

# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF SIERRA COLLEGE

## Voter Guide - Rocklin Campus

### *Spring 2024 General Elections*

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#### Election Dates

Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 12am – Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 5pm

#### Voting Instrument

Rocklin Ballot – A link to the Student Senate spring 2024 general election ballot will be emailed to all currently registered Sierra College Students on April 02, 2024. Voting opens April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12am and closes on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

NCC Ballot - A link to the Student Senate spring 2024 general election ballot will be emailed to all currently registered Sierra College Students on April 02, 2024. Voting opens April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12am and closes on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Candidate statements are listed in order of submission.

#### Vacancies

Vacant positions will be filled by the ASSC election/appointment process in fall 2024. For more information regarding involvement in ASSC, please visit the Campus Life webpage <https://www.sierracollege.edu/assc>.

## Student Trustee/ASSC President Candidates

### **Candidate: Jacob Roe**

When elected to the Student Trustee/President position, I will continue working tirelessly to ensure that all Sierra College Students have equal access to resources and supports specific to their individual needs, specifically accommodating but not limited to all students' physical, cultural, and linguistical needs. I will form an online platform, through collaboration with the Career and Transfer Connections Department, that communicates student employment opportunities, internships, externships, mentorships, and professional development opportunities. I will also collaborate with the Sierra College Administration to increase communication and transparency with the greater student body through comprehensive presentations and regular public Q&A forums. Additionally, I will hold interest-area-specific Q&A forums for students to directly address me regarding what they would like to see change within their interest areas.

I have had the opportunity to advocate for Sierra College Students in the capacities of ASSC Student Senator, President of NASC (Native Americans of Sierra College Club), member of the Academic Senate and New Legacy Committee, and Peer Leader in the Student Engagement Centers. Appointment to the Student Trustee/President position will allow me to advocate for the diverse needs and interests of our Sierra College students to the highest degree and advance our collective success.

### **Candidate: Jose Lopez Rubio**

As an elected official of the Associated Students of Sierra College, I will use my platform to voice what is happening in our classrooms, our tutor centers, student services and the way underrepresented students feel while attending Sierra. In Fall 2023 I led a STEM Student Panel and a few of the many things I learned were about the way students feel by being turned away due to limited spaces found during rush hours in tutoring centers. Students with disabilities experiencing mobility issues described they feel unaccounted for while struggling getting in and out of buildings and classrooms with non operating or without automatic door opening assistance. Students I've encountered in the Cross Cultural Center shared their concern for lack of representation on campus found in classrooms and their confusion in connecting to resources. These and all of the topics relating to student representation will be my priority while being in office. Last but not least, my goal is to engage directly with all clubs and work with every and each of them to reach their goals. I aspire to be an elected official with an open door policy and make myself present among students and be the first encounter resource they feel confident in reaching out to.

## Executive Vice President

### **Candidate: John Pakyurek**

Over the past two semesters, I have come to call Sierra College home. Since coming to the college in the Fall of 2023, I have dedicated myself to advocating for student well-being and success, joining the Associated Students of Sierra College as a Senator shortly after the semester began. While the first weeks as Senator involved a steep

learning curve, I always focused on promoting community development. I championed voter education, working under the California Secretary of State to provide civic resources to students on campus. I later worked with my fellow Senate members to implement diversity and equity initiatives throughout Sierra College. In the Spring of 2024, I was met with the chance to further participate in the community, being promoted to the ASSC's Director of Public Relations. In this role, I have worked to amplify the voices of unhoused and low-income students, co-authoring a resolution to secure more resources for these communities at the state level. As the Executive Vice President, I pledge to ensure our initiatives for low-income students are successfully implemented and to empower students with clear, accessible information on leadership opportunities. Together, we can build a stronger, healthier Sierra College!

**Candidate: Aaron Robles**

I am going to use my best ability to help out Sierra College students by hearing Students needs and helping our campus to be safe. I will have open mindset by hearing student and concerns that Sierra College have. I plan to have Sierra College more helpful and safe by having more events for students and staff.

## Director of Finance

**Candidate: Ben Rosario**

I am going to ensure that your funds are spent responsibly, and that students can get more from ASSC, through increasing funding for benefits such as Almost Free Food and/or funding for clubs. I will always been available to students when they need an advocate or any other type of help, as I am on campus 4 to 5 days a week. I plan to expand funding for clubs, increase available benefits and programs for Sierra students, and ensure that ASSC funds are generally used to increase the quality of student's experiences on campus.

## Director of Public Relations

**Candidate: Rishida Williams**

I am dedicated to fostering positive change through collaboration and innovation. With a passion to serve and a commitment to integrity, I strive to make a meaningful impact in our community. I will prioritize transparency, accountability, and communication as your student representative. With a track record of leadership and a genuine desire to serve, I am committed to addressing your concerns and advancing our shared goals. I plan to listen, learn, and lead with integrity. Together, we can navigate challenges, and take opportunities to create a stronger, more vibrant community. Your voice matters, I am here to make sure they are heard!

## Director of Communications

**Candidate: Vacant**

## Director of Programs

**Candidate: Vacant**

## Director of Campus Affairs Candidates

**Candidate: Vacant**

## Student Senators (12 positions available)

**Candidate: Megan Cranston**

I am Megan Cranston, grateful to be running for one of twelve Student Senate positions at Sierra College. My aspirations of becoming elected in this position would involve expanding Asian American representation, improving resources for mental health and balance, and adding more social events to encourage students to have more opportunities to make friends in community college. Coming from an Asian background and having faced numerous mental health challenges just like many college students here already, I'm passionate about connecting with that audience through strengthening underrepresented voices and providing support. I believe in the importance of self-care and social connection in correlation to the guidance of academic stress. I am committed to promoting self-kindness and how to pace yourself when undergoing multiple extracurriculars, work, academics, etc., on campus for students' experiences in college to be less stressful. I would also address academic burnout to ensure that every student feels supported and able to navigate college life successfully whether at community college or getting ready to transfer to another college or university. Vote for me as student senate for a more lively campus culture, improvement of diversity, and mental health resources.

Thank you for your consideration,

**Candidate: Jasmine Yang**

Hello! My name is Jasmine, and I'm running to be a Student Senator in the upcoming ASSC Student Senate General Elections. I would be focusing on making Sierra College feel like everybody's home. My focus would also be allowing Sierra College to be a lively campus where every student is able to find a friend in school. To achieve that, I am aiming to plan more events, such as movie nights and cultural events, where students can gather and get to know each other.

As a student who just moved back from Asia, I would want to help all international students in Sierra College feel welcomed. Moving from another country is definitely not easy and it feels terrifying and lonely at times. But I want to change that. I want all Sierra College students to feel like they have someone to rely on.

I hope that becoming part of the Student Senate, I am able to make campus life better for my fellow Sierra College students. Additionally, I hope through joining Student Senate, I am able to grow as an individual and become an even better leader. Please support me in this election. Thank you so much!

**Candidate: Marquis Walters**

I am the wheel that propels organizations into an age of prosperity. I will seek which is not told and uphold that which has fallen. I plan to move mountains for the physical world to break barriers in the meta-physical.

**Candidate: Marcus King**

It was a dark, cold, and quiet morning. I begrudgingly trudged down the stairs, a soft thumping with each step. I reached the bottom of the stairs, and my slow slog turned into a brisk walk. As I entered the kitchen, I noticed my mom making coffee. She offered me a sip, and I was reluctant to take the offer. I was scared to drink coffee, fearing it would stunt my growth. However, I decided to take a sip, and my philosophy was shattered. A blind hatred became a profound love.

That's why, as an elected official of the Associated Students of Sierra College (ASSC), I'll bring an unbiased, mature, and grounded perspective to the team of senators at Sierra. I've learned from my experience of blindly hating something out of pure naivety to adopt an open-door policy where students can feel free and confident to bring their issues to me and expect to be acknowledged. My teamwork and interpersonal skills will promote a productive environment for those I work with. I will also provide the team with someone dedicated, hard-working, friendly, and, thus, fit for a role full of high expectations and requiring high-caliber results to be produced.

**Candidate: Mercedes Gibbs**

I am going to use my previous involvement with Sierra College campus life and the Umoja program to bring diverse opinions to senate. I will advocate for the wants for our underprivileged students and resources that provide for these students. I plan to make Sierra College an active campus that welcomes and encourages students from all backgrounds and walks of life.