

2026-2027

CANDIDATES



LAS POSITAS
COLLEGE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ELECTION



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MONDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2026 AT 8 AM

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MAJOR: UNDECIDED

RUNNING FOR:
LPC STUDENT TRUSTEE
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I genuinely care about the student experience here at LPC, and I'm committed to serving this community, mainly because of how much it has supported me. Through my various experiences, I have learned how to listen carefully, in order to understand people and their difficulties, as well as represent them in different ways and help them get past their troubles. I am running for LPCSG because I want to take that same energy and apply it at a broader level, where many people can be supported. Las Positas College is like a second home for me, my goal is to help more people feel like that.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

Throughout my life I have been passionate about helping others, I have done so through various tutoring or coaching positions such as my current tutoring job at Las Positas College. Early on, I applied my leadership skills in many ways, sometimes simply as a coordinator to bring a group of guys together just to play some basketball. These episodes allowed for me to improve myself from a young age. While paired up with my experiences in Model United Nations, and Speech and Debate, I have developed my leadership capabilities, making me a good candidate for LPCSG.

MANAV RAGHURAM

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

As a LPC student, I go to school everyday at eight in the morning and stay until roughly four. I do this not because I have to but because I am passionate about being a LPC student. I believe Las Positas has a lot to offer me and I view the ability to attend Las Positas and take advantage of their programs as a huge privilege that I am very grateful for. This understanding places me in a good position to see what more can be done. Las Positas has given me a lot, I'd like to give it more.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

Las Positas already offers a lot of great opportunities, however students miss out because they don't know what exists. In order to solve this I would make schedules and events more clear and information more accessible. Tutoring services, for example, are great but many students are unaware of whether they could get free tutoring (if they know about the program at all). Workshops could be run with information specific to Las Positas. Community building events could be advertised better. Many events such as the Chinese New Year Celebration, have been hosted at LPC and it's a great way to get to know your fellow classmates, but many people don't notice them. Many students get stuck in the class then home loop, leaving them no opportunity to make real friends at Las Positas. Community building events work really well for students like that (as it did for me and many of my friends) but people need to know about them and have incentives to go (free food)! I'd make sure that more students view Las Positas College as much of a home as I do.

AUDREY ARABELO



MAJOR: ENVIRONMENTAL
ENGINEERING

RUNNING FOR:
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
DIRECTOR OF CLUBS

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I want to run because I care about student life, and I want more students to feel supported on campus. I have noticed that many students miss out on help because they do not know what resources exist, or the process feels confusing. I want to improve awareness and access so students can get support earlier and with fewer obstacles. When resources are accessible, students are more able to succeed and reach their potential. I also want to pay it forward. Campus events and student organizations helped me feel like I belonged and encouraged me to be more active. I want more students to have that same experience.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

Before community college, I served as a treasurer for many years, where I managed budgets and tracked spending. That experience built a strong foundation in organization, reliability, and seeing tasks through to completion. I currently work at the Basic Needs Department at LPC, where I support students and look for ways to improve efficiency even when time, funding, and staffing are limited. I have a strong instinct for noticing what could work better, and I often suggest practical changes that make systems smoother and easier to navigate.

AUDREY ARABELO

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

I stand out because I have a strong sense of teamwork and dedication. Having both student government and club leadership, I understand how to collaborate effectively, take initiative, and commit to student success. As a second year student myself, I can relate to many of the hardships students face which provides a better perspective for addressing the issues.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

I want to make it easier for students to find support and understand what resources are available. Many students balance school with work, family responsibilities, financial stress, and other commitments. When support is hard to find or hard to navigate, students can fall behind. I believe students thrive when their basic needs are met because then they have more capacity for classes, extracurriculars, campus involvement, and community engagement.

As Director of Finance, I would support budgeting priorities that reduce barriers for students. I would focus on high-impact student-facing initiatives and make sure spending is clear and processed smoothly. As Director of Clubs, I would make club involvement easier to understand, support events that bring students together, and help create a campus environment where more students feel comfortable getting involved.

HAMZAH CHOUDHRY

MAJOR: BIOLOGY

RUNNING FOR:
LPC STUDENT TRUSTEE
DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I am running for LPCSG because I want to make sure the student experience at LPC actually supports our long-term goals. As a Biology major aiming for a UC transfer, I know how intense the workload can be and how easy it is to feel like you're just a face in a lecture hall. I want to change that to make Las Positas an environment for all. I am looking to be an advocate for students who are grinding through tough schedules and need a government that's actually looking out for them. I want to ensure our resources, like lab access and transfer support, are prioritized so we all students get the most out of there experience here at Las Positas College.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

Having taken on lots of leadership experience from volunteering at city events or being apart of Civil Air Patrol, I have an abundance in leadership experience with many different people. My leadership style is very hands-on. Whether I'm just working with others on a project or supporting an event for 100+ people, I've always been the person supporting the team and keeping things on track. I'm used to managing deadlines and technical details, which has taught me many skills and problem solving abilities. I plan to bring that same mindset to the LPCSG.

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

I think what really sets me apart is that I'm am ready to take on the work of what it takes to get things done. I'm not here to make empty promises or just talk about change, I'm the type of person who wants to look at the actual problems, listen to what students are frustrated about, and find a way to fix it. I'm easy to talk to and I genuinely care, but I'm also realistic with what I know we can get done. I know that big ideas only work if someone wants to do the boring, behind the scenes work to make them happen and my experience makes me the perfect person.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

I want to focus on two things specifically, academic support and building a stronger sense of community. First, I'd like to work on making resources and specific support more accessible to all of the students here at Las Positas. I can achieve this through better-publicized workshops, networking events, etc. Second, I want to take on the commuter campus feel. A lot of us just show up for class and leave, but I want to help create more reasons for students to stay on campus and connect. I'd do this by advocating for more events that brings our students together and making sure our campus social media keeps everyone in the loop in real-time. I want LPC to be somewhere where we can actually rely on each other rather than somewhere we come to just to go to class.

MILENA DOVGAL



MAJOR: POLITICAL
SCIENCE&LAW

RUNNING FOR:
VICE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS
DIRECTOR OF CLUBS

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

It's important for me to be actively involved in Las Positas life because it's where I study and spend most of my time preparing for my transfer to UC. I believe that every student's contribution plays a significant role in the college's development. I want Las Positas to become even better each year: a more supportive, open, and inspiring place for everyone.

I strive to ensure that every student can find everything they need here: from academic support and helpful resources to exciting clubs, events, and activities that help them improve their potential, find like-minded people, and feel part of a community.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

In high school, I served as president for three years. In this role, I was fully responsible for communication between students and the administration: representing student interests, conveying their ideas and suggestions to the administration, and informing students of important decisions and changes.

I organized school events, coordinated the work of activists, and conducted tours of our school—a cultural heritage site—for tourists from Moscow. This required responsibility, the ability to speak in front of an audience, and represent the school at a high level.

I regularly collected feedback from students: I found out what changes they wanted to see and what they thought could be improved. Based on these suggestions, I developed a concrete action plan, discussed it with the administration, and, once approved, began implementation. To achieve these goals, I engaged active students, assigned responsibilities, and coordinated the process to ensure that ideas truly translated into tangible results.

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

I'm driven by ideas, logic, and rationality. If I decide to put something into practice, I don't stop until I achieve it. Being responsible and keeping my words and promises is crucial to me. I enjoy receiving recognition and awards for my achievements, but I get even more satisfaction from the work itself and the benefit I can bring to people—that's my greatest reward.

This will be my second year at Las Positas. I've already completed my general academic courses, so I'll be able to fully focus on my work in Student Government and make it my priority. I'm ready to invest my time, energy, and experience in developing the student community.

It's important to me to make Las Positas a place where everyone feels welcome—accepted, heard, and at home. I sincerely believe this feeling is priceless. Having moved to America two years ago, I realized this especially acutely. It's important to me that I feel safe and accepted on campus, and I want to do even more so that every student can experience the same.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

I'd like to support students who, for various reasons, are hesitant to join LPC clubs and help them navigate this journey confidently and comfortably. Lack of confidence, language barriers, lack of experience in student life, or difficulties using school platforms can all prevent talented and motivated students from actively participating.

I believe club officers could introduce a new position—a mentor. A mentor is a student who helps newcomers smoothly "integrate" the club, explains how everything works, introduces them to the members, and talks about meeting formats and opportunities for involvement. This person becomes a guide and supporter during the initial stages, helping the student feel confident and comfortable.

A mentoring system based on volunteer work by second-year students and above could strengthen the bond between those just beginning their journey at Las Positas and those who already have experience and are willing to share it in a friendly and open manner. This isn't just help—it's creating a community where knowledge and support are shared from student to student. Kind of generation to generation. Because I believe that studying at Las Positas like to live a new life, you will never feel same after even one class.

NIKA KARPELEVITCH



MAJOR: LINGUISTICS

RUNNING FOR:
VICE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS
LPC STUDENT TRUSTEE

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?

I wish to run for the LPCSG Executive Positions of Vice President, Director of Events, and Student Trustee because I want to help brighten our campus and make Las Positas not just a place, but a home for each and every student. Through our amazing on-campus events, I have had the opportunity to connect with and learn from so many of my fellow LPC community members, and I now hope to pay it forward to the next generation of Hawks by carrying on the legacy of togetherness here at Las Positas College.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

I currently serve as Senior Editor of Arts and Associate Editor of Social Sciences for the Las Positas Journal of Honors. Through these roles, I oversee and manage the journal's submission and peer-review processes in the Arts division and collaborate with team members to plan and run those in the Social Sciences division. Additionally, as chair of the Events-Planning "Have Fun" committee of the Middle College Club here on campus, I work closely with co-chairs, committee members, and executive officers to plan and prepare social gatherings for the Middle College community. I also organize and lead personalized lessons with students as a self-employed Japanese language tutor, and previously served as treasurer of the LPC Anthropology Club.

NIKA KARPELEVITCH

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

I believe that the wealth of experiences and perspectives I have gained throughout my time at Las Positas College will enable me to better meet the highly varied needs of our diverse student population. As a former Middle College student, I can serve as a liaison between the program and student government to help our dually enrolled students feel seen and welcome here on campus. As an Honors Scholar, I also represent the interests and needs of the Honors Transfer Program and its members in student government. Additionally, my communication skills in Russian, Spanish, and Japanese will enable me to better communicate with and support members of our multicultural campus. Lastly, my leadership experience, approachability, and eagerness to learn and grow will all help me serve as a strong voice for the student body.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

Fostering a campus culture based on friendship, trust, and inclusivity is a priority for me as a member of the Las Positas College Student Government. My vision for improving student life involves breaking down academic, ability, and identity barriers among our students to encourage collaboration over competition. As Vice President, I will serve the Las Positas community by ensuring that all students are heard, and by working to meet the specific needs of our diverse student population with an open mind and heart. As Director of Events, I plan to put the "community" back into our community college by coordinating enriching on-campus events and activities to cultivate togetherness and cultural and intellectual exchange for a more vibrant Las Positas in the 2026-2027 school year. As Student Trustee, I am eager to be the voice of the student body in LPCSG by connecting with, learning from, and representing all that it means to be not only a student, but a Hawk here at Las Positas.

BRYANT LIU



MAJOR: ECONOMICS

**RUNNING FOR:
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

Running for an LPCSG Executive/Student Trustee Position is a representation of leadership and service. I am currently committed as the secretary of the LPC Chinese Society Alliance and the LPC Badminton Club. Next year, President of LPC CSA. I have seen firsthand during my high school and college experience how student leadership directly impacts resources, student success, and campus experience. I want to serve in a role that helps expand the possibilities of organizations and institutional decisions that affect the whole student body with my expertise in finance. I am running because I see leadership as a responsibility, not a title, and want to build and leave Las Positas College stronger than I found it.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

Throughout my teenage to young adult years, I have intentionally put myself in leadership roles, allowing me to help better my community. Throughout High School, I was a badminton coach for elementary to high school kids, teaching them responsibilities and a misunderstood sport. Currently, I am an Assistant Badminton Coach at Dougherty Valley High School, last year's NCS winner. Mentoring student athletes, organizing practices, and team events. This experience has strengthened my ability to lead a wide group of people, communicating effectively to give everyone a satisfying outcome. On top of this, I am currently a secretary of LPC CSA and LPC Badminton Club, being in charge of collaborations with other clubs, club fairs, and club time activities, this experience has deeply helped me understand and demonstrate my abilities of leadership, teaching me how to be better at leading.

BRYANT LIU

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

What sets me apart from other candidates is my leadership outside of college, instead of the usual officer position in clubs that many people hold. I have long term leadership in different environments forcing me to adapt and deepen my understanding and ability in leadership. Being an assistant for student athletes, ages ranging from 5 to 18, I understand the need for priorities for a variety of people. Being a first-generation low-income student with a single parent, I also understand the importance of finance and the value of money that others don't. As soon as I got into high school, I had a job throughout the years, even during school time. I understand budgeting and future calculations to a degree that others don't. I am also currently in many business ventures, trying to expand my self-image online with social media, creating an AI coach app for badminton players that can't afford coaching, and an individual contractor with investment firms trading bonds and securities.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE?

HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

As Director of Finance, I would be focused on improving our equitable access to funding, transparency during college student allocation processes, and financial education for students.

I want to ensure that all student organizations, like newer or smaller clubs, have fair access to resources that older and well-known clubs have. Constructing an easy way for these clubs to express themselves. Currently we offer club fairs and club officer learning conventions that help with marketing and understanding of clubs, but I would want to create a greater emphasis on budgeting and clearer documentation that all clubs need.

I would also want to improve transparency in how student government funds are allocated. I feel that all students deserve to know where their money is going and have an opinion on plans within the school, as creating a safer and preferable environment is also one of the reasons behind having a director of finance.

Third, I would promote financial responsibility and sustainability to students. Being a community college, we have a wider range of knowledge on subjects like taxes, investment, and the importance of finance. Programs like middle college, where high schoolers can come experience college first-hand, could be a significant way to educate people about these things, and also create workshops with student-led leaders expressing their experiences and knowledge with others, since we have such a wide age range of students.

Ultimately, I believe financial leadership shapes the quality of student life. By prioritizing access. Transparency and financial sustainability, I will work to improve our funding system that supports both current and future students with their college initiatives and long-term campus growth.

ELYAS QADERI



MAJOR: CIVIL
ENGINEERING

RUNNING FOR:
DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH
DIRECTOR OF CLUBS
LPC STUDENT TRUSTEE

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I want to run because I genuinely care for student connection and representation on our campus. Having come to the United States and starting all over again at community college, I know how isolating and transitional this environment feels. Students go to class and leave without ever feeling like member of a common community. I want to help change that.

During my involvement in multiple clubs including serving as Treasurer of the Afghan Student Association, Vice President of the Data Science Club, and participation in organizations like MSA, MESA and Computer Science Club. I have seen how student engagement transforms the college experience. Being a leader is not just holding a title, but rather setting in motion systems of belonging that empower others.

As Director of Outreach or as Director of Clubs, I would aspire to work on increasing the visibility, collaboration, and communication between different organizations. As Student Trustee, I would ensure that we have student representation in any institutional decision making. I am running because I want Las Positas College to be engaged and supportive for all students.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

As treasurer of the Afghan Student Association, I now handle budgeting, fundraising and financial planning for major projects like building a water well in rural Afghanistan. This role has honed my sense of accountability, transparency and long-term thinking.

as Vice President of the Data Science Club, I have co-led technical projects such as a chatbot built around Las Positas College, organized our first hackathon and continue to be an active member. Those are experiences that have required coordination, delegation and long range planning.

In addition to my titles, I have led by action volunteering at my local mosque for a math tutoring program, holding part-time jobs while maintaining strong academics, and helping new students feel welcome in clubs. I'm a collaborative, disciplined and solutions oriented leader.

ELYAS QADERI

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

What sets me apart is the blend of resilience, technical thinking, and community-led leadership. While keeping my focus and discipline, I balance academics along with multiple club commitments, part-time job, and family responsibilities.

I've done the analysis on how to develop a base, triangulating issues, looking up solutions, budgeting resources, and executing plans in a structured way. I lead with empathy at the same time. After experiencing both culture transition and personal accountability at a young age, I recognize the value of inclusion and representation.

I am not running simply to add a title to my resume. I am running because I truly want students to feel seen, heard, and supported. I can bring a unique perspective and diverse voices to the table, and I turn ideas into actionable, measurable minor and major outcomes.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

My focus would revolve around enhancing student engagement, club interactivity, and campus vibrancy.

Currently, many students commute, attend lectures, and leave. I would look to create stronger partnerships with all clubs, themed campus events, networking nights, and collaborative service projects so that campus felt more active and connected.

As the Director of Outreach, I want to ensure that our marketing is executed through social media campaigns promoting interactive events or games directed towards students. As Director of Clubs, I will help club leaders through organized planning workshops, funding transparency, and open communication channels. I would work to help implement these policies as Student Trustee and push for things like more mental health resources for students, better funding of events, and encouraging leadership opportunities.

I want to change LPC from the place students pass through into a community they are proud to call their own.

TYSON TIEU



MAJOR: BIOLOGY AND
PUBLIC HEALTH

RUNNING FOR:
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
LPC STUDENT TRUSTEE

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I've had a wonderful experience working with the current LPCSG executive board in my time at LPC, and I would like to continue contributing to campus life in a new role. One aspect of student government that is overlooked is the local, state, and national advocacy, and I've had the opportunity to advocate for community college students on the state level. I wish to actively represent the needs of students as LPC and other community colleges through political advocacy and continued dedication.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

I currently serve as an Advanced Senator of Club Engagement for LPCSG, and I have held numerous leadership roles in the past, including band section leader, camp counselor, shift leader, and team manager roles as well. In my current role, I directly assist the Executive Director of Clubs with emails, monthly letters, and club eligibility.

TYSON TIEU

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

I've participated in numerous videos posted to the official Las Positas College and LPCSG social media pages! I've amassed over 80,000 views on both the official Las Positas College Instagram and TikTok pages, and I hope to continue showing up for my school in any way possible.

Additionally, I've spent countless hours at every LPCSG event on campus, preparing, participating, and cleaning up afterward. From the late nights, early mornings, and weekends, I will continue to devote myself to fostering the same student life that contributes to LPC's state and national rankings.

After recently being offered an internship with California Senator Tim Grayson's team, I will have the opportunity to continue advocating for the needs of Las Positas College at the state level.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

After spending my first year as a senator working directly with clubs, I've recognized the role that communication plays in working with current and prospective clubs. Eligibility, funding, and meetings are all important steps for clubs to prosper. I'm already working on each of these goals as an Advanced Senator for Club Engagement, and to continue doing so, I will ensure that communication between club executives, advisors, and the student government will be more streamlined and efficient.

FLORENCE NEUJAHR



MAJOR: BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION

RUNNING FOR:
DIRECTOR OF CLUBS
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS
DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I want to be the director of clubs! I'm running for this position because I want to make Las Positas a fun and inclusive place somewhere students don't just attend classes but feel part of a community. I love connecting with people, learning what motivates them, and helping them feel comfortable taking part in clubs and events. Having been new to a school and a country, I know how intimidating it can feel to step into an unfamiliar environment. That experience inspires me to make sure every student feels welcomed, supported, and confident to get involved.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

One of the biggest experiences that taught me leadership was working as a lifeguard at a waterpark. I worked there for two years, and it was honestly one of the most rewarding experiences I've had. It taught me discipline, responsibility, and how to stay calm even when the environment was loud, busy, and unpredictable.

As a lifeguard, I learned that leadership can happen anywhere even on a pool deck with a whistle in hand. I took initiative in mentoring new guards, walking them through safety protocols, modeling professionalism, and making sure they felt confident making real-time decisions. Whether I was enforcing rules or responding to unexpected situations, I learned how to communicate clearly, think quickly, and step up when it mattered most.

Most importantly, I learned that leadership isn't about authority it's about setting the tone and creating an environment where everyone feels supported and prepared.

FLORENCE NEUJAHR

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

What makes me stand out for this role is my ability to genuinely connect with people from different backgrounds and make them feel included. Before my senior year of high school, I moved from Canada to a completely new school in Danville. It was a major transition, and I quickly learned what it feels like to be the new person trying to find your place. Instead of letting that hold me back, I challenged myself to step outside of my comfort zone, introduce myself to others, and build new connections.

I know how it feels to be alone and watch people around you “fit in”. That’s especially why I wanna be part of the LPC student government! I can relate to new students.

That experience shaped me into someone who is outgoing, adaptable, and intentional about making others feel welcomed. Because this position focuses on communicating with clubs, I understand how important it is for organizations to feel heard, supported, and included. I don’t just enjoy being social. I understand the value of connection, and I actively work to create it. Moving to a new school showed me how important communication truly is. I had to actively approach people, initiate conversations, and build relationships in an unfamiliar environment which is all so scary. In doing so, I learned to overcome the fear of negative opinions and focus instead on being authentic and open. That mindset has made me confident, adaptable, and unafraid to step outside my comfort zone qualities that are essential in a role centered on communication.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

As I talked about I know how it feels to have no one and to be the new kid. Starting community college is a similar experience. The thing is that with community college making friends and trying new things is hard because people only stay at school for their class and then they leave. Making friends at Community college can be hard but it’s possible with new opportunities! One aspect of student life I would like to improve is student engagement and involvement in clubs and campus activities. I believe many students want to get involved but may feel intimidated or unsure of where to start. I went through it too! I would work to create a more welcoming and approachable environment where students feel comfortable attending events, meeting new people, and exploring different organizations without fear of judgment. Also, I would work to improve communication between clubs and the student body so that information is clear, accessible, and inviting. Additionally, I would encourage collaboration between organizations and support initiatives that make first-time attendees feel more comfortable whether that’s through better outreach, inclusive events, or simply creating spaces where students feel seen and heard. When students feel like they belong, they’re more likely to participate, connect, and contribute to campus life. I want to make Las Positas a fun place to be not just a school people attend, but a community people feel comfortable and proud to be part of. College should be a place where students feel encouraged to step outside their comfort zones, meet new people, and explore new interests. By strengthening communication between clubs and students and promoting inclusive, welcoming events, I hope to help create a campus environment where everyone feels like they belong. Thank you!

ARMAAN SHAH



MAJOR:
ECONOMICS/FINANCE

RUNNING FOR:
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I wish to run for an LPCSG Position because I want to be more proactive in bettering student life here at Las Positas College. I've always been someone who enjoys responsibility and thrives on being busy and productive, and I believe student government is one of the most direct ways to create a positive legacy and impact on campus.

As a student here who switched majors last year to finance, I've only become more aware of how important institutional decisions are, whether it's budgeting or creating resources and programs for students. I want to be involved in those conversations. Lately, I've been inspired by Zohran Mamdani, the mayor of New York City, and a leader who has enacted programs that directly benefit his constituents while exuding transparency. I want to lead and represent the students here in the same way, one that is thoughtful, analytical, student-oriented, and transparent.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

I've always enjoyed being a leader, and much of my leadership experience stems from my involvement in sports and work. I've been a student athlete my entire life, playing any sport I could since I was 4 years old. As a student athlete, you learn discipline, accountability, and how to work with and off of others. Sports teach you to understand when to take the lead and when to take a backseat.

I was a water polo team captain for my final two years of high school. These were also the first years of the re-established program, and as one of the few players with experience, I had to lead a team that was learning how to play the sport and work with each other at the same time. This was a difficult task, but one I graciously accepted nonetheless. As I speak to former teammates, I'm able to look back on my experience and appreciate the growth I was able to undergo.

Within my work experience, I have been a swim instructor, lifeguard, floor administrator, and swim team coach. I coached, managed departments, drove customer satisfaction, and facilitated events. I've helped plan parties and organize logistics, including finding workers, developing themes, and utilizing available resources efficiently. These roles required adaptability, problem-solving, and I've learned that leadership isn't about control but rather responsibility. I own the mistakes made by those I lead, but when they succeed, we all succeed. I equate leadership with education. As team captain, I was teaching my teammates how the game worked while still learning how to trust them myself.

In every leadership role I've held, I've been teaching while also growing. A leader uplifts others and encourages growth as a stable force, just like an educator.

These experiences have prepared me to represent students responsibly, communicate clearly, and lead with accountability in student government.

ARMAAN SHAH

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

I stand out compared to other candidates due to where I'm coming from, who I am, and what I believe in.

Before I was an economics/finance major, I was a computer science major. I've always approached life from an engineering background, thinking through challenges analytically and solving them logically. That perspective is something I would bring into student government. I would evaluate issues carefully and consider long-term impact.

I also approach this position as a student who has been here for almost two years already. I've never been in student government before, and I'm not seeking power for the sake of power but rather as a means to continue to grow personally while enacting meaningful growth at my college.

I'm a social person first and foremost. I've always excelled when working with others, whether I was participating in team sports or an FBLA case competition. The programs on campus that bring students together are a major pillar of student life at Las Positas, and I want to further strengthen them. I want to work not just for my constituents, but with them.

Additionally, I am adaptable. Being raised by one parent born and raised in the Bay Area and another who immigrated shaped my unique perspective. Switching sports every season, switching majors, and working different jobs required learning on the spot, staying composed under pressure, and staying comfortable with constant adjustment.

I believe in fighting for what you stand for. Whether it's an idea that you want to foster or a social issue that matters to you. I stand for everyone I represent and social issues that affect them, affect me, too. In times of uncertainty, whether academic, personal, or broader, students deserve representation that is steady, thoughtful, and supportive.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

One aspect of student life I would seek to improve is engagement and communication across campus. As a commuter school, it can feel difficult for students to stay connected or even aware of the opportunities available to them.

I would work to improve how information is shared, making events, resources, and student government initiatives more visible and accessible.

As I have previously said, the programs that bring students together on campus are a major pillar of Las Positas student life. Without these programs, many students would have no reason to stay on campus before or after class. Strengthening these programs only strengthens our community.

I also want to make it easier to start clubs and host club events. Currently, finding an advisor — especially one who aligns with a club's mission — can be a difficult process, and one that hinders many clubs from starting. Many students resort to sending cold emails or contacting program coordinators who might not be able to assist them. I would seek to improve this through transparency. The goal would be to create a clearer system, such as a public database that connects faculty who are open to advising with clubs actively seeking advisors. By removing this barrier, student leadership is more accessible and sustainable.

Additionally, cross-club collaboration and events are something that would help form a stronger sense of community here at Las Positas. I aim to be a representative who is proactive in broadening everyone's sense of campus community while consistently listening to students through surveys, forums, and open conversations.

Ultimately, my goal is to increase transparency at Las Positas to make student life feel more connected, informed, and responsive to the needs of the student body.

ZIA SIDHU



MAJOR: CHEMISTRY

RUNNING FOR:
VICE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF CLUBS
LPC STUDENT TRUSTEE

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

My first introduction to the culture of Las Positas was through the Welcome Back Week hosted by LPCSG, where the campus felt like a place of belonging. That experience inspired me to join, where I currently work to support our student community. Now, I am ready to step into an executive role to expand that impact and advocate for student rights on a broader scale. I want to help LPCSG remain a welcoming face for new students while strengthening campus life. More than anything, I hope to give back to the college that shaped me by improving the student experience for all.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

Currently, I serve as the Advanced Senator for Clubs, direct a cohort of 13 interns in health advocacy research, and lead an ongoing women's health empowerment initiative in Tracy. In high school, I was elected president of the Dermatology Club, which served 30 active members, directed a citywide pedestrian safety campaign that reached over 50,000 residents in Tracy and Mountain House, and oversaw 40+ volunteers as Team Lead for a local soccer nonprofit coordinating youth soccer events.

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

My current involvement within student government will allow me to enter this role fluidly and help ensure a smooth transition into the next term. In my term, I have learned from LPCSG's successes and evolving initiatives, and am eager to contribute by exploring new ways to engage students at LPC. Moreover, my hardworking nature ensures I follow through on my commitments and dedicate the effort needed to uplift and strengthen the campus community.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

I would seek to improve student engagement and participation in our LPCSG initiatives. Many students aren't aware of opportunities to get involved or share their ideas with the student government. I would address this by collaborating with clubs and student organizations and creating new ways for students to contribute their voices to our campus decision making.

KEVIN YUKAI SUN



MAJOR:

BIOLOGY/PHYSIOLOGY

RUNNING FOR:

DIRECTOR OF EVENTS
DIRECTOR OF CLUBS
LPC STUDENT TRUSTEE

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I want to run for a position because I want a role in transforming student experience on campus and making sure every voice is heard throughout different communities. A role in LPCSG means I have the opportunity to advance my leadership skills all while helping the community I have come to love during my time here.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

Captain of DHS Badminton Team

Club Secretary of DHS Badminton Club

Club President of LPC Badminton Club

Club Social Media Manager of Project Restoring Rainbow Pleasanton Branch

Club Secretary for DHS ADA (American Diabetes Association)

Front Desk Manager at US Badminton Academy @ Livermore

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

At the end of my senior season in high school for badminton, I was unsatisfied. As the captain of the team, I felt as if many of our players were not taking matches seriously, skipping practices with no valid excuses, and no general team bonding. Apart from different candidates, I have experienced failure in leadership before and am eager to improve on my skills.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

I want to improve social life on campus, as I have observed that students often are not aware of certain events, clubs, or programs that can benefit them through networks.

DANIEL VARGAS

MAJOR: POLITICAL
SCIENCE

RUNNING FOR:
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
DIRECTOR OF EVENTS

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I want to run for an Executive position to listen to the students of LPC, help get more people into clubs, and represent the diversity we see in campus

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

I am currently a senator and have held a couple president positions in high school within the FFA, leading over 2500 students across 12 schools in 5 different towns. I have also started various clubs and know how to make people feel welcome and get interested.

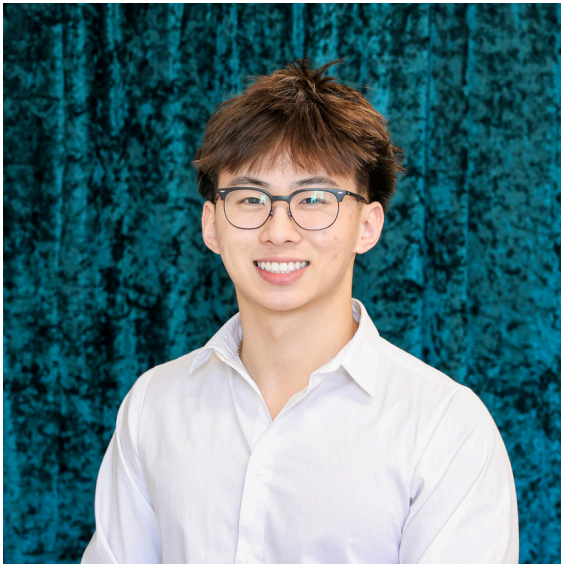
WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

What makes me stand out is that I have my heart in what I do. I don't do what I do to build up my resume or to get a scholarship. I do it for the love of the game, for the people I know I can help, and for the community I can help build and nurture.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

What I hope to improve is involvement whether that be at school events or in clubs. I hope to do this by talking to our students, understanding them as the people they are, and helping them feel safe to explore their school and their interests.

ANTHONY VUONG



MAJOR: DATA SCIENCE

RUNNING FOR:
DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
LPC STUDENT TRUSTEE

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

My first year at Las Positas has been an amazing experience, and it has motivated me to run for the LPCSG Executive Board. During my time at Las Positas, I've made it my goal to make a positive contribution to the campus and its students. As a current senator, I've done so to the best of my abilities, and it is my goal to continue this in the upcoming school year. I see taking on the role of an LPCSG Executive as a huge blessing and responsibility, and I'm eager for the opportunity to take the next step within LPCSG to support our school and its students.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

This year, I've served as a senator in the LPCSG, and through this, I've been able to gain great insight into how the organization operates. Before this, I was a part of the leadership team in my high school marching band. Through these roles, I've cultivated strong leadership and communication skills. I've learned to communicate effectively with individuals to clearly analyze their issues and respond accordingly. Additionally, I have experience coordinating large events and managing the logistical challenges that come with them. Through these experiences, I've learned how to stay organized and collaborate to get things done.

ANTHONY VUONG

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

What sets me apart is my hands-on approach. For me, being effective and getting things done isn't just about planning and delegating tasks. Rather than observing from afar, I prefer to work right alongside the people around me. Whether it means staying late to clean up after an event or simply helping someone in need on campus, I'm always up for the task. I pride myself on doing my work to the best of my abilities, so as a member of the student government, it's important to me that people feel heard. This means actively listening to issues or opposing views and working to find a compromise. I'm always open to collaborating with anyone, and I truly believe there's never a task that's too big or too small. Whatever the challenge, and whoever needs help, I'm always willing to give my best.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

While there are always specific events or issues on campus that can be improved, I believe the most important contribution that can be made to the student body is enhancing the line of communication. Oftentimes, students experience frustrations, and these issues are either not articulated or not heard. I seek to address this by improving the line of communication between the student body and the student government. Some ways I'd aim to accomplish this would be by creating digital feedback forms, organizing casual events between representatives and the student body to communicate. By establishing a clearer and more approachable line of communication, I'd aim to ensure everyone's voice has the chance to be heard and better allow the LPCSG to solve the day-to-day issues of our students.

YINA YOON



MAJOR: PSYCHOLOGY

RUNNING FOR:
DIRECTOR OF CLUBS
LPC STUDENT TRUSTEE
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

WHY DO YOU WISH TO RUN FOR AN LPCSG POSITION?:

I wish to run for LPCSG because I care about creating a campus environment where everyone feels heard and included. College can feel overwhelming at times, and I believe student government should be approachable, responsive, and genuinely connected to the student body. I want to help strengthen communication and make it easier for students to share their voices.

PLEASE SHARE YOUR CURRENT OR PAST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE.

I have held leadership roles where I coordinated teams, supported events, and worked closely with peers and teachers to ensure everything ran smoothly. These experiences taught me how to communicate clearly, stay organized, and remain calm even when challenges arise. Most importantly, they taught me the value of listening and collaborating effectively with others.

WHAT MAKES YOU STAND OUT COMPARED TO OTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE APPLYING FOR?:

What distinguishes me is my responsibility, adaptability, and openness. Having experienced different countries and communities, I have learned how important it is to make everyone feel included and respected. I approach leadership with a willingness to hear diverse perspectives, and I am committed to following through on my responsibilities.

WHAT ASPECTS OF STUDENT LIFE WOULD YOU SEEK TO IMPROVE? HOW WOULD YOU DO SO?:

I would focus on strengthening student engagement and communication. Everyone should feel informed about what is happening on campus and confident that their voices matter. I would support accessible ways for students to share feedback so that student government feels connected to everyday campus life.



Voting

Will begin

Monday, April 6th, 2026 at 8:00AM
and end on Saturday, April 11th 11:59PM

Election Results

Will be verified and THEN Presented
during the next scheduled LPCSG Senate Meeting
after campaigning ends

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