Ms. Amaya graduated Suma Cum Laude from The Honors College at Miami Dade College with an A.A. in Political Science. During her time at MDC, Casey was recognized, regionally and nationally, for her dedication to civic engagement, leadership, education, and her college community. She looks forward to having a similar impact on the FIU community serving as senator for the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA). At FIU, Ms. Amaya is pursuing a B.A. in Political Science. While at FIU, she has involved herself with organizations such as Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Pi Sigma Alpha, and Tau Sigma. Ms. Amaya believes in the service to the student, the school, and the community. She is determined to advocate on behalf of the student body and advance educational opportunity and student achievement.



[Santiago Arias](#)

Santiago a Junior Studying Political Science and Philosophy. He's been involved with the Model UN Team since his freshman year, and he was an officer for the Philosophy Honors Society. He's also worked for the Department of Politics and International Relations as a Student Assistant and was accepted into the Jack D. Gordon Institute. Being at university for some years, he decided to take an active role in how his education was going to take place, so he decided to run. He found that in his time as a SIPA student the SIPA senators in the past were connected with the SIPA staff and faculty, but they did not find the need to make the effort to be involved with its student organizations. Running as an independent, from the gate, he wants to see a change in what it means to be a Senator at FIU.



[Galina Bogatova](#)

Born and raised in Kazakhstan, but Russian of a nationality, I immigrated in Russia right after the fall of the Soviet Union due to ethnic cleansing and the rise of nationalistic sentiments in post-Soviet Kazakhstan. In Russia I completed my bachelor's degree in Economics at International Banking Institute in 2011 and master's degree in International Relations at Saint-Petersburg State University in 2015. During my master's program I interned in the Washington Center (TWC) alumni (as of 2014) and held a position of a consultant in the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training and participated in civic engagement project targeting immigrant women issues. My work experience includes project coordination and business negotiations in multiple spheres such as finance, digital software and business consulting. Currently, I am a PhD candidate in International Relations at FIU and my research interests lie in the intersection of sexuality dialectic behind militarism, war and structural violence.



[Yoldine Fertil](#)

Yoldine Fertil is a junior studying in Criminal Justice. She currently has a 3.43 GPA. She's a hard-working student who thrives to give her best at all time. She is a member of the Haitian Student Organization and the Caribbean Student Organization. She is interested in this position because she wants to become more involved in her school and her community. She also wants to help a certain group of people that are near and dear to her heart to become more involved with school life that would be disenfranchised or at-risk students. And, She has the skills to better serve her colleague such as; commitment, dedication, enthusiasm, and integrity.

School of International and Public Affairs Senator Candidates (Continued)



[Manuel Perez](#)

I'm currently a Junior at FIU studying political science, I am the president of SigEp and involved in AMA, Relay for Life, Roarthon, The Pre-law fraternity, college republicans, IFC executive board and run my own non profit charity to benefit neurological research in partnership with the University of Miami. Im involved in a couple other organizations on campus and have worked on different political campaigns at the local and state level. Im interested in the position because I want to have active office hours to compile a list of current concerns students have to make the college of arts and sciences more resourceful to get students what they need. Students at Florida International University are the number one priority and anyone could see that by the way I give back to the community on campus.

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[Zackrey Powers](#)

Zackrey Powers is a Junior studying Political Science at Florida International University. Zackrey's professional goal is to become a practicing juvenile defense and immigration attorney within the district of Miami-Dade County. Currently, Zackrey works at FIU's Office of Veteran and Military Affairs and facilitates the transition of Veterans and their family members into academic life here at FIU. Moreover, he has held leadership positions within the United States Air Force as a Staff Sergeant while mentoring and developing young service members within the line of duty. Zackrey is interested in becoming a Senator for the School of International & Public Administration. He has already served the public as a member of the US Armed Forces in over 19 different countries and would continue to serve as a Senator and voice to the students here at FIU.

[Manny Real](#)



Manny Enrique Real is a sophomore studying political science on the pre-law track. He hopes to become a corporate lawyer. Manny is a current SGA intern, a student ambassador, a manager for the division 1 club baseball team, president of club baseball and apart of the executive board of club sports. He's also apart of the Panther Mock Trial team coached by well known lawyers in the Miami area. Manny is hard working student who loves FIU and is extremely thankful for being apart of the FIU community. He hopes to graduate in 2021 and attend the FIU law school. Manny's goal before leaving FIU is leave a positive change and leave a legacy that all future and current FIU students can enjoy.

[Santiago Rivera](#)



Santiago Rivera is a current sophomore who is double majoring in Political Science and International Relations. He is currently in pursuit of two other SIPA sponsored certificates in Public Policy and Human Rights. Throughout his time at FIU he's been involved in a plethora of organizations and leadership roles. Currently, he is a Resident Assistant at Lakeview South, where he has been able to incorporate much of the real world topics he has learned through SIPA and provide political and cultural education for his residents. He has also been an active member in clubs and honor societies like the College Democrats and the National Residence Honorary Hall Association. He is passionate about invoking change into the greater FIU community. Through this position and platform, everyone within SIPA regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, religion, or creed will be represented. Aiming to create new opportunities for all students and faculty.