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Western Washington University

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**Meet the
Candidates**

2024 Spring Election Guide

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May 13th - May 17th

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Candidate for AS President

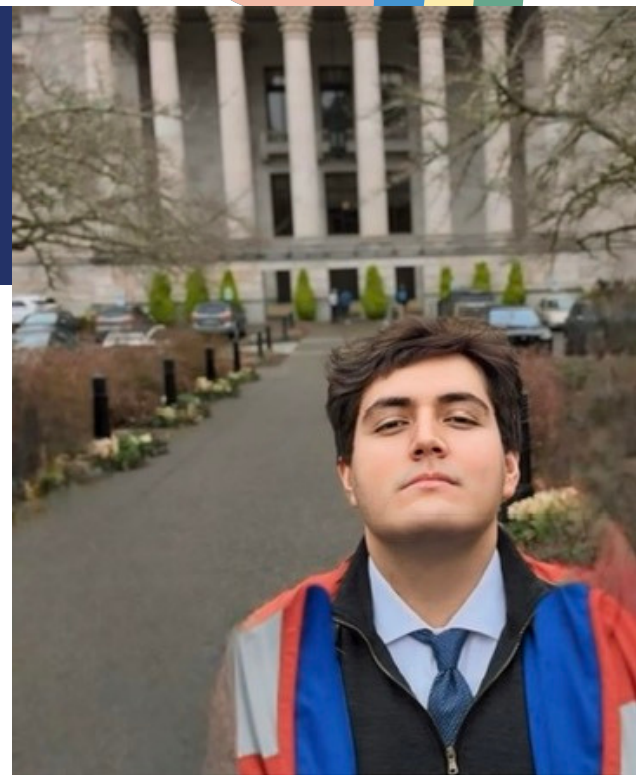
Miguel Garduno Munoz He/Him/His

Candidate Statement:

Dear Western Washington Community, I'm Miguel Garduño Muñoz, and I am thrilled to run for president of the ASWWU Board. With a deep commitment to leadership and genuine passion for serving my community, I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to the continued growth and success of our university. As student leader, I have actively engaged in campus organizations and initiatives, gaining valuable experience in problem-solving, collaboration, and decision-making. My background in student government roles has equipped me with the skills necessary to effectively represent students' interests and advocate for positive change. I am running because I believe in the power of student leadership to make a difference. I'm committed to amplifying student voices, promoting diversity and inclusion, and championing initiatives that enhance the overall student experience. If elected, I will work tirelessly to address student concerns, streamline communication between students and administration, and implement innovative solutions to improve campus life. I know — together — we can build a stronger, more vibrant community where every student has the opportunity to thrive and most important, where every student belongs. Thank you for considering me for this important role. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Cybersecurity Club, Rugby Club, Badminton, ATUS Classroom Services Staff

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

President's Education Award, Seal of Biliteracy, Leadership Student of the Semester, UN Model Best Delegate, Estado de Morelos LGBTQ+ Award

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Volunteer at the Pickford Film Center, Movie reviewer, Spanish tutor, Lego collector, Bellingham Pickleball Club member,

Candidate for AS President

Ethan Martez He/Him

Candidate Statement:

My name is Ethan Martez, and I am running for Associated Student President at WWU. With experience leading committees, including as a residential planning board chair, I am dedicated to addressing critical student concerns. I will lobby the state and the university to fully fund Western. Data shows that Western is currently the least funded university in the state, highlighting the urgent need for increased financial support. Food insecurity significantly impacts students at WWU. I plan to fully fund and stock our food pantries to ensure that no student goes hungry on our campus. I also recognize the vital role clubs play in our community and will work to ensure they receive the necessary AS funding and support they require. I also pledge to seek increased funding for campus security to safeguard public safety and free speech, which are vital for a vibrant and safe campus life. I am dedicated to improving campus accessibility through reliable transportation options and proposing a parking garage to alleviate our parking woes. I am also the only candidate running for President who brings experience as a union organizer, ensuring a strong advocate for student workers. I pledge to continue fighting for fair treatment and improved conditions for all student workers. Vote for Ethan Martez, make waves, leave a legacy!

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

Individuals: Halle Bauer, Moose Abou-Harb, Emily Carsten, Matthew Doohan, Zeldia Rood, Zach Cramer, Zachary Cohen, Hayley Abella, Robert Sprague, Joshua Hall, Wyatt Roberts, Nathan Gerber, Rown Wood, Doran Danielson, Alex Shamansly, Zachery Manson, Lenny Lockwood, Sol Rabinovich, Kieran McDougall, Aspen Cates-Doglio, Ava Gracee

Clubs: Beyblade Club



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Residential Planning Board Chair 2022-2023, WWU Political Science Association, Public Safety Assistant (AKA Green Coat), Western Academic Workers United, Compass 2 Campus

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Gus Frankhauser Departmental Scholar Award- Awarded to high achieving students who show hard work and student leadership in the Business & Marketing department at Snohomish High School,

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

City of Snohomish Mid-Town Planning Task Force, Democrat Precinct Committee Officer

Candidate for AS President

Malachi Phillips He/Him

Candidate Statement:

Hello! My name is Malachi Phillips, and I am a third-year political science major running for the position of Associated Students President for the upcoming 2024-2025 year. This past academic year, I was the president of the International Affairs Association where I led the university's Model United Nations team at regional and national conferences, provided a space for the discussion of international issues, and managed the association's budget. Additionally, I was the president of the Political Science Association, which strives to engage students with contemporary issues at the local, state, and national level. If elected, I will work to ensure that there are more functions that support students' basic needs. Housing and food security remain important, and in a place such as Bellingham, WWU students are without strong enough support. In this role, I would work to create an efficient funding structure to support the AS Hub of Living Essentials for all students facing these basic need insecurities. Moreover, I will also advocate for policies at the local, state, and federal level that provide accessible, affordable housing options for all students. I'll also advocate for further budget transparency and continuation of the Outback Farm. Thank you for your consideration!

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

Individuals: Liam Pratt, Current AS VP of Sustainability, Morgan Whitt, Current AS VP of Diversity, Sebastian Mayotte, Current AS VP of Activities, Erin Godwin, Current AS VP of Governmental Affairs, Dacey Durbin, Current AS Senator for CBE, John Hardgrove, Current AS Senator for CSE, Matthew Condon, Former AS Senator for Woodring, Emma Fredlund, Candidate for Senator College of the Environment, Aiden Ochoa, Candidate for Senator CHSS, Calvin Christoph, Candidate for Senator CHSS, Finnegan Kurtz, Brady Deyak, Paige Hyatt, Jordan Kenyon, Conor Lincoln, Julia Hawkins, Olivia Morrow, Lanham Eudy, Zachary Connor



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

President, International Affairs Association (2023-24). IAA Student Representative, Departmental Related Activities Committee (2024). President, Political Science Association (2023-24). At-Large Voting Member, AS Legislative Affairs Committee (2022-23). Public Relations Coordinator, Political Science Association (2022-2023).

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Congressional Internship, Rep. Larsen WA-02 (2024).

Candidate for AS Senate President

Moose Abou-Harb
He/Him/His

Candidate Statement:

The WWU AS Senate empowers the student body with the resources they need to thrive, but without vision, determination and a wholehearted commitment to fighting for student needs, the Senate can't reach its maximum potential. My name is Moose Abou-Harb and I am excited to announce my intentions to run for the AS Senate President for the 2024-2025 school year. In my time at Western I have served as a Trip Leader for the Outdoor Center, where I have been able to connect with students about the issues they face, and their ideas to move the school in a positive direction. At the same time, my role as a Student Admissions Representative with the Office of Admissions has given me the knowledge I need to connect with the various facets that run Western. As a student of the least funded public university, I will help Western lobby for the funding we need to keep providing the resources and tools that ensure student success. In this role I will serve as an effective and faithful advocate for the student body, where my campaign will focus my efforts on Western's accessibility issues, academic and financial transparency, and worker rights.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

WWU Outdoor Center, WWU Office of Admissions, WWU Trivia Club

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Departmental Honors From The Math, Science And Music Departments at University High School, Washington State Opportunity Scholar, BEEs Scholar, Oscar Edwin Olson Scholar, Presidents List

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Hiking, Cooking, Writing, and Loving Cats

Candidate for AS Vice President for Activities

Sebastian Mayotte He/Him

Candidate Statement:

Hey Western! My name is Sebastian, and I am a 5th year student running into my 6th. For fun, I am a proud motorcyclist and an avid board game enthusiast. Academically, I am pursuing an ambitious triple-major between History, Women Gender & Sexuality Studies (WGSS), and Political Science/Philosophy /Economics (PPE). My long goal is to become a human rights lawyer and fight some good fights for a more just world and a healthier planet for us to share. Before that party begins however, I am greatly enjoying just being a student at western and all the wonderful activities the community offers here. As the previous VP for Activities, I would love the opportunity to continue to work toward giving back to western by fostering the various activities that this campus offers. I am most passionate about addressing economic concerns of students, advocating for greater healthcare services and products on campus especially reproductive healthcare, providing protection and resources for undocumented students, providing the same for formally and currently incarcerated students, pushing for greater diversity and authentic agency involved for students during events on campus, and building relationships of trust and solidarity with the various student communities on campus.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Mt Baker Planned Parenthood Generation Action, Model UN, Board Game Club, Motorcycle club

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

History Discipline Outstanding Student WCC 2021. Associates from WCC graduated w/ honors

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

WDRS volunteer, MBPP Volunteer, Bellingham Alternative Library Volunteer, DSP work

Candidate for AS Vice President for Diversity

Morgan Whitt
she/her

Candidate Statement:

My name is Morgan Whitt and I am so excited to announce that I am running for re-election for the role of AS VP for Diversity! I am a third-year, out-of-state student from San Diego, California. This past year I have worked with many students and members of the community of various diverse backgrounds to learn how to best support them on as well as off campus. With being on the Latine Student Union Board for the past two years, I feel as if I can continue to improve and help with supporting clubs centered in the ESC and MCC on campus. Every BIPOC and diverse voice matters and deserves to be adequately celebrated, supported and represented here at WWU. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to run for a second time and look forward to continuing working to better our community.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Latine Student Union

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

BIPOC Support Foundation of San Diego
Volunteer

Candidate for AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs

Aspen Cates-Doglio He/him

Candidate Statement:

I am running for VP for Governmental Affairs because I want to create tangible change for students on campus. An important issue that we are facing is a housing affordability crisis that is negatively affecting all students. Currently at Western, 32.1% of students have faced housing insecurity over the last year. This is simply unacceptable. Even if you have not faced housing insecurity directly, you are still being exploited by landlords and large housing corporations. I have personally experienced this injustice, as I am being forced to move out of my own apartment due to a rent increase of over \$400 between last year and this upcoming year. We must work to pass a statewide rent stabilization bill that will improve student life.

Over this last year, I fought for the inclusion of progressive legislation pertaining to climate change to be included in the ASWWU Legislative Agenda. Through this work I helped the agenda include a bill that was written to reduce disparities in cumulative environmental and health impacts all over Washington. Finally, I will advocate for the ability of Western operational student employees to form a union. When I am elected, I will fight for these progressive ideals.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

Individuals: Keara Ryan, Melissa Bernal, Liam Pratt, Lauren Johnson, MJ Dizon, Ethan Martez, Gabe Wong, Kira Davis



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Legislative Agenda Council, OCE Civic Involvement Coordinator

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

President's List; Fall 2023, 3a/4a Boys High School Soccer Referee, Final at Presidents Cup Regionals 2023,

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Chair of the 42nd Legislative District Democrats, Secretary of the Whatcom Democrats, Field Organizer Whatcom Democrats, Campaign Manager for Jasmine Vasavada, Grassroots Advanced Referee

Candidate for AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs

Calum Collie
He/Him

Candidate Statement:

Hey WWU! I'm a Bio-Cultural Anthropology Major with a History Minor and I've been especially interested in politics since I took AP Government in high school and learned about our Constitution and the history that forms our government today. I believe knowing about how our government works and who has what power is the best way to protect our rights and make sure our voices are heard. If you vote for me I will work to expand education on campus about our local and federal elections and provide opportunities for one-on-one help with registering to vote and selecting candidates, as well as whatever may help WWU become fully politically aware!

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

WWU Hiking Club

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

AP Capstone Diploma

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Delivery Driver at Mckay's Pizza

Candidate for AS Vice President for Governmental Affairs

Erin Godwin They/Them/Their's



Candidate Statement:

Hello! My name is Erin Godwin, I am running to be your VP for Governmental Affairs for another year. Now that I better understand my role and the Associated Students as a whole, I will be able to navigate the system to serve the student body more effectively. I have gained invaluable experience from being the VP for Gov this past year. I have built relationships with University Administration and State Legislators that I can utilize to help pass bills that benefit our student body. If given the opportunity, I will do more to engage with students, which is something I struggled with this year. This year, I chaired the Legislative Affairs Council, leading a group of 15 students to write a legislative agenda which reflected the interests of the student body. I organized Western Intersectional Lobby Day, an event that brought 55 students to Olympia to meet with 40 state legislators and their aides. I managed a budget of \$30,000 and ensured that our voices were heard and that our money was used responsibly. I will continue to do so if elected as your Vice President for Governmental Affairs once more. Thank you for your time and consideration:)

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

As Executive Board, Legislative Affairs Council, Young Dems of WWU, Tennis Club, and the Newman Center

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

My senior superlative in high school was Best School Spirit 😎

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

Individuals: Morgan Whitt, the current VP for Diversity, Sebastian Mayotte, the current VP for Activities, Sophie Snyder, the current VP for Student Services, and Malachi Philips, candidate for AS President

Candidate for AS Vice President for Sustainability

Kira Davis
she/her

Candidate Statement:

I am a junior in the Marine and Coastal Science program with minors in Environmental Policy and Spanish. For the last 2 years I have worked for the AS OCE as the Voter Recruitment and Engagement Coordinator, where I have planned the campus Voter Hub, run voter registration drives, served on the Legislative Affairs Committee, participated in Lobby Day, served on AS hiring committees, and planned events for the campus community. Outside of Western I was recently elected to be a State Committee member for the Whatcom Democrats 42nd Legislative District. I am very passionate about environmental activism, and I hope to make a career out of professional organizing after I graduate. I believe that WWU has the opportunity to be a leader in sustainability and want to use my experience in the AS to advocate for that. I would be honored to represent a student body that cares so much about our planet and my top priority would be listening to you and uplifting your voices. If elected I plan to continue the fight to divest our campus from fossil fuels, work to create more sustainable food systems on campus, and promote environmental justice initiatives on campus.



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:


Marine Mammal Ecology Lab, AS Office of Civic Engagement, formerly WWU Sailing

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Whatcom Democrats 42nd LD, employed as an outdoor educator through Wilderness Awareness School

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None



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Candidate for AS At-Large Senate

Louis Hay
He/him

Candidate Statement:

Hay everyone! My name is Louis Hay, I am a second-year student here at Western studying Economics and Political Science. In high school, I saw the mental health of my peers declining. I took initiative with the help of AVID, and received a \$10,000 grant to improve student conditions. Here in Washington, I have worked with WA-SEN to meet with the state legislature on behalf of my fellow students with out a voice to demand better financial aid for students pursuing secondary education. As a student senator, I will continue to strengthen the voice of my peers. I would like to see larger departments regulate class size so more students are heard and seen in classroom discussions. I would like to further legitimize rate my professor so students' experiences do not go unheard. Lastly, I would like to extend the freshman class selection support system, because I personally needed help choosing classes the entire year, not just in the beginning. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

I am involved in Rec Soccer and WA-SEN.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

In high school, I was a semifinalist in the United States Presidential Scholarship, a recipient of the Los Alamos National Labs Scholarship, Salutatorian of my graduating class.

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Outside of college, I am into thrifting/fashion, speaking Spanish, sports, community events, and I work at the bookstore.

Candidate for AS At-Large Senate

Matthew Loewen
He/Him



Candidate Statement:

Hi, I'm Matthew Loewen, an economics major hoping to use that knowledge to optimize systems for the people within them. In my free time, I read, play D&D, and speculate on the future. I have previous leadership experience as the VP of Recruitment of the Student Economics Association, working with the other officers to successfully double our membership. As a senator, I intend to serve my community by carefully considering the incentives that policies create, and ensuring that those lead to beneficial outcomes for students. I also hope to increase civic engagement at Western by highlighting the day-to-day importance of what the senate does (apparently only a single digit percentage of WWU students vote, whoever you are reading this, thank you for participating). My goal is to serve my community as best I can, and the best way to do that is to find what actually works, and do it. If you have an idea for a policy that you think would have a positive impact, reach out and let's talk. Together, we can build a better world, one step at a time.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Student Economics Association, Financial Management Association, Nat20 Tabletop RPG Club

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None

Candidate for AS At-Large Senate

Melissa Ramirez
She/Her

Candidate Statement:

Hello everyone, my name is Melissa Ramirez, I am currently a second year here at Western working towards my bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a Concentration in Marketing. I am originally from Poulsbo, Washington but my family is from Jalisco, Mexico. I would consider myself to be a very caring and loving person, I love to help others in anyway I can and give my support. Within school I am part of the Baile Folklorico club, and a general member at the Latine Student Union and the Vietnamese Student Association. Outside of school I like to play sports like tennis, volleyball and kayaking. I know I am qualified for the At-Large role because I am responsible, work well under pressure, great listener and communicator and can easily build connections. My goals for this position is to create a healthy and safe community within western students, grantee a space for everyone and uplift voices. I am the type of person who believes that actions are louder than words, therefore given the opportunity I will be determined to make the change you wish to see.



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Baile Folklorico, Latine Student Union,
Vietnamese Student Associations

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

Clubs: Latine Student Union, Vietnamese Student Association, Latine Men in Higher Education, Baile Folklorico

Candidate for AS At-Large Senate

Emerson Tucker
she/her



Candidate Statement:

As a former high school treasurer and active member of the leadership class, I bring valuable experience to the table. My journey has honed my communication, problem-solving, and leadership skills, essential qualities for effective governance. If elected, my primary goal is to ensure that every student is aware of their rights and actively engaged in decisions shaping their college career and experiences. I'll prioritize transparent communication channels, fostering an environment where students feel empowered to voice their concerns and contribute to meaningful change. By promoting awareness of rights and encouraging student involvement, I aim to create a more inclusive and vibrant campus community. Additionally, I'll work to implement initiatives that promote financial literacy and responsible decision-making among students, equipping them with the tools they need for success beyond graduation. Together, let's empower our student body to shape their college journey and create a brighter future for all.

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

I volunteer with AmeriCorps and I am volunteering with African Impact in Zambia this summer.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None

Candidate for College of Business and Economics Senator

Zach Cramer
He / Him / His



Candidate Statement:

My name is Zachary Cramer. I am pursuing a degree in Economics and Political Science. I am running for the College of Business and Economics Student Senator. I earned my Associate of Arts at South Seattle Community College before attending Western Washington University. In my time here I discovered many aspects of campus life I wanted to change that would benefit the student body. My campaign priorities are increased mental health outreach, improved access to Western food pantries for students, better club support, solidarity with student unions, better shuttle access on campus, and new construction to facilitate building accessibility. My time at Western Washington University gave me many opportunities for self-development and now I want to give back to the university through service and advocacy for our community. Through student government, I will work to secure more funding for the university from our state government to improve and maintain our campus. It is my firm belief that the role of student government is diligent advocacy for the student body. As your student senator, I will proactively seek out our shared problems and work tirelessly to address them and improve student life at Western Washington University. Thank you for your consideration.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

None

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Taking walks in the Sehome Arboretum and working out at the Wade King Recreation Center

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Kayaking in lake Whatcom, Community Service at Food Lifeline and Blood Donation at Bloodworks Northwest

Candidate for College of Business and Economics Senator

Gabriel Price
He/Him/His

Candidate Statement:

My name is Gabriel Price. As ASWWU Senator for the College of Business & Economics I hope to represent the students of the college in the decision making of campus. I am a PPE major (Politics/Philosophy/Economics), I enjoy the economics side of my major the most so I'm open to conversations on the topic. I am a transfer student from Whatcom Community College, at my time there I served the WCC student body in the position of ASWCC Student Senator and ASWCC Vice President for Social and Educational Programming. In these positions at WCC I got experience in managing budgets effectively and efficiently, engaging with the student body at events, engaging in discussion and debate with campus administration, and making tough decisions on how to use the WCC campus facilities. With this experience I hope to make changes around campus that overall improve the student experience on campus and I hope that I can adequately represent my college's student body in campus meetings.



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Badminton Club, Student Economics Association, Western Success Scholars

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None

Candidate for College of Fine and Performing Arts Senator

Doran Danielson
He/Him

Candidate Statement:

I plan to expand the program with a focus on mental and physical wellbeing of cast and crew. I plan to attempt to unite the music and theatre program as well to have a more conjoined program for those wanting to participate in both majors or minors. Not just a safe space but a safe program ensuring the wellbeing of all students.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

Individuals: Ethan Martez Clubs: Beyblade club, film club



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Ex president of Beyblade club, Member of intermural softball team, active member of WWU film club

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

OSHA certified, little league baseball participation trophy.

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Casting director for Eletric Shock Productions, actor, magic the gathering

Candidate for College of Fine and Performing Arts Senator

Valentina Del Risco Sanchez
She/her

Candidate Statement:

Hey everyone! I'm Valentina and I'm excited to run for our Fine and Performing Arts student senator position. As both an international and a transfer student, I've navigated unique challenges and perspectives that I'm eager to bring to our college. I am committed to making sure every student feels heard. My involvement in the Latine Student Union and as a co-founder of Educators of Color has taught me a lot about what needs to get done to support our community. Additionally, working multiple campus jobs has allowed me to meet and learn from a wide variety of students, which has inspired me to work even harder to make our college better for everyone. I'm passionate about creating real changes in our College of Fine and Performing Arts, making it a welcoming place for all. Let's work together to make our college as inclusive and vibrant as its community. Thanks for considering my candidacy. Let's make a difference together!

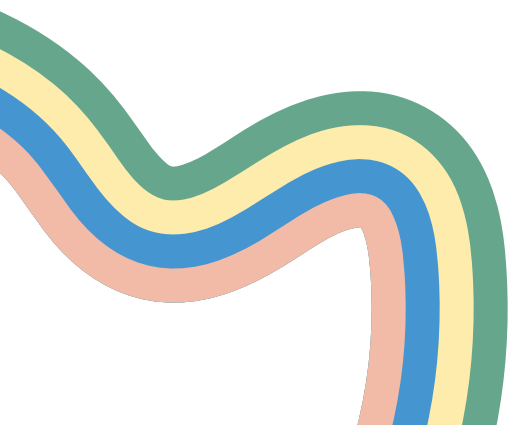


Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Zumba Instructor, Secretary of the Educators of Color Club, Activities Coordinator of the Latine Student Union

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

None



Candidate for College of Fine and Performing Arts Senator

MJ Dizon
he/her



Candidate Statement:

Hello and warm regards to everyone! My name is MJ Dizon, a proud student, and leader of WWU's College of the Fine and Performing Arts. During my second year in office, my goals were set on empowering and uplifting the talented work of BIPOC students and students with disabilities in my college. Recognizing the need for representation and support, I've organized listening sessions centered around BIPOC students and students with disabilities to give them a space to inform their college experience directly to our dean. With my plans to continue serving as a student representative, I envision creating these spaces for primary feedback every quarter. Furthermore, I'm in the process of establishing a Black and Brown Theater Collective to continue fostering a sense of belonging and empowerment among BIPOC talent within the department. All this to say, I will stop at nothing to give back to the community that has supported me throughout my time here at Western. I look forward to another year of proudly serving the artistic and academic endeavors of the students of Western Washington University.

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Student Theater Productions, Filipino-American Student Association, LGBTQ Western, WWU Film Production Club

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Host of Queer, Bi, And Gay Men's Club, Volunteer at BAAY Theater, Union Organizer for SBWU (Starbuck's Worker's United)

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None

Candidate for College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senator

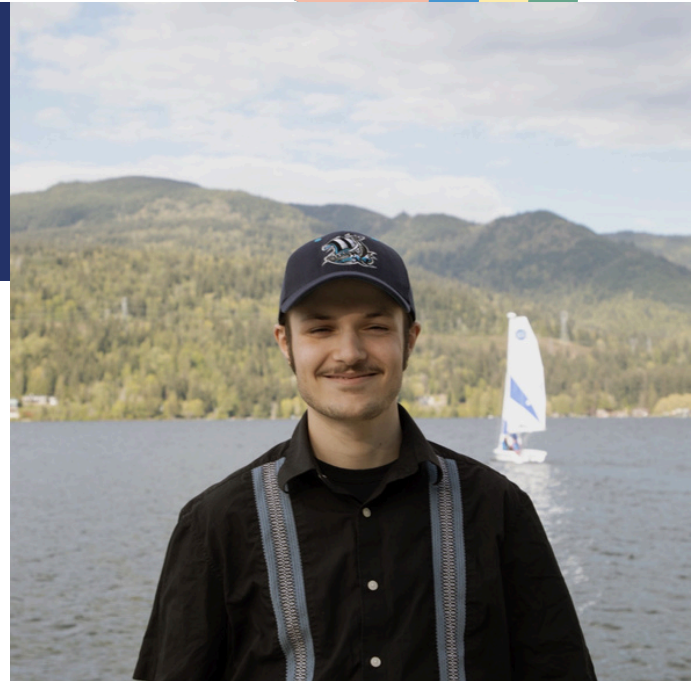
Calvin Christoph He/Him

Candidate Statement:

Hello Western Students! I am a third year student majoring in religious and cultural studies, a seasonal firefighter and a hobbyist of all sorts, from camping and mountain biking, to baking and painting. I am qualified to represent the students of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences as I have prior experience in the AS Student Senate and in engaging with the CHSS and the department of Global Humanities and Religions. If I am elected I will be included in more meetings representing our concerns, and engaging with faculty to bridge the gap between student and instructors. Because I have experience in the student senate I will attempt to address issues inherent to the rotation of student leaders, in order to ensure student-led movements are not forgotten when their leaders move on and graduate. I am eager to engage with the administration to a greater degree and this position as an AS Student Senator will enable me to do just that.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

Individuals: Yasmin Flores, John Hardgrove, Malachi Phillips



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Global Humanities and Religions Department
Leadership Team, Former At-Large AS
Student Senator 2022-2023

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Wildland firefighting, biking,
baking, arts and crafts

Candidate for College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senator

Matthew Doohan
He/they

Candidate Statement:

I'm Matthew Doohan, I am an artist, activist, and student. I am running for ASWWU Senate to advocate on behalf of the student body, with the intention of achieving greater equity on campus. I believe my history of civic involvement strongly qualifies me for the position. I have volunteered on behalf of the homeless communities in both Washington and California, using arts platforms to generate funding and awareness for at risk populations. If elected I plan to work directly on securing better travel and parking accommodations for students, as well as focusing on rising costs of living for more broadly.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Open mic

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Musician, homeless outreach

Candidate for College of Humanities and Social Sciences Senator

Aidan Ochoa
HE/HIM

Candidate Statement:

My name is Aiden Ochoa. I'm a political science major, a creative writing minor, a first gen student, and a future lawyer. I want to run for the Senate seat representing the College of Humanities and Social Services because I want to make sure our concerns are heard and that every student within this department gets the resources that they need. I would plan to uphold the principles of equity, diversity and community if elected by making sure adequate funding is given to all departments in the college, pursuing the growth of our ethnic studies programs, and establishing more events to foster a larger sense of community. I'm passionate about ensuring each department has the resources to nurture the intellectual and creative ambitions of students. I don't have much student government experience but I do have an intense desire to make sure each student feels at home and unstifled within their respective departments; to enhance the social infrastructure that enables academic progress and community that will hopefully extend outside of the classroom.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

Individuals: Erin Godwin, Finn Kurtz, Jordan Kenyon, Demi Kotsogeanis, Paige Hyatt, Emma Fredlund



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Political Science Association,
Intramural 6v6 soccer, Scream
Queens,

Candidate for College of Science and Engineering Senator

Halle Bauer
She/Her



Candidate Statement:

My name is Halle Bauer. I'm a sophomore here at WWU majoring in Biology with an ecology emphasis. I'm committed to advocating for increasing accessibility, inclusivity, and sustainability on campus. I will strive to be an accurate mouthpiece for the needs and wants of the student body. As a senator I will maintain transparency and be an accessible point of contact between the student body and the student government.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

None

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

In my free time, I enjoy hiking, spending time with animals, and a variety of crafts. This academic year I've also become active in the lightsaber club on campus and I've enjoyed bonding with fellow Star Wars fans.

Outside of school and hobbies, I've spent the last two years working as a home care aide, which has allowed me to connect with people who have drastically different experiences and views, as well as grow in empathy and improve my communication skills.

Candidate for College of Science and Engineering Senator

John Hardgrove
He / Him

Candidate Statement:

I am a manufacturing Engineering student and I will be running for my second term as a co-senator for the College of Science and Engineering. During my time on the senate this year, I have been involved in multiple college and University committees to ensure adequate student representation. Currently, I am advocating for the university to adopt an Academic uses of AI policy that is fair to students and reflects the reality of the digital age. I strongly believe in the university living up to its promise of shared governance and I will fight to ensure students needs are looked after. I have been grateful for my time on the senate and I would like to continue my involvement with AS Governance.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

Individuals: Zoe Absalonson, Malachi Phillips, Calvin Christoph



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Society of Manufacturing Engineers

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Mountain biking, Rock Climbing,
Sailing

Candidate for College of Science and Engineering Senator

Greta Moses
she/her



Candidate Statement:

Your vote for me as a Student Senator means a vote for positive changes in the WWU community that directly affect you, and your future. What really matters is the foundation of student achievement, like boosting our competitiveness in the workforce by investing in certifications, exams, and internships that set you up for success, accessing mentoring from upperclassmen and professionals, having access to basic needs through a better housing network, and increasing access to technology that's crucial in our coursework. I've explored many different majors (I'm a statistics major and I love it!) and worked various jobs on campus and one thing is clear: We all share similar needs, and some of those needs are unmet. Let me help create an even better Western! A vote for me means I work for you.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

None

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Raw Stats club, Research Assistant on a project called Better in STEM, and Faculty Assistant in the LRC in SMATE.

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

WWU CBE Accessibility, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Student Recognition Award

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Since both my current jobs are on campus, my life is pretty isolated to college related activities. But I enjoy backpacking in the local National forests and rockclimbing!

Candidate for College of the Environment Senator

Emma Fredland
she/her

Candidate Statement:

Hello, my name is Emma Fredlund and I am in the running for The College of the Environment Student Senate Position. I am currently a Junior majoring in Environmental Science with a Marine Emphasis and a minor in Political Science. I am active on campus as a captain of the Swim Team, as well as a member of the Political Science Association. I am running to become more involved in student government, especially as a STEM major where we commonly don't have as much representation in the Senate Body. I am passionate about both Political Science and Environmental Science, and I would love to see more STEM majors become involved in student government, whether that is as small as voting in on-campus elections or participating in surveys about curriculum design or department policies. Representing student voices is a role I would take on for the betterment of my fellow students, I want everyone to be heard and feel like they have someone to come to who will take their thoughts and concerns about the department seriously and with care.



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

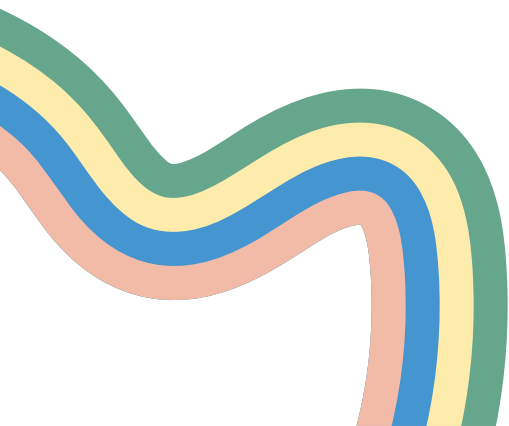
Swim Team, Political Science Association

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Volunteer at Padilla Bay Interpretive Center

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

Individuals: Malachi Phillips, Aidan Ochoa, Erin Godwin



Candidate for College of the Environment Senator

Megan Neufeld

Candidate Statement:

Hello Western Washington University! My name is Megan Neufeld and I am a 3rd year Environmental Studies major with an emphasis in policy, politics, and governance. With a background in community engagement, I'm committed to representing your voices effectively. I'm passionate about student rights and well-being; as student senator I aim to promote sustainability initiatives, foster inclusivity and enhance campus resources. I'm friendly and positive, dedicated to collaborating with other members of student senate in order to create solutions to issues voiced by my fellow CENV students. I promise to be an advocate for students of the College of the Environment; listening, acting, and ensuring the student voice is represented. Thank you for your support!

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

WWU Climbing Team Fall 2021-Spring 2023

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Voter registration efforts fall 2022, door knocking for Sharon Shewmake campaign, Nannying for 2 year old

Candidate for Fairhaven Interdisciplinary College Senator

Sabina Gupta
She/her

Candidate Statement:

I am a student of the Honors College and Fairhaven College, completing a concentration in Law, Diversity and Justice. I plan to involve myself more closely with the needs of students and the larger university community through the Student Senator position. My goal is to become a resource for students to express their needs and concerns so I can work to improve their college experiences in and out of the classroom. My conflict management skills and ability to effectively communicate allow the space needed for increased student involvement and collaborative decision-making within a broader scope of student interests. I intend to advocate for and facilitate discussions that promote student interests and maintain a safe work environment for everyone involved. My organizational and time-management skills enable intentional use of resources and proactive engagement with students and faculty. As a member of the Student Senate I intend to be representative of student interests regardless of my own affiliations to ensure and maintain a representative Associated Students Department.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Dungeons and Dragons Club

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Whatcom Million Trees, Bellingham
Occupied Protest (BOP mutual aid),
Whatcom County Pen Pal Project

Candidate for Fairhaven Interdisciplinary College Senator

seth snyder
he/they

Candidate Statement:

I am a dedicated learner who is mindful of my environment and the needs of my peers. In my time at Fairhaven, I have begun to understand the unique strengths of this interdisciplinary college and have already become dedicated to its students and faculty. I am always looking for ways to strive for betterness and to understand the facets of this educational institution. As students, we need to take an interdisciplinary and proactive approach in voicing our opinions in the short time that we are here. Fairhaven Interdisciplinary College is different; it allows novel and interesting opportunities to our students. We should be working to uphold that self-driven, free spirit of education in the face of a society in desperate need of creative and progressive thinking.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate:

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

meditation club, meaningful conversations

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

deans list at Olympic College

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

backpacking, pool, reading,

Candidate for Graduate College Senator

Milla Miller
She/her

Candidate Statement:

I have always enjoyed being involved in my community. In the last five to six years I have participated in over 500 hours of community service, held several positions of leadership, and committed to multiple volunteer community-building positions. Now that I have begun graduate school at WWU, I would love to continue utilizing my leadership skills to participate in and uplift my community as much as I can in my final years of formal education. I believe that the purpose of student government is to serve as a dedicated, localized group representing all reaches of the community. By representing varying interests, a student government is meant to not only make decisions for the benefit of the whole but also effectively communicate said decisions. Only through this communication will the student body reap the benefits that the student senate provides whether they include upcoming events, opportunities, or changes. If I am able to continue my position as a Graduate Student Senator into the next school year, I will look forward to fulfilling these expectations and those of the greater student body. I will also enjoy the task of increasing graduate student outreach so that graduate students feel effectively represented at WWU.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None



Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Chapter President (October 2021 - June 2023); ASWWU Graduate Student Senator (April 2, 2024 - present)

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

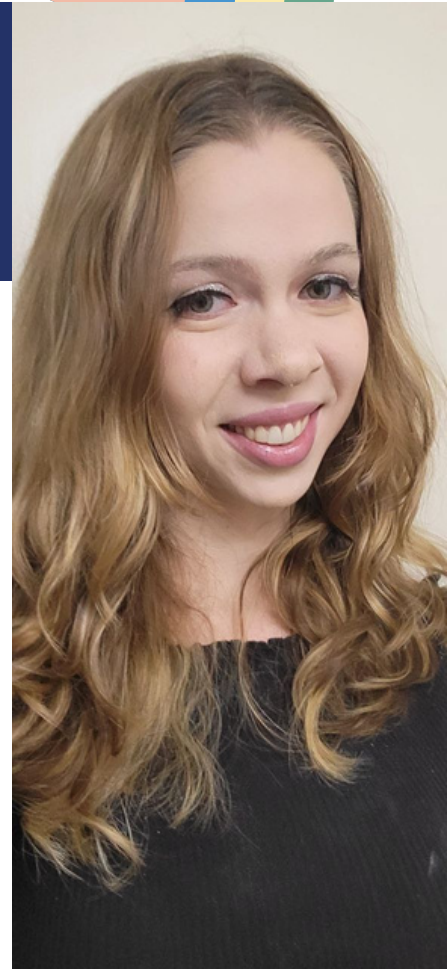
NSCS Spirit Award 2022; NSCS Officer Spotlight 2022; Winston S Carter Memorial Scholarship (WWU) 2023; Dr Sharon and Denis Couch Future Teacher Award 2020

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

AWSL Mount Olympus Leadership Camp, Head Junior Counselor (2022 and 2023); Big Brothers Big Sisters, volunteer (April 2022 - June 2023); Cama Beach Cafe, server/barista (Sept 2022 - present)

Candidate for Woodring College of Education Senator

Zelda Rood
She/Her/Hers



Candidate Statement:

Hello, WWU student body. I have been a part of Woodring for one year and have loved the program. I would be thrilled to be part of the Woodring Senate team at Western. I want to foster an environment where all students' voices are heard in this department. I take my role as a professional at Western, learning new ideas from my teachers and peers and working with them collaboratively. I strive to make a positive change in Woodring, promoting advocacy and hearing student feedback on what can make Woodring its best. Future teachers' voices need to be heard in this program so they can reach their best potential to reach academic success. As a senator, I promise to bring communication with students and administration as I bridge the two gaps together. Being a senator at Woodring would be an honor and a responsibility I dream of having.

Western Affiliated Endorsements submitted by Candidate :

None

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Involvement at Western:

Campus Christian Fellowship, Furry Club

Relevant Awards, Honors, and Accolades

Honor roll

Extracurricular Engagement Outside of Western:

Playing Pokémon, Taking care of reptiles, Sewing, Making Cosplays and Fursuits



Ballot Referenda



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ASWWU-SP24-Ref1

ASWWU Constitutional Updates

Referendum:

Shall the ASWWU amend its constitution to implement the following changes?

1. That the voting membership matches the ASWWU Student Government Charter (I.B),
2. the initiative process uses petition thresholds based on historical voter turnout instead of absolute proportions of the voting membership (II.D),
3. the elections process is handled by the Office of Civic Engagement rather than the elected Student Government (II.A, II.F, III.B.2, III.B.3),
4. The Student Senate is renamed to the Senate (III.A)
5. the Executive Board and Senate are separated and placed on equal footing (III.A),
6. the elected position of Vice President for University Operations is created in the Executive Board (III.A),
7. the Senate Pro-tempore is officially renamed to Senate President (III.A),
8. the Senate President is removed from the Executive board and given voting rights in the Senate (III.A),
9. the name “Huxley” is removed from the title of the College of the Environment(III.A),
10. a conference committee is established to maintain coordination and connection between the Executive Board and the Senate (III.B.1)
11. the role of the student government is clarified (V.A, V.B),
12. the authorities granted by the University President in the ASWWU Student Government Charter are enumerated (V.B),
13. the distinct roles of the Executive Board and Senate are clearly described (V.C, V.D);
14. the constitutional and bylaw amendment processes are clarified (VI.A, VI.B),
15. the construction and hierarchy of governing documents is clarified (VI.C),
16. abolition is split into the abolition of the Student Government and the abolition of the whole ASWWU (government, offices, clubs, etc.) (VII.A, VII.B), and
17. clear thresholds and processes for abolition are established (VII.A, VII.B,VII.C).

Click Here for:
[More info on Referendum 1](#)

ASWWU-SP24-Ref2

ASWWU Food Security Fee

Referendum:

Shall the students of Western Washington University be assessed a quarterly fee of \$4.50 to bolster food stock in food pantries across campus and to pay for a two-year position to administer this fund while implementing long-term food security strategies?

Click Here for: [More info on Referendum 2](#)

ASWWU Spring 2024 Election Guide - Administrative Note:

Every effort has been made by staff to make sure that information appears exactly how candidates submitted the information on their forms or via email. All candidates were notified if any minor edits for formatting/space limitations were needed for the information provided.