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Platform:
We are running for SGA President & Vice President in an effort to improve accessibility, sustainability, and visibility at DePaul.

The first initiative we’d like to accomplish would be making the first three counseling sessions at University Counseling Services free for all students. Mental healthcare is a right, not a privilege and everyone should have access to adequate mental healthcare regardless of financial feasibility.

The second initiative we’d like to accomplish during our terms would be to increase funding for the Monarch Butterfly Scholarship. This program is fairly new, and increased funding would allow for it to remain sustainable and allow any student who is undocumented to receive the help they need. Undocumented students do not qualify for FAFSA, and it is imperative that DePaul continues to offer support for them to access education at DePaul.

The third initiative we’d like to work on would be providing free menstrual products on campus. This is incredibly important because menstrual products are a right, not a privilege. Lack of access to these products should never interfere with someone's ability to attend class. Therefore, DePaul providing these products on campus would help to support students who may not have the financial means to access menstrual products.

About Gisselle:
My name is Gisselle, and I am an International Studies major with a minor in Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies. I am a second-year student at DePaul, and I have spent this year and last year on SGA.

I currently serve as the EVP of Diversity and Equity. Being EVP of Diversity and Equity, I was able to serve on committees such as the Speaker Review Board, Commencement Student Speaker Committee, Sexual Relationship Violence Response and Prevention Working Group, Undocumented Student Working Group, and the IL Equity and Attainment Initiative Student Advisory Board.

SGA has given me the opportunity to voice the concerns of the students I represent and participate in events or committees that allow me to grow as a leader.

I am also a DePaul Leadership Scholar! My experience as a DePaul Leadership Scholar has really shaped me to be a Vincentian Leader and has given me the skills to serve as a leader in many capacities at DePaul. I will be serving on the DePaul Community Service Association Senior Team for a second year. I am also the VP of Affinity Building for Future Alumni Association, and I am a member of the Student Activity Fee Board!
Through the DePaul Community Service Association, I volunteered at RefugeeOne where I tutored refugee kids in Chicago. Service is quite important to me, and this year I had the opportunity to coordinate a service site that goes to a home for differently abled adults through an organization called L'Arche.

On my free time I love singing or playing music, I actually play the guitar, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone and piano!

Collectively, my DePaul experience so far has been fantastic. DePaul has never failed to provide me with opportunities that allow me to grow in many capacities. Because I love DePaul so much, it would truly be an honor to serve the DePaul community as SGA President.

About Landon:
I am a Junior Public Relations and Advertising student at DePaul. While in college, I have held 9 internships at companies like the Chicago Tribune and Motorola Solutions. During my freshman year, I created a sexual assault prevention campaign that motivated me to find other ways to get involved on campus. Exactly a year ago, I got involved with the Student Government Association to make positive changes on my campus. I have much respect and appreciation for my SGA family, and I'm proud of all of the work we have accomplished this year.
Executive Vice President of Student Affairs

Alyssa Isberto

Platform:
I am running for EVP of Student Affairs. If elected, I hope to continue my pursuit towards a student discount on Metra tickets to ensure academic affordability through the aspect of transportation, help eliminate the discrepancies within the student experiences between the Lincoln Park and Loop campuses, and reach out to student orgs + the cultural centers to help amplify and address their concerns.

About Alyssa:
I am currently a second-year student and have served on Student Government throughout my whole DePaul experience. As part of SGA, I have also served on the intercollegiate student government, the Coalition of Chicago Colleges and Universities, wherein I work with other schools to ensure universal equity for Chicago students. Outside of school, I am also a piano teacher, an intern at LAF, and a volunteer at Inspiration Cafe. Additionally, I am heavily involved at my local church; I am a youth leader, vocalist and pianist for the church's band, a Sunday school teacher, and one of the leaders for the creative arts ministry.
Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

Misael Alejandre

Platform:
I am running for the EVP of Academic Affairs. Three initiatives I hope to accomplish are making textbooks more accessible and more affordable for all students, promoting diversity and equity in all the colleges, and increasing commuter participation and engagement in the academic sphere. I also hope to work with all senators of each college to ensure their initiatives are met. I have worked with the current EVP of Academic Affairs to ensure that we will have a seamless transition if I were to be elected.

About Misael:
My name is Misael Alejandre and I am a current Freshman. I am currently serving as the Senator for the College of Education. Being in SGA, I have gained a passion for becoming more involved within DePaul and increasing student engagement on campus. Outside of SGA, I am a part of DISC (DePaul's Improv and Sketch Comedy Club), which is perfect since I enjoy making people laugh and smile. I hope to continue to bring my enthusiasm into this role.
Executive Vice President of Operations

Kaitlyn Pike

Platform:
I am running for Executive Vice President of Operations. As this past year’s Senator for Sustainability, I look forward to continuing working closely with DePaul students, faculty, staff and administration in order to foster lasting, progressive change on DePaul’s campus. The three initiatives I would like to focus on are 1) increase awareness of sustainable initiatives on campus by strengthening campus and community outreach efforts 2) work with the broader DePaul community to create a Sustainability Plan in order to increase transparency and set clear goals that ensure continued progress as an institution of higher learning and 3) continue to work closely with other universities across the Chicago region through the newly founded Intercollegiate Sustainability Alliance - a collaboration between students from DePaul, Loyola, and University of Chicago.

About Kaitlyn:
Currently, I am a graduate student, working towards an M.S. in Environmental Science in the College of Science and Health. Last year, I received my B.A. in Environmental Studies from DePaul University, and joined the SGA after learning about their crucial role in supporting green initiatives on campus. This past year has given me the invaluable opportunity to meet and work with numerous stakeholders throughout the DePaul community - a role in which I have enjoyed immensely. Besides SGA, I am the President of the student-run DePaul Trees, a Research Fellow at the Morton Arboretum, and a research assistant in DePaul’s Lab for Urban Forestry in the Anthropocene.
Executive Vice President of Diversity & Equity

Nathan Gutierrez

Platform:
I want to accomplish an initiative that increase accessibility for student organizations who may have trouble in terms of gaining funding through SAF-B. I want to host workshops where I will be helping student organizations apply for funding and answering questions as they apply in the workshop. Also, I would like to see workshops be held in different languages for students who may have difficulty in English and other accommodations for students.

I want DePaul university and SGA to work actively with student advocacy groups who may have concerns or issues relating to DePaul University or the city of Chicago as a whole. To follow the age-old Vincentian Value of what must be done. We as DePaul Students should be actively encouraging and supporting our students when they feel an injustice has been done.

I also want to start up a DePaul University Cultural Organization Fair. Where like the involvement fair DePaul Student Organizations that fall under the Multicultural Student umbrella can have more space to display their organizations and their values more openly. Also, it will be easier for multicultural students to browse these organizations easier than the involvement fair due to it being a bit hectic to navigate. This way organizations on campus can have more active involvement and space to display themselves. Because I personally feel they are often under looked if not shut out entirely.

About Nathan:
Hello! My name is Nathan Gutierrez and I am a Latinx student of Puerto Rican and Mexican descent. I am currently pursuing a bachelor’s in information technology. I am currently the president of Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity; Inc. and I also serve as Treasurer for the Multicultural Greek Council. I believe in equity for all students at DePaul University and I want to strive for real inclusion on this university’s campus.
Treasurer

Alexis Pottebaum

Platform:
I'm running for Treasurer and three initiatives I'd like to see are the continuation of increased transparency, the continuation of the prioritization of on-campus events as SAF-B Chair and increase SGA's presence on campus.

About Alexis:
I love to play and watch soccer and I'm also a huge movie fan. I am a huge fan of any movie with Leonardo DiCaprio or Emma Stone in it. I'm also a member of Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority Inc., a Latina sorority here on campus.
Senator for the College of Science and Health

Kennedy Cadichon

Platform:
My three initiatives are:
1. Have a college of science and health career fair
2. Have professional development workshops
3. Promote and have events that cater to the wide variety of majors in the College of science and health

About Kennedy:
I am currently a freshman majoring in neuroscience in the College of Science and Health. On campus, I am involved in the DePaul Activities Board (DAB). In this organization, I am a PA, program assistant, and executive assistant. In these positions I have been able to collaborate with the president to develop leadership activities for members. I always enjoy greeting people at events, creating opportunities to recruit students to join DAB, and planning events that cater to all DePaul Students. I am also involved in RHC (Residence Hall Council). I am a senator for my hall and the chair for the spring fest committee. Through this organization along with my fellow other senators, we plan 3 quarterly events for my residence hall, address any concerns residences may have, create a friendly, and positive environment for the students in our hall. As spring fest chair, I am in charge of keeping the committee on track and ensuring we’re all doing our assigned task. I have had a lot of fun planning the three-day events with my committee. It has been very hard but fun planning a decade themed events that everyone will like. I am excited to see how it turns out. The next thing I am involved in is DASH (DePaul Admission Student Hospitality Team). I host prospective and admitted DePaul students overnight or to lunch and show them around campus. I have enjoyed sharing my experience, giving the prospective students advice on college, and reasons why they should choose DePaul if they have not already. Lastly, I am part of the pathways honors Program and university honors program.
Senator for Missions and Ministry

Piper Law

Platform:
I am running for the Senator position for Mission and Values. If elected to this role, I want to make the mission of our university more visible to students in ways that they interact with every day, such as flyers and social media. I would like to show all that the division of Mission and Ministry has to offer as well and become a person interested students can come to for questions, event ideas, or advice on how to get more involved in the Vincentian Mission. I would also like to create more to SGA events and Mission & Ministry events that are exciting to students and incorporate the values in an effective and engaging way.

About Piper:
My name is Piper Law and I am a first-year student from Champaign, Illinois. My current major is Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies. Since starting my college journey at DePaul, I have found a passion for volunteering and service work and want that to be my focus at DePaul and beyond. In my first year here, I have joined the DePaul Women's Rugby Club team and have gotten involved with volunteering in the Seton Soup Kitchen.
Senator for Missions and Ministry

Peter Wild Crea

Platform:
As a mission and values senator, I would work to be a voice for the moral and values of the student body. If elected, I would work to...
- Create and maintain relationships with more organizations thereby providing more opportunities for students to participate in service in the Chicago area and develop useful real-world connections in Chicago.
- Provide social justice groups with a larger more public platform and increase overall student body awareness of and participation in different social justice groups.
- Expand funding and financial aids for service immersion programs to make them more accessible for the general student body.

About Peter:
My name is Peter Wild Crea. I am a freshman, health sciences major and Spanish minor and I am from St. Paul, Minnesota. I am currently involved in the DePaul Community Service Association where I volunteer weekly as an ESL tutor for Spanish-speaking adults. I am also involved in DePaul’s Service Immersion program. I have participated in one service immersion to East St. Louis. I will be leading a trip next year and working as an intern for the service immersion program to help coordinate all of the service immersion trips with another student. I am involved in DePaul Best Buddies as an associate buddy. I volunteer at an urban farming program called City Farm. City Farm helps create access to healthy, sustainable food and provides education and employment opportunities for Chicago communities. I am also a part of DePaul’s honors college and the Pathways honors program. I also enjoy playing intramural soccer on the weekends.
Senator for Missions and Ministry

Cody Cwik

Platform:
I am running for senator of Mission and Ministry. If elected to this position, I hope to create initiatives to better increase student awareness of the Vincentian values that this institution was founded upon, increase funds to allow for the university to do more outreach to give back to the community, and insure that all legislature passed is in accordance with our Vincentian mission.

About Cody:
As a first-year student, I have made it a point to get involved and immerse myself in the DePaul community. Currently I am a senator in the Residence Hall Council, a member of the Catholic Learning Community, an employee of the Student Center, and a weekly volunteer at the Elizabeth Ann Seton Soup Kitchen. Throughout the past year, I was fortunate enough to be a Programming Lead for Blue Demon Week Committee, planning and coordinating the massively successful Blue Demon Pasta Dinner. During basketball season, I also play in the Screamin’ Demons Pep Band for the men’s and women’s home games.
Senator for Community and Government Relations

Marcus Towns

**Platform:**
I am running for Senator for Community and Government relations. The three main initiatives I hope to see accomplished during the upcoming year are: 1. Starting a program to connect soon to be graduates with employers. 2. Actively pursue voting members of the board of trustees to become more engaged members in the DePaul community. 3. Connect with other SGA members to work collaboratively when seeking changes on DePaul’s campus.
Senator for Sustainability

Hannah Kinsella

Platform:
I am running for Senator of Sustainability and the three initiatives I would like to accomplish in this role are:
1) Institute a reusable mug program at Brownstones and The Bean to cut down on waste from disposable cups
2) Kickstart a DePaul sustainability social media page, on Instagram and/or Twitter, where shout outs and daily tips will be distributed on how to be more environmentally conscious
3) Create and implement residence life sustainability events where students living on campus will be encouraged to save the environment in a fun way through a little bit of healthy competition

About Hannah:
Hello! My name is Hannah and I am a freshman at DePaul. After moving to Washington state several years ago and then spending a year traveling the country with AmeriCorps, my appreciation for the environment has grown as I have explored and experienced the beauty and importance of natural lands. At DePaul, I am the Vice President of Service for Habitat for Humanity and I am also involved with Hillel and other Jewish life organizations on campus. I'm running for Senator of Sustainability because I believe that being conscious of how our actions as humans impact the planet is extremely important. Therefore, I would love to push DePaul to become more environmentally conscious and sustainable.
Senator for Intercultural Awareness

Camila Barrientos

Platform:
I am running for the Senator of Intercultural Awareness. I hope to get DePaul certified as an HSI, which is a Hispanic Serving Institution. Through this initiative I can help DePaul adopt the L.A.R.E.S. program to help Latinx students. I hope to work with the cultural centers at DePaul to coordinate a quarterly "CultureFest" in order to recognize and appreciate diverse cultures here at DePaul. I hope to work with existing cultural organizations on campus to highlight their efforts and aid them by connecting them to more resources.

About Camila:
My name is Camila Barrientos. I am a current Freshman at DePaul studying Political Science and Latin American Studies with a minor in Spanish. I work in the P.E. Department for the College of Education at the Ray. I enjoy making connections and doing homework in the Latinx Cultural Center. I like staying active by running with my dogs and playing tennis. I love traveling and getting to experience different cultures.