

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2020 STUDENT BODY ELECTION CANDIDATE GUIDE

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Voting will take place February 25 at 9 a.m. to  
February 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at [sc.edu/elections](https://sc.edu/elections).

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# STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

The Student Body President serves as the official representative of Student Government upon request of the president of the university and oversees the Executive Cabinet and the Communications Team.



## **Samantha "Sam" Mayberry**

As Student Body President, I promise to create positive change fueled by the voices and concerns of my peers. Carolina is a place that we all call home, and it's my mission to ensure that every single student on this campus feels seen. Alongside my running mate, Zach Crawford, we will work tirelessly to Embrace Change, Engage the Student Body and Empower Every Voice.



## **Isobel "Issy" Rushton**

Issy Rushton is a junior from the Gold Coast, Australia studying Psychology and Criminal Justice. Issy has been extensively involved across campus. She is a University and Presidential Ambassador and the former Chapter President of Alpha Chi Omega. In Student Government, she serves as the Secretary of First-Year Involvement on the Student Body President's Cabinet. As Student Body President, her goal is to leave a lasting impact on every Gamecock student. With her leadership & love for this University, Issy is the best candidate for Student Body President. Alongside Vice-Presidential Candidate Hannah White, Issy envisions a better Carolina for all!

# STUDENT BODY VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

The Vice President oversees the general administration and organization of Student Government programs on a day to day basis. These programs include the Carolina Closet, Airport Shuttles, and CarolinaBeYOUtiful Week.



## **Zachary "Zach" Crawford**

As Student Body Vice President, I promise to create positive change fueled by the voices and concerns of my peers. Carolina is a place that we all call home, and it's my mission to ensure that every single student on this campus feels seen. Alongside my running mate, Sam Mayberry, we will work tirelessly to Embrace Change, Engage the Student Body and Empower Every Voice.



## **Hannah White**

Hannah White is a Marketing and Finance double major in the South Carolina Honors College from Greenville, South Carolina. She currently serves as the Director of Programming on the Student Body Vice President's Staff. Hannah is also a University Ambassador and proud member of Greek life in two facets, being a part of both Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. As Student Body Vice-President, Hannah plans to amplify the student voice through intentional and effective Student Government programming. Alongside Presidential Candidate Issy Rushton, Hannah envisions a better Carolina for all!

# SPEAKER OF THE STUDENT SENATE CANDIDATE

The Speaker of the Student Senate serves as the presiding officer of the Student Senate with is comprised of 50 senators from each of the colleges and schools within the university.



## **John "JD" Jacobus**

Serving in the 110th and 111th Student Senate has truly been the most rewarding experience of my time here at UofSC. As a Senator, the amount of positive change I have been able to contribute to is truly humbling, and as Speaker of the Student Senate I would hope to continue to make our university the best it can be. To do so we must work to elevate the student experience, elevate our Student Government involvement, and elevate our mental health resources. As a Senate, as a Student Government, and as a campus we must strive to do as much as we can for our university that does so much for us. As Speaker, I know I would be in the best position to elevate our university to be the best it can be.

# TREASURER CANDIDATE

The Student Body Treasurer oversees the internal budget for Student Government and the comptrollers who serves as financial advisors to student organizations, assisting them in their understanding of the allocation and funding process.



## **Caden Askew**

Caden is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Year student at the Darla Moore School of Business majoring in Finance, Economics and Real Estate with a minor in Political Science. He is a Carolina Finance Scholar and is a part of the Student Managed Investment Fund managing over \$1,000,000. He is also very involved in his social fraternity Phi Sigma Kappa and has previous experience working in Student Body Treasurer's Office as a comptroller. His biggest goal for his term is to finally utilize the entire Student Activity fee by connecting with student organizations and encouraging them to participate in the funding process.

# CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT REFERENDUM VOTE

## **Student Body Legislation - SBL (110) 93**

*A referendum to AMEND ARTICLE IV SECTION 8 OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT CONSTITUTION*

*BE IT ENACTED by the Student Senate of the University of South Carolina that:*

*SECTION 1: Section 8 of Article IV of the Student Government Constitution is to be amended to read as follow:*

### *Section 8: VACANCIES*

*Upon the vacancy of the Constitutional Council chief justice seat, the student body president shall nominate, in hopes of appointment, a replacement within twenty (20) University days. Upon the vacancy of a Constitutional Council associate justice seat, the student body president shall do the same. Such appointments shall be referred to the Student Senate Judiciary Committee and require approval by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Student Senate. No associate may succeed to the office of chief justice without being nominated and appointed.*

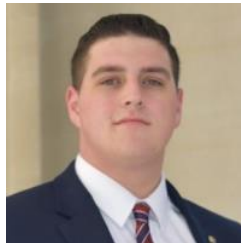
*The entire Constitution of Student Government can be found at <http://www.sc.edu/policies/ppm/staf105.pdf>*

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SENATORIAL CANDIDATES



## **Asaru Buffalo**

As a senator I will strive to work towards change in the school of arts and sciences and on the campus as a whole by playing close attention to the voices of the student body. I am looking to bring a renewed focus and further improve mental health on campus from a student's perspective. Often it's hard to talk about these problems to friends let alone someone you don't know too well, however I want to forge meaningful connections with the student body so I can be someone to reach out to with grievances, ideas, or anything that keeps you up at night. I want to be an advocate for the students, I believe I can make a difference.



## **Dylan Cappuccio**

Serving in the 111<sup>th</sup> Student Senate as a freshman has genuinely been the greatest experience of my time here thus far. When I became a senator, I was unaware of the challenges I would face knowing there is so much to do in such little time. However, working to elevate the college experience for everyone is my central motivation for this upcoming term. I believe that our positivity throughout our time here leaves a footprint for those who enter after us. In turn, I want to make sure our footprint here is the most influential, and I can only do that as your Senator. Being elected, I know that we can all elevate our journey together through college and that beyond.



## **Mariah Cochran**

As a sophomore Women and Gender Studies, I hope to implement equality for all and redefine what inclusivity truly means for the university and for the College of Arts and Sciences. To do so I will continue to work with my fellow senators and contribute legislation that can represent all students and not be limited to a specific group. I will continue to advocate for those who are not comfortable using their voice on campus and making sure that they are being heard. I hope to continue implementing change by being a Senator on the Inclusion and Equity committee.



## **Addi Cottone**

As a sophomore psychology student, I hope to be the liaison between the students and the university policies centered around mental health and safety. I understand that being far away from home is challenging, especially without having family around you to ensure your health and safety. As a student senator, I promise to be the person you can come to with concerns about the university. I want to make The University of South Carolina even more like home than it already is.



## **Billy Fitzpatrick**

This position as a senator is one I know I would have a positive impact on. I have experience leading my peers and have missed leadership and hard work associated with my name. Integrity and valor are my bywords and to not try to obtain a position where I can prove this I feel is an injustice to myself. I have thought long and hard and definitely want to shoot my shot and welcome this opportunity to grow as a leader and gain further experience. I have the privilege to say that I am involved in both R.H.A. and Pillars. I was also a member of my high school's student government.

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SENATORIAL CANDIDATES (cont.)



## **Grace Gunter**

Hello, fellow Gamecocks! I'm a political science major from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. This year, I had the pleasure of serving in the 111th Student Senate. In addition to continuing to serve constituents, I vow to ensure that USC will continue to bring forth greater transparency in regards to student fees. As a whole, I will ensure that our university continues to move forward and Elevate itself!



## **Caitlyn Johnson**

As a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences, I hope to make a big school feel small by caring for the individual within the school. I will work to cater to the needs of students in a college that offers a wide variety of majors by being available to students to understand the changes they want to enact. I will then collaborate with my fellow senators to put those requests into action. I am running to be your senator because I want to be a voice for students by helping their ideas for a better university come to fruition.



## **Morgiana McDevitt**

Serving as a Senator in the College of Arts and Sciences over the past year, I have advocated for the student voice to be heard through outreach and direct collaboration of ideas and initiatives between members of Student Government and the entire student body. I am looking forward to strengthening the student voice and want students to see the advancement they desire in this great University through an efficient and effective 112<sup>th</sup> Student Senate.



## **Sawyer McDuffie**

Serving as a senator for last two years has given me the opportunity to impact the university community in ways I never thought possible. I always have represented the students of my college and the whole university in the best way possible, and ensure that every piece of legislation is working in their best interests. I hope you will reelect me to serve another term for the College of Arts and Sciences. Go Cocks!



## **Edward Morris**

Being in Freshmen Council, I got the opportunity to learn about the best ways to help the students of the university. I feel the best way for me to bring about positive change that will benefit the whole of the student body is to become a Senator. We must all do our part to make this university a safe and welcoming environment for all people, and as a Senator I feel I would best be able to enact change to achieve this goal.

# COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SENATORIAL CANDIDATES (cont.)



**Ryan Newell**

As a sophomore Political Science major, I hope to be able to create positive experience for our university. I will work to do everything I can for the student body. Your voice will be heard on campus and in student government. I'm running to be your senator because I believe that we change this campus to work for everyone.



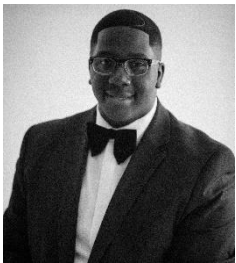
**Mateo Pierce-Mosquera**

I seek to provide representation and a voice for students who feel like they're not being heard. With a growing number of minority students coming to campus, I will work with others in Senate to ensure that these students can find a home here at Carolina through programs that promote inclusion and equity. I will ensure that all students, especially within the College of Arts and Sciences, have their voices heard on issues that range from more advisers to serve students to more parking spaces, and even greater transparency and control over how students' money are being spent.



**Riley Rodgers**

As a student senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, I will work to help improve the university and our college. I plan on working alongside my fellow senators to elevate student life, elevate mental health resources, improve student government outreach, and increase safety on campus. It would be my greatest honor to serve the students of this great university and help to provide you all with the best possible college experience. I believe that together, we can build a better Carolina.



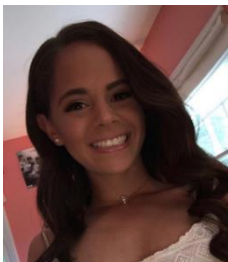
**Kei'Shan Scott**



**Dea Skenderi**

Serving in the 111th Student Senate has truly been the most rewarding experience of my time here at Carolina. If I were to be reelected I would hope to continue to make positive change throughout campus and help my peers while holding this role. In this position I will strive to give back to this University as much as it has given to me.

## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SENATORIAL CANDIDATES (cont.)



### **Morgan Spinner**

I'm filing for a seat on the Student Senate to serve as a voice and advocate for the University of South Carolina student body. Coming from a high school with minimal positions for leadership, my peers counted on me to get their opinions and ideas heard. I hope to continue the mindset of striving towards a more efficient, optimistic atmosphere with a lot of new ideas for legislation as well. Being a freshman, I plan on getting an early start towards making the most out of my time in the Senate and making an impact on every student's college experience for the next 3 1/2 years and beyond.



### **Claire Windsor**

As a Senator, I served as chairwoman of the Academics Committee and I currently serve as the chairwoman for the Sustainability Committee. I commit to a work ethic based on collaboration, communication, and determination. I have fulfilled these principles as seen in my accomplishments that have focused on advocating for equitable academic opportunities and sustainable campus initiatives. I will continue to strive for Senate excellence and represent my constituents to the best of my ability.

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION SENATORIAL CANDIDATES



### **Claire Ouzts**

Serving the 111th Student Senate as a freshman has truly been an honor. I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to serve my constituents so early in my college career, and I hope to continue to serve the College of Education in the 112th Student Senate. As a future educator I understand the importance of political advocacy, especially in this field, which is why I have a passion to serve my peers and take this position so seriously. I want to actively listen to your concerns and ideas to make positive change happen in the College of Education, and around The University of South Carolina.

# COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING SENATORIAL CANDIDATES



**Matthew Harris**

As a Student Senator representing the College of Engineering and Computing, I hope to help elevate the quality of academic and social life within the school. This will be made possible through the resources and connections available in the Senate. I hope to form relationships with students and faculty within Engineering and Computing to gain an understanding of the resources, such as technology, needed for success. I would ensure that these needs are represented thoroughly in the Senate. The College of Engineering and Computing is full of bright, innovative minds, and I would be honored to represent the school and help everyone elevate to their full potential.



**Joshua Pate**



**Katherine Zeller**

As a senior Integrated Information Technology major, I have seen the issues that face the students of the College of Engineering and Computing. There is so much untapped potential within this college that I believe can be catalyzed with enhancements to infrastructure, administrative transparency, and involvement from the rest of campus. I believe that a project is never truly "finished" and that our college will continue to flourish long after we have graduated. As your senator, I will continue to strengthen the legacy of the CEC for the innovative minds of our future.

# COLLEGE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SENATORIAL CANDIDATES



**Christian Phillips**

Hello! My name is Christian Phillips. It is a privilege to be running to serve as your senator next year for the College of Information and Communications. I have served in the senate since this past January, and am also a member of the Freshman Council. This next year, I hope to create many great changes for our college. This will require not just recommendations from faculty or school staff, but most importantly, from the students. This year, I will try my hardest to ensure that every student concern is heard, and resolved. I have no doubt that this next year at USC will be great, and together, we can make it happen!

# College of Pharmacy Senators



## **Ekaterini Livas**

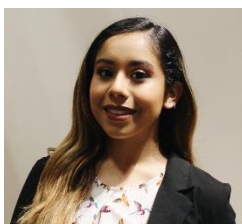
As Pharmacy students, innovation is at our core. I am running to represent our College in the Student Senate. The College of Pharmacy runs differently from other colleges and I will work to make sure our opinions are heard. I will also make sure that there is an open line of communication between what is going on with UofSC and the students within the College of Pharmacy. I plan to help improve the overall healthcare of the campus, increase our community outreach, and increase the involvement of the College of Pharmacy Students and Organizations with activities outside of our College. I would be honored to continue being your Senator and I hope to be voted in so that I can continue working hard for each and every one of you.



## **Andrew Ehrlich**

Innovation is at the core of Pharmacy. We've learned that we must continue to press the boundaries of our practice and initiate change for the betterment of our profession. I hope to do that for our College. My goal is to initiate a finance committee within the College of Pharmacy, allowing our organizations to be better funded to make a bigger presence on campus, increase awareness of health-related topics, and support more of our students in their extracurricular activities. I will make sure that communication between our College and the University is its best, and that your opinion is heard. I would be honored to continue being your Senator and I hope to be voted in so that I can continue working hard for each and every one of you.

# COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK SENATORIAL CANDIDATES



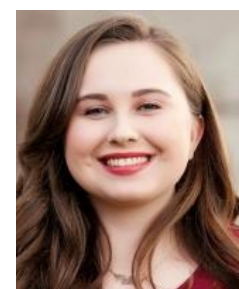
## **Carolina Ramirez**

Fellow Social Work Students, my name is Carolina Ramirez and I am a first generation American and college student. I have previously served in student government as a member of government relations and now I am eager and pleased to ask for your vote on Student Senate. I truly believe that the work we do here at the College of Social Work is important and necessary, especially in today's world. Not only are we preparing to take on a role in public service after graduation, but right now our college serves as an example for the rest of the university. If elected I will continue to support the programs that make us unique, like free menstrual products in our restrooms for anyone who needs it, as well as implement new ideas and programs to continue to grow our influence and spread our mission. If elected, I will lead with our social work values of service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence.



## **Whitney Garland**

My name is Whitney Garland and I am excited to be running to represent the College of Social work in the 112th Student Senate. Having served as a senator in the 111th senate, I have had the pleasure of representing our college. I have worked on initiatives regarding mental health on campus, providing better services for underserved student populations, and improving sustainability. I believe that as a member of Student Government, my job is to represent the members of the COSW and listen to their concerns and comments. Working to elevate the student experience, elevate our Student Government involvement, and elevate our mental health resources should be our main focus, and is what I will strive to do if given the opportunity.



## **Molley Jenkins**

This past year, I was one of 2 senators representing the COSW in the Student Senate. Not only was I the chairwoman of the SOWK Delegation, I was also the chairwoman of the Senate Inclusion and Equity Committee. We got a lot done in this past term, but there is still a lot more we can do! Your senators tabled in Hamilton (with donuts and hot chocolate!) and heard what you want changed, and now we want to work hard to implement those changes. We can and will make a difference. I know if I am elected for a second term, I will push harder than ever to ensure that your voice is heard.

# DARLA MOORE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SENATORIAL CANDIDATES



## **John Hladun**

If elected to represent the Darla Moore School of Business in Student Senate, I vow to elevate the student experience and actively advocate for my constituents, thus ensuring a positive experience for all. Some of my objectives include engaging more of the freshman class in all that the Moore School has to offer, raising the national profile of our business school, and increasing Student Government relations with the Moore School. As a Senator, I will remain undaunted in my pursuit to elevate the Darla Moore School of Business.



## **Isaac Leon**

As a Senator in Student Government, I will advance the community by encouraging higher accessibility and awareness of mental health resources to students. I will pass legislation to improve outreach to marginalized students. Finally, I would hope to improve the student body's engagement in Student Government by bringing more publicity to legislation passed by the Senate. I believe that student engagement is the key to a great future for Carolina.



## **John Harrison McDermott**

I am a freshman from the upstate of South Carolina. Having served in student government in high school, it seemed fitting for me to begin my effort of contributing to my university through the same organization. Therefore, I am running for one of the senatorial seats of the great Darla Moore School of Business.

As business students, we learn to value service and integrity. If elected to be a senator, I would strive to embody these characteristics to enhance the lives of my fellow students.



## **Morgan McDonald**

I am hoping to serve as a Senator for the Darla Moore School of Business to continue the work that I was able to begin in my current term as Senator. My goal is to make every student's experience at Darla Moore the best possible. I believe this can be accomplished through working with the many different student organizations in Darla Moore, facilitating easier outreach between the student body and their student representatives, and building positive connections with the administration at the Darla Moore School of Business. I would love to serve as your Senator and thank you for the opportunity!



## **Natalie Watson**

My name is Natalie Watson, and I am a freshman in the Darla Moore School of Business. I am currently a member of Senate, serving as the Vice-Chairman of the Athletics Committee. I would love to get the chance to represent you all again next year and continue working on enhancing each student's experience here at USC!



# Student Government

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