



Zainab Abbas

Running For: Vice President, Director of Club Outreach,
Director of Programs and Services

Major: Public Health

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?:

I was to run for an LPCSG position because, coming into community college, I had low expectations for my college experience at Las Positas, as I did not expect to take the transfer route after high school. However, during my time here at Las Positas, I have truly enjoyed it, and I see the hard work that student government puts in to give CC students a memorable experience. As a part of the student body, I, too, hope to give incoming and current students a fun, memorable community college experience, and I will put in my ideas and voice, while working to the best of my abilities to give back to my community like this year's student government did for me.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.:

I am currently the Secretary of the Muslim Student Association at LPC, where I am responsible for taking meeting notes, keeping meeting attendance, maintaining important records of our weekly meetings, and giving my overall input to the club and future MSA meetings. I was also the Senior class representative in high school last year at Rise Academy, where I took the suggestions, opinions, and concerns of my fellow 12th-grade peers and communicated that to our President and student body during student council meetings. Along with that, I started the Medical club in my high school during my last year there, in which I, along with the help of the rest of my team, created informative presentations with activities of the different specialties within the medical field for students interested in pursuing a career in medicine.

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?:

I stand out as a candidate due to my passion for learning and adaptability to new challenges. With a strong background in public speaking, including my experience leading groups of students in clubs and winning national competitions like Matin Talks, I am able to bring effective

communication skills to any team. I truly enjoy meeting new people and building connections, while working collaboratively, as that fosters a positive and productive environment. This blend of skills ensures that I will not only excel in my role as Vice President but also contribute to the dynamic success of the rest of the student government.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?:

I hope to improve and raise more awareness about mental health support in the Las Positas campus by implementing accessible counseling services, promoting mental health awareness campaigns, and creating student-led support groups. I also hope to enhance resources for academic success, especially for challenging courses. Math support is doing great in this aspect, but I would also love to see that for subjects such as science-related courses. I could do that by communicating with bio/chem professors and visiting the support they or someone they know could potentially offer. I would also want to foster an even more inclusive and welcoming environment for students of all backgrounds by organizing diversity workshops and events and promoting student-led diversity initiatives. Finally, as students, it gets hard to balance a healthy lifestyle with school, and many often forget to take care of their bodies and maintain a routine. That is why I want to promote students' overall well-being through healthy lifestyle choices and access to fitness facilities.

We could do this by offering potential gym memberships or fitness classes, providing nutritious dining options, organizing wellness workshops, and creating outdoor recreational spaces on campus.



Hadia Ashfaq

Running For: LPC Student Trustee

Major: Business Administration & Political Science

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?

Hi there! I am Hadia Ashfaq, a first-year student at Las Positas College, currently serving as a senator since my time here at LPC! I am deeply committed to making a difference within our student body, which is the reason I joined student government in the first place. As a newcomer to LPC, I've personally experienced the challenges of finding a sense of belonging and community in a new environment. I've come to the understanding that there are many students, like myself, who may have felt the same way coming into community college. My goal is to change that!

I'm running for the LPC Student Trustee position because I truly believe in the power of engagement and inclusivity, which is important within the college experience. I want to create a welcoming atmosphere where every student feels valued and supported. Through my experience as a senator, I've seen the positive impact we can have when students come together through various acts of kindness to interactive events that are hosted throughout each month! I'm dedicated to amplifying student voices, advocating for their needs, and ensuring that everyone finds their place at LPC, which is why I decided to take a step forward to run for this position. I hope to take ideas from all students across campus and make sure every thought is amplified and heard by our district board.

Together, join me, Hadia Ashfaq in running for Student Trustee! Let's build a stronger, more connected community where every student thrives.

Please list your current or past leadership experience:

I have numerous experiences in Student Government and leadership! I have been an active member since my freshman year of high school, totaling 4 years excluding middle school. Aside from membership, I have held two year-long positions.

I first held the position of Junior Class treasurer. I was responsible for managing budgets, fundraisers, and planning of events for the class of 2023. I coordinated 400+ students in homecoming preparations, worked alongside the ASB Treasurer to manage funds, and managed all social media accounts for the junior class.

The second position I held was ASB Treasurer. I allocated a \$40,000 budget, which I was responsible for managing finances for schoolwide operations, sports, and clubs, ensuring that all expenses and revenues were accounted for through the school year. Under this role, I implemented new budgeting strategies to streamline the financial processes of ASB. I worked closely with our financial Accountant and respected commissioners to plan and execute successful meetings to oversee all fundraisers, purchase orders, fund transfers, and reimbursement requests on a weekly basis.

As for general leadership, I have held multiple roles in numerous fields. First, I served as Vice President of Competition for my high school's DECA chapter for two continuous years. As the VP of Competition for DECA for 2 year-long terms, I've had the opportunity to lead and mentor students in the areas of Business Administration, Project Management, Law and Ethics, Human resources, and Research Operations. I work closely with competitors throughout the summer term in the form of workshops, and during the school year, to help them construct business portfolios for their designated categories on a bi-weekly basis. Organized, executed, and judged at our chapter's first Mini Competition. Overall, my experience as VP of Competition for DECA has provided me with invaluable skills in project management, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving. It has also allowed me to leave a positive impact on our rapidly growing chapter, helping students to achieve their goals one-on-one in the world of business and competition.

I also served as my high school Mock Trial's Treasurer for two years. As elected Treasurer for two consecutive terms, I managed the Mountain House Mock Trial team's finances and ensured that all expenses were accounted for. I was responsible for developing and managing the team's budget when necessary, keeping accurate financial records, and providing regular reports to our advisor and executive team alike. I developed skills in budgeting, financial management, problem-solving, working under pressure, and teamwork. As a mock trial competitor, I have been able to apply my analytical skills to complex legal cases, such as those created by the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

Currently, I am serving as LPC's MSA Outreach and Marketing Officer, LPC-FBLA's Secretary, and LPCSG's Student Senate!

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

What sets me apart is my extensive leadership background spanning over four years, starting from high school. I've held pivotal roles such as Junior Class Treasurer and ASB Treasurer, coordinating events, and implementing innovative financial strategies. Additionally, I've excelled as Vice President of Competition for DECA, where I mentored students and organized successful competitions. Serving as Mock Trial Treasurer honed my financial management skills and ability to work under pressure. Currently, I'm actively involved in LPC as MSA Outreach and Marketing Officer, LPC-FBLA's Secretary, and LPCSG's Student Senate member. My multifaceted leadership experience combined with a knack for creativity makes me a dynamic candidate ready to make an impact.

I am creative with any ideas I bring to the table, and I love to reach out to the student body. In the end of the day I am proud of the difference I have made in the past with my leadership positions and I truly hope to do even better at LPC!

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?

I aim to enhance student life by fostering a more inclusive and supportive community at LPC. One key area of focus is improving resources and support networks for students who are newcomers. This is possible by collaborating with counseling services to expand access to resources and organize wellness events. Additionally, I'll work to enhance campus diversity and cultural awareness through initiatives such as cultural exchange programs, diversity workshops, and celebrations of various cultural heritage months. By actively listening to student concerns and advocating for their needs, I'm committed to creating a campus environment where every student feels valued and supported. I would love for more communities on campus to get the recognition they deserve and foster a better environment on campus!



Keoni Federico

Running For: LPC Student Trustee

Major: Psychology

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?

I wish to run for LPCSG in order to help cultivate a more positive and safe learning community. There's a lot of work and leadership that's involved in running campus events, services, and clubs and I think that I am well equipped to help aid them.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.

I am currently the president of Psychology Club and I'm expected to be the president of the Filipino club next year . I am not currently a member of student government but I do actively volunteer to help set up campus events and I attend student senate meetings.

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

As Trustee, I would be a great resource for my fellow students. I have been at Las Positas for four years on and off so I understand many of the issues, concerns, and questions that student may have and I have many of the answers/solutions. I am also a team player and dedicated to promoting good team culture.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?

Las Positas has a plethora of resources that many students aren't taking advantage of. Things like DSPS, the Student Health and Wellness Center, the Mini Market, the Career Center, and SMART shops. As trustee, I'll work to better inform the student body of these resources so that they are best supported on their academic journey. I also want to bring more awareness to mental health by inviting guest speakers to share their experiences with mental illness and hosting distressing camps during midterms and finals week.



Evan Jimenez

Running For: Director of Communication, LPC Student
Trustee, Director of Events

Major: Sociology

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?

To advocate for students need and experience on campus. Improving and advancing overall student condition.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.

Current Senator, High School Treasurer/council member

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

I have excellent communication and administration skills, well organized and I am willing to put forth lots of effort towards these positions.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?

I would like to improve students mental health, campus experience, and resources available. I want to represent students opinion and needs.



Seerat Kaur

Running For: Director of Communication, Director of Club Outreach, Director of Events

Major: Computer Science

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?

I would like to run for a LPCSG position because I love involving myself in the communities I'm a part of, it brings me great joy to serve the people around me. I am passionate about creating a positive change on campus, promoting diversity and inclusion. And I am committed to fostering a sense of community and belonging on campus, I understand that going into community college can be a very uncertain time, and it would be an honor to find ways to help students overcome this uncertainty

Please list your current or past leadership experience.

- 1 year freshman class Vice President at Tracy High
- 3 years Class Secretary at Tracy High
- Key club leadership team tech and media coordinator
- Bhangra club president in high school
- Center Manager at Code Ninjas
- City of Tracy Internship

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

What sets me apart is that I understand the needs and concerns of several students. For all of middle school and High school, I have dedicated myself to my schools student governments to serve my classmates. When it comes to organizing events, leading discussions, or simply listening to the people around me, I am truly the best person. I thrive in dynamic environments and use my creativity and problem solving skills to develop innovative solutions

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?

Mental Health! This is a crucial aspect of student life, and several people, including me, struggle with their mental health. It is truly important to make sure we literally hand out solution to our students. We can hold several workshops and events. I rilly think having an art therapy event could be beneficial, or perhaps a pet therapy day where you can collaborate with a local organization and bring pets in. We can hold fairs to educate people on local resources and support services. There is definitely a lot we could do surrounding mental health, the whole idea is students should look for it, it should be handed to them, right in front of them



Shayan Khan

Running For: Director of Finance

Major: Computer Science

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?:

I wish to run because I needed something that would look good on my transcript when transferring, and I think student government is a great option.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.:

I work as a leader when I have to explain how to do specific tasks to my co workers at my job.

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?:

I have taken a financial literacy class so I have a good idea on how to handle money.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?:

I think the aspects of student life is very well done at school but I would say social media attraction I could improve because it is very well done at school but not too much on social media so maybe I can help get more attraction from social media.



Angelo Mercado

Running For: President

Major: Kinesiology

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?

I wish to run for Vice President because I want to help lead our senators as we strive to better serve our student body.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.

In high school, I was the Senior Class President, the President of the Asian Pacific Islander club, and a spirit coordinator for Key Club (district wide). As Senior Class President, I helped organize events to promote student life and school spirit. As API President, I organized and led our club to victory in a competition that involved API clubs from other schools. As Key Club spirit coordinator, I helped boost our club members' spirit and involvement with various events and activities.

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

My outgoing personality and dedication to helping others.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?

Outreach and participation in student events by keeping an updated calendar of events and more frequent social media posts or involvement with professors to inform students.



Heba Munad

Running For: Director of Programs and Services, Director of Finance

Major: Computer Science

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?

I wish to run for an LPCSG position to contribute to a positive student life on campus where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to succeed. I want to ensure that every student has access to equal opportunities on campus by innovating and establishing programs and services that support students in achieving academic goals.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.

Currently, I am a senator at LPCSG and the treasurer of the Girls Who Code Club at Las Positas. As a senator, I have continuously volunteered at several major events on campus, including the monthly Markets, the Winter Club Fair, and the club and resource fair last October. Additionally, through serving on committees such as the District Technology Coordinating Committee, I have been able to represent the interests and concerns of students, advocating for positive change and initiatives that enhance the campus community. As the treasurer of the Girls Who Code club, I demonstrated financial responsibility and organizational skills by managing the club's budget and allocating resources efficiently to support club activities and events. This role has enabled me to contribute to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for women in STEM and others alike.

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

My dedication and collaborative spirit are two of my most defining qualities, and they significantly contribute to my effectiveness as a team member. Throughout the past year, I have gone above and beyond my required hours to volunteer at events hosted by LPCSG. When I commit to a task or project, I do so wholeheartedly, ensuring I see it through to completion with unwavering focus and determination. Additionally, I listen to others' needs, concerns, and perspectives to work toward solutions collaboratively.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?

I seek to improve students' access to essential resources, recognizing their pivotal role in ensuring every student's well-being and success. To achieve this goal, I would collaborate with the basic needs department to promote their services and resources to the student body. I aim to promote their services to bring awareness to the resources offered to students, which will strengthen our college community as a whole.



Maanal Siddiq

Running For: Director of Communication

Major: Business Administration

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?

I aspire to run for an LPCSG position because I am deeply committed to fostering positive change and contributing to the betterment of our community.

Please list your current or past leadership experience:

While I may not have direct experience in formal leadership roles, I possess several qualities and attributes that I believe make me a suitable candidate for an LPCSG position.

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

I am highly motivated, enthusiastic, and eager to contribute to the betterment of our community. Although I haven't held leadership positions in the past, I am a quick learner and am committed to acquiring the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively fulfill the responsibilities of the role!

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?

I want to host more regular networking events, career fairs, and alumni networking opportunities to facilitate connections between students and potential employers.



Ramprasad Venkatesa Prabu

Running For: President, Vice President, LPC Student
Trustee

Major: Computer Science

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?:

I wish to run for President because I have been part of the student government environment during my junior and senior year of high-school and I became very fond of that environment. I want to learn about the college experience firsthand of how student government is run. I also want to explore opportunities, and being part of LPCSG is something I am very interested in. I have also been a President previously during my junior year of high school, and I had a perfect time while I was one, as I could meet new people and make connections. This position will also help me learn many skills I can use in the future.

I wish to run for Vice-President because I have been part of the student government environment during my junior and senior year of high-school and I became very fond of that environment. I want to learn about the college experience firsthand of how student government is run. Another reason I would like to be elected as the vice president is because I am very organized with my studies and personal life, and that skill will be important in this position. I was previously president in junior year of high school, and I would like to now be in the shoes of a vice president and see how it goes and is done. I would also try my best to help the president and other members and students with issues or other matters to my fullest. This position will also help me learn many skills I can use in the future, such as knowing how problems and issues are dealt with.

I wish to run for LPC Student Trustee because it's a role that caught my attention when I first came to Las Positas College. This role is crucial since the person who holds that title will represent the whole college community in many significant places and events. As a student trustee, I will help speak out about the problems or issues for students.

Ultimately, I want to make a change for the better and help future students in their lives as either a President, Vice-President, or LPC Student Trustee. I will help to spread the goal and mission of Las-Positas College.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.:

11th grade (Junior Year of High-School): I was the Student Pupil Leader in India (SPL) a position that is similar to as president of student leadership here in the U.S. high schools. During my time as SPL I would be managing events and activities for the school and meeting up with the school officials and staff.

12th grade (Senior Year of High-School): I was part of the leadership council as a member and helped out with events.

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?:

What makes me stand out compared to the other candidates who are also applying for the same position is that I can lead the way for people. I have been given memorable opportunities to teach and help manage people for events and occasions, and I have always been able to share my best under pressure. Another thing that makes me stand out compared to my other candidates is that I don't hesitate to ask for help and assistance when needed. No one is perfect and can possess all the knowledge, skills, and expertise necessary to address every issue or challenge. I am also always ready to help anyone who needs help or assistance with something they are struggling with or need advice on. I am also a person who likes to keep my stuff organized and try my best not to be disorganized.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?:

A certain aspect of life that I seek to improve for students is that I would like to have more events for students to socialize with clubs and meet new people. I say this because, for me, one of the reasons is that I am trying to socialize more with people and build my communication skills with my peers and others. So I think holding more events would give students more opportunities to meet people with different backgrounds and lifestyles. I will try to do this by having events once every two weeks, where one event would be for clubs and internships, and another event would be for students to explore and learn about other cultural holidays.

Another aspect of student life that I would like to improve is mental health support. Even though we have a very good Mental Health service, I feel like having more or rather improved is not bad. For instance, a way I would like to do this is during finals time; it would be very helpful to have a place where students can help with pets. This will help a certain amount of people, as pets can help lower human stress. If a student's stress level is lowered, they are able to concentrate more on studying for their finals.



Isabella Qiu

Running For: LPC Student Trustee, Vice President

Major: Statistics

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?:

By running for Student Trustee, I am staying true to my belief in the importance of student representation within the same institution that is meant to support, strengthen, and serve its students. I am running for Student Trustee because I genuinely believe in making sure students have a say in how our institution works. I don't believe that the Trustee should have ultimate authority; instead, I see it as a way to openly connect students with influential figures and governing bodies. I want to make that connection happen.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.

LPC Student Government - Senator

Alternative Academic Calendar Committee - Student Representative

Integrated Planning & Budget Model Facilities Committee - Student Representative

Program Review Committee - Student Representative

Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society Club - Community Service Chair

Math Club - Secretary

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

Although I am involved in leadership positions, and although I take part in systems of student initiatives (much like other candidates), the difference lies in my belief that such systems are not perfect, and often do not thoroughly address the needs of students. Enacting true change requires additional effort and additional outreach that I am prepared to put forward.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?:

To work toward student success, I believe it's important that students from all backgrounds and all circumstances feel accommodated; this means that student-parents should be provided streamlined learning resources, students on campus during late afternoons and evenings should not be restricted to vending machine food, and every student should have the opportunity to thrive without being held back by circumstances that can be addressed. I would seek to find common ground with faculty, with the shared goal of supporting student success. I would personally reach out to student organizations on campus to advocate for student causes, as well as set up public forums and suggestion boxes. I believe that accommodating students, with an emphasis on equity and empathy, will allow students to perform at their best.



Rida Shaik

Running For: Director of Events, Director of Finance,
Director of Programs and Services

Major: Computer Science

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?

I see it as an opportunity to contribute to the student government's mission of creating a safe and equitable space for all students. I believe that my leadership experiences, coupled with my easy-going nature and academic achievements, make me well suited for this role. Throughout my academic journey, I have been interested in the problem-solving aspect of technology, where logic-based functions are posed as strings of code that are combined to create automated systems/solutions to everyday problems. I believe that being a part of the LPCSG provides me with an opportunity to leverage this passion for problem solving to advocate for initiatives that promote equity and inclusivity within the organization. By serving in LPCSG, I aim to collaborate with fellow students and faculty to create a more dynamic, welcoming and supportive environment for students, including international students like myself.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.

I have actively sought out opportunities to take on leadership roles and make a positive impact on campus. Currently, I serve as the director of events at the APIA club, where I am responsible for planning and coordinating a variety of events. Additionally, I work as a Student Assistant at the Career and Transfer center, where I have had the opportunity to connect with others and build meaningful relationships in the student and broader professional community by helping organize summer internship fairs and other career events. In high school, I served as a prefect/student representative for two years, where I developed strong organizational and leadership skills through organizing sports day events, volunteer work and maintaining open communication with other students at school. I was also the Vice President of the Eco Club, focused on achieving sustainable alternatives. This experience was particularly evident when my team and I were chosen as finalists for a Sustainability Award for developing a prototype of a catalytic converter fitted with algae plates. Through this project, I learned the importance of teamwork and collaboration in achieving common goals. These experiences have prepared me thoroughly for a leadership role in LPCSG.

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

What sets me apart as a candidate, besides my passion for advocacy and creating positive change, is my strong belief in the importance of representation in the student body. I have participated in various competitions and quizzes, as well as designed graphics for creators, which have helped me enhance my creativity, research and problem-solving skills. These experiences have not only helped me develop an analytical mindset but also taught me how to address challenges with strategic thinking and innovation, skills necessary for being a part of the student government. I bring a unique perspective to ensure all students, regardless of their background, feel heard, valued and represented in the student body by being an active listener. Additionally, balancing academics, work and club events has required me to develop strong time management skills and prioritize effectively. This ensures that I can fulfill all my commitments enthusiastically.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?

To maximize the impact of the resources available on campus, in addition to flyers, classroom announcements and peer-to-peer promotion can help students discover more opportunities and enhance their professional growth. I plan to introduce a community garden initiative, which not only benefits the environment but also provides a fun and engaging activity for the students. Additionally, increasing access to mental health services and expanding extracurricular activities by engaging with the local community through volunteering or service projects can enhance the overall student experience. Moreover, to ensure the long term success of the LPC Student Government, I propose implementing a Leadership Mentor Program. This program would pair student leaders with mentees who are interested in developing their leadership skills. Developing leadership skills prepares students for success in their future endeavors regardless of their career path. Additionally, I would focus on promoting diversity and inclusion within the student body. I believe that diversity enriches our learning environment and fosters a more inclusive campus community.



Jack Twisselmann

Running For: Director of Finance

Major: Business Administration

Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?

I have previous experience in ASB through High school and currently work a full time job in management and finance. I am looking to challenge myself while bettering the school in the process.

Please list your current or past leadership experience.

1 year as ASB president, 2 years and Vice president. Youngest manager at my current company overseeing a team of 12+ employees.

What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?

I believe that my joyful personality, extensive knowledge, and real world experience all make me stand out compared to other candidates.

What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?

I hope to apply my financial knowledge to my position to help create opportunities for students on campus. I would achieve this by budgeting and finding monetary support for programs and events.