

CCSG 2023 General Elections: Candidate Statements

PRESIDENT/STUDENT TRUSTEE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

CANDIDATE: Tamia Newman

Imagine a flame without the initial spark or a thought without the action to push it to fruition. It's just potential waiting to be realized. That's why I, Tamia Newman, am determined to become your next Student Government President. As a proud Black, Queer woman who immigrated to the U.S and grew up in a single-mother household, I know firsthand the importance of having all the parts of your identity supported and acknowledged in your school. I'm here to tell you that I have a vision for Chaffey that aims to make this a reality for all students.

As your President/Student Trustee, one of my primary goals will be to ensure that Student Government does its best to support equity programs on campus, such as UMOJA, DPS, EOPS, Panther Care, Puente Project, Veterans, International Students, Undocumented Students, and the LGBTQIA+ community, among others. But that's not all! Why stop there? Why not foster a strong relationship between these programs and other clubs on campus, creating a culture of inclusivity and engagement that can benefit everyone? We're moving into a new era, and I believe Chaffey is like an orchestra, with each group and department having its own unique sound. Working alone, each sound runs the risk of not reaching far, but if we all work together, we can create a powerful symphony.

Over the past year, I've had experiences that have helped me see the potential for new ideas on campus. In the previous school year, I served as the Director of Engagement of Student Government, the Black Student Union Vice President, and the Evolve Club ICC Rep. In these roles, I led initiatives to improve the student experience, such as committee reformation, increased club funding up to \$1000 per semester, and implementation of an event called The Fund Grab. I also worked with the CCSJ to provide free menstrual products and sexual health items in major buildings and soon in bathrooms. Additionally, I helped draft the constitution for the Black Student Union, providing a foundation for future generations of the BSU board.

With my experience, I have gained valuable knowledge about the inner workings of Chaffey, and I'm ready to share that knowledge and opportunities with the student body. As your President/Student Trustee, I hope to provide CCSG Senators and other students with the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, gain advocacy experience, and leave the Chaffey community feeling empowered enough to believe that their voice matters, and that they have the power to improve their community, and thus the world!

Together, let's make Chaffey a place where all students can thrive, regardless of their background or identity. I'm asking for your support in this election because I believe we can light the spark that ignites a brighter future for us all. Thank you for your consideration.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CANDIDATE: Ramia Chaudhary

My name is Ramia Chaudhary, and I am running for Vice President of Administration for Chaffey College Student Government. For two years, I proudly served as a senator and secretary for the Delegation Committee in Student Government, as well as Vice President of Fellowship for the esteemed Phi Theta Kappa International Honours Society. I have actively participated in multiple clubs and organizations on campus, such as the Business and Entrepreneur Club, Black Student Union Club, Evolve Club, and Debate Club.

Believing in the immense power and potential of the student body, I am enthusiastic about persisting in my service to the Chaffey community in this new role. Every student's voice and perspective are unique and deserve to be heard. As a candidate, I am fully committed to driving sustainable and just initiatives on campus. I recognize the importance of

fostering a society that is both inclusive and equitable, while also promoting sustainability by implementing measures such as promoting recycling programs, reducing pollution, and advocating for renewable energy sources. I will actively work towards promoting campus diversity and social justice. This involves championing policies that uplift marginalized communities, cultivating cultural sensitivity, and establishing secure and hospitable spaces for every student. By working together with students, faculty, and staff, we have the power to make a significant impact not just on our campus, but also in the broader community.

I am eager to work with all of you to create a more sustainable, equitable, and inclusive Chaffey College.

Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to earn your vote.

CANDIDATE: Jasmin Duarte-Alvardo

When I first joined student government last fall, I did not think that I would fall in love with this organization. The impact that a student within CCSG makes is nothing but amazing, and it would be an honor to hold such a position as that of Vice President. When I first started out as a senator, I had no idea what I was doing, and as I started immersing myself within the organization, I was able to understand it more and more. Within this first term of being a part of CCSG my views have changed so much. I have been able to learn about a whole new world that barely had my attention beforehand. I can not see myself not being a part of this organization. The importance of this organization is unmeasurable and the changes we are able to create shape the future of our students. We are an amazing institution but we can be better, within the time that I am at Chaffey I would make it my priority to see this college continue to grow and allow for more resources for all of our students. Many of our students are not even aware of half of the resources available to them and one of the reasons of that is the same reason that I had, I would just come to class, do my homework and be on my way. It wasn't until I started communicating with other students of Student Government and other clubs and organizations that I started to realize just how much help we could receive from our school that I wasn't using that would most definitely help me reach milestones within my career. Many students are afraid to immerse themselves within the student body and in so they are reducing the amount of resources that they could be using to help them, not only with their educational goals but overall life goals as well. I suspect that a reason as to why many students are afraid to be a part of the campus life or even ask for the resources is because they feel inadequate, like they are not even meant to be there in the first place. I have dealt with this myself and I am here to state that we are exactly where we are meant to be and we only progress from here, we have worked our way here and we will not stop until our goals have been reached. I vow to be the voice for all of our students, especially for those that feel like they are out of place, the ones that feel like they are not deserving of being in this institution. Impostor syndrome is our worst enemy, I would just like to remind all of the students reading this that you are not here by luck, you are here because you put in time, effort, dedication, commitment, and most importantly you knew you could do it. If elected as Vice President for Chaffey College Student Government I promise to advocate for you in all ways possible and make sure that you understand just how valuable you are. I encourage all students to continue pushing toward their goals. I am committed, determined, and more than ready to be your voice. Know that there is one more person on this campus that is looking out for your success and well being.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE CANDIDATE STATEMENT

CANDIDATE: Hein Win

Hello! I am Hein or Justin as most people call me. I am an international student from Myanmar and have been here in the states for a little over a year. I will be running for the position of the director of finance for our student government, CCSG. As a finance officer, I will oversee the budget for CCSG, while leading the finance committee and being a leader, a role model, and influencing students, staff, and faculty in our community. I am qualified for this position as for the last 6

months, I have been the Vice president of Fiance/Treasurer at the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and have spent more than 50 hours closely monitoring our budget to spend on various activities in our community. Additionally, I have been working diligently to raise funds by leading the Fundraiser committee in the society which had made me develop a passion to influence students in our Phi Theta Kappa community to be more outgoing and be inclined to activities that they are not used to. I hope to transfer this passion for service, the passion to be an influence and a leader in CCSG and chaffey. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement and please contact me if you have any questions. I would be honored if you considered voting for me. Thank you for your support!

DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH CANDIDATE STATEMENT

CANDIDATE: Joseph Juarez

No candidate statement provided.

SENATOR STATEMENTS

CANDIDATE: Alexis Miller

My name is Alexis Miller, and I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the Chaffey College Student Government as a Senator. As a first-generation college student from a lower-class family, I relate to many of our student's personal, financial, and academic challenges. However, my experiences gave me the skills, resilience, and perspectives necessary to represent our community effectively.

I dropped out of high school by force for safety concerns due to violent bullying at 16. Then, I found a trade school with a GED program. Thanks to this program, I earned my GED at 17 and enrolled in their Health Care Administration course. Unfortunately, the college lost its accreditation during my studies, resulting in the loss of my academic progress. It was humiliating and disheartening. I was frustrated and powerless. Despite the setback, I was determined to continue my education and pursue my dreams. Sadly, it took seven years working with callous employers who didn't care about my well-being in careers I knew I didn't want until I could return to college.

Finally, enough was enough; I enrolled in the Spring 2023 semester at Chaffey College to achieve my dreams of earning a degree, being the first in my family with a college education, and being someone who doesn't give away their power anymore. Now, I desire to use my power to empower others.

Since becoming a full-time student, I have been impressed by the community and support at Chaffey College. I admire their student-centered approach and emphasis on student success and well-being. They care about the communities they serve, from the Panther Pantry and mental health counseling to the new Academic and Career Community Success Team. If elected, I will uphold the values of support, diversity, and inclusion I greatly admire about my college. I will work tirelessly to ensure that all students have equal access to the resources, support, and education they need, regardless of their backgrounds or circumstances. I will do everything possible to contribute to the same community that invests in me and all of us.

Although I am a first-time candidate, I bring a fresh perspective and willingness to listen to the needs and ideas of others. My experience with struggle makes me a practical representative. I understand the importance of having a sense of purpose, a proper support system, and a caring campus community. If elected, I am committed to advocating for our college's interests and collaborating with other student leaders across campus to improve the quality of education and student life. My passion for community engagement and advocacy has significantly grown at Chaffey College. I want to

return the favor by positively impacting and inspiring others. I will be a reliable, brave, and hardworking member of the CCSG.

I am eager to bring my passion and skills to the Chaffey College Student Government. Thank you for considering my candidacy, and I hope I have the opportunity to earn your endorsement.

CANDIDATE: Min Kha

I want to become a member of CCCSG, due to the fact of me wanting to grab new opportunities and challenging myself more. I would like to bring value to the Chaffey community, by improving in any area Chaffey college lacks in, and filling those voids. I am an international student who can bring new thoughts, share new ideas with the existing members. I am eager to participate, learn new things and gain new experiences along the way as a senator in the Chaffey College Student Government program for 2023.

CANDIDATE: Isabella Espin

My name is Isabella Espin, I am an international student who was born and proudly raised in Ecuador, a country known for its rich and diverse culture, fauna, and flora. Having lived in two different countries, I've had the opportunity to connect with people from various cultural backgrounds, which has helped me to broaden my perspectives and become more creative and productive. As a result, I have developed innovative and inclusive strategies that have helped me work effectively in teams. I approach decision-making with a resourceful mindset, have strong communication skills, and view challenges as opportunities to learn and grow. Helping others reach their full potential is something that I take great pleasure in doing, and I strongly believe that cultural diversity is crucial in academic environments. The incorporation of various viewpoints and experiences has been proven to boost creativity and innovation and promote an open exchange of ideas. Ultimately, valuing each other's uniqueness is key to creating a successful and vibrant academic culture. That is why I am interested in being part of Chaffey's Student Government, to promote the significance of cultural diversity and encourage a fair academic culture.

CANDIDATE: Nicola Martinez

No candidate statement provided.