

SGA Elections Fall 2017

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Tyler Frazier

Senator for First Year Students

Platform

The position I am running for is First Year Student Senator. From my observations thus far, one initiative I would consider implementing is incorporating more teambuilding/ friendly competitive events (similar to the residence hall competition) targeted at getting first year students out of their shells and further acquainted with one another and the university. Another initiative I would like to see further implemented and expanded is the presence of DePaul students involved in neighboring mentor/ tutor services/ community service opportunities working with Chicago youth to improve the culture and climate of the city (spreading Vincentian values through out the city) . Lastly, I would like to add more transparency with first year students searching for on campus jobs. I see countless students who want to work on campus, however they are either not privy to the essential information or just intimidated by the process. As a side note, I personally would love to see more trademark food dining options directly on campus (I'd also love to have turkey bacon options, and not just pork bacon at current dining options:).

Bio

"Greetings All,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tyler Frazier and I am a first year student at DePaul University. Though my journey is just beginning, I am thrilled to be apart of such an amazing institution that support its scholars so avidly. With DePaul, the Vincentian mission incorporates key concepts regarding inclusion for all and the fair chance to succeed. In light of this, I have found myself in parallel with these values as they strike close to my heart. With great aspirations of being an outlier involved in educational leadership, I have been considered as a calm and levelheaded individual with strong passions in civic engagement and student leadership. Though these adjectives do not solely define me, I pride myself on being an adaptive and agile individual who embraces any situation.

As a native of Chicago, I have served in numerous positions of influences throughout the City of Chicago and Chicago Public Schools. Amongst those position, the most notable are serving as the President of Student Government and as the Director of Operations for Brooks Student Ambassadors at Gwendolyn Brooks College Prep HS, an elite selective enrollment high school in the Roseland community of Chicago. In addition, I served as the Student Representative on the Local School Council and as a student administrative assistant for school administrators. The involvement doesn't stop here, as I have also served on the Chicago Public Schools(CPS) Student Advisory Council, a council appointed to Chief Education Officer Dr. Janice Jackson of CPS. Here, we developed and implemented a policy, that I suggested, throughout CPS based on the framing question "how to get communities involved in neighborhood schools". Furthermore, I am a graduate of the Chicago Police and Firefighter Training Academy and a licensed Emergency Medical Technician for the State of Illinois.

In essence, my involvement throughout the community is extensive. Though I am in a new environment, I aspire to continue my positive involvement and hope to serve as your Senator for First Year Students. Thank you for your consideration."

Gisselle Cervantes

Senator for First Year Students

Platform

I am running for First Year Senator and while there are a lot of issues I care about, I have a couple of specific initiatives I'd like to focus on if elected. First, I would work towards making resources included in our tuition more accessible and known to first-year students. We are provided with HBO Go, Microsoft Office, and many other services that as a first year student I wasn't aware of until I heard about it from my friends or class mentors. I would also work towards providing more vegan and vegetarian options included in our dining plan. While I understand not everyone chooses these lifestyles, a more wide variety of food options would also benefit those with medical dietary restrictions. We currently hold a PETA grade of B in terms of vegan food options which is great but I believe we can and need to do better. As first year senator I would also work towards making DePaul a more environmentally friendly university. Climate change is a very real problem and by addressing things like energy usage in the residence halls and careful recycling, we can make a real impact on the environment.

Bio

My name is Gisselle and I am passionate about all things government because I believe the strength of any government correlates directly to the strength of a community. I am a DePaul Leadership Scholar, a member of the DePaul Community Service Association, and I am a part of the Mock Trial team here. Outside of DePaul, I work at LUSH Cosmetics, volunteer at a six day camp for kids with intellectual disabilities, and I participate in social activism by contacting my senators and marching for issues I care about. In my free time, I love playing music and petting my dog. I play the guitar, bass clarinet, and tenor saxophone and I sing.

Emily M Hoey

Senator for the College of Education

Platform

I am running for the Senator for the College of Education because I believe that the advocacy of pre-service teachers is necessary for our success during our collegiate years and once we begin our careers in education. My primary goal includes creating greater networking opportunities for students to encourage collaboration in lesson planning, transportation, and classroom management. Additionally, I want to open up more opportunities for interdisciplinary studies connecting students studying both within the College of Education and the variety of other majors offered at DePaul. Finally, I want to offer education students an opportunity for teaching and management experience here at DePaul. More professional development, peer mentoring, and open advising hours are all necessary to build the relationships we need to be exceptional teachers. I hope to bring about great reform for the College of Education this year and providing the voice teaching candidates need!

Bio

My biggest love is for people and the way I manifest that is through the work I do at DePaul. I have the opportunity to work in the Office of Undergraduate Admission as the scholarship coordinator intern which includes overseeing our new student scholarships, managing our student work-study team (EDGE), and working the various events throughout the year which allows me to interact with incredible prospective students and families. I also work as a tour guide and as a Chicago Quarter Mentor for the Discover course Nonviolent Chicago. Mentoring new freshmen is a great passion of mine. In my free time I enjoy yoga classes at the Ray, improv classes at Second City, and finding any opportunity to enhance the lives of those around me with joy and positivity!

Anna Pierce

Senator for Transfer Students

Platform

I am running for the Senator for Transfer Students. If elected, I would like to reform the Transfer Student Orientation, create more events for transfer students to meet one another, and implement a mentorship program between transfer students and current DePaul students.

Bio

I am a sophomore transfer student from Belmont University. While at Belmont, I was a part of the Sports Marketing Council, the Culinary Council, and CHAARG. Here at DePaul, I have become involved in CHAARG and Alpha Phi Omega Upsilon Iota and I hope to become involved in DECA and obviously, SGA. I am a Communications Studies major with a minor in Sociology. I look forward to becoming a part of DePaul's community.

Rio Diaz

Senator for the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Platform

My candidacy is for the Senator of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. My hopes are to spark up conversations on the significance and value of compromise, and cooperation. I would also like to initiate dialogue on the dangers that identity politics poses to our political discourse. Also, I want to start conversations on what it means to an American in the current political climate.

Bio

Hello, my name is Rio Diaz. When I'm not doing work for school, I am usually either reading, listening to podcasts, or playing volleyball. At my high school, I was part of Young Politicians club, and throughout the school year, we would inform our fellow students about the state of political realm, and I would like to continue informing my fellow students at DePaul. I am currently hoping to join the Men's Club volleyball team here at DePaul, and obviously I am also trying to get involved with SGA.

Alyssa Isberto

Senator for Commuter Students

Platform

I am running for Senator for Commuter Students. If elected, the three initiatives I would like to accomplish include obtaining a reduced price for students who take the Metra, adding a commuter student lounge in the Lincoln Park Campus, and adding more enhancements in those lounges that make commuting easier, such as lockers and a mini fridge.

Bio

Hello, my name is Alyssa Isberto! I'm from both Chicago and Skokie (I used to switch between parents but now I just stay with my mom) and have been commuting since my freshmen year of high school. I currently do not have much involvement in DePaul because I am only a freshmen, but I intended on finding more extracurricular activities to participate in. Outside of DePaul I am the pianist and lead singer of my church's band, I write/compose the script and songs for the church's annual musical, and I am a teacher there as well. In high school, I was part of the school's highest orchestra, a viola tutor, President of the Mock Trial Team, a member of the National Chinese Honors Society and the national honors music society called Tri-M, and I was a mentor for incoming freshmen.

Margot Downey

Senator for Second Year Students

Platform

I am running for Senator for Second Years. As a Senator I would like to implement some event, purely for each class, whether it be a breakfast/dinner, or field day as a way for the class to get to know each other since we don't have many classes together anymore. It would also be great to implement a breakfast for resume building with the career center that could be done right before the internship fair. I would also like to get attendance up at basketball games wherever they be. I think it would be nifty to team up with an organization on campus such as UMin or the Office of Multicultural Student Success, and have them do a presentation during halftime that would hopefully include crowd involvement.

Bio

Since entering college I have joined Phi Mu Fraternity, and held the position of Social Chair Assistant. I also joined Phi Sigma Pi Honor Fraternity and am currently the Initiate Adviser on our Executive Board. Recently I applied to be a Morale captain for Demonthon and hope to be involved in that. Outside of school activities I am an R.A. in Clifton Fullerton and a C.Q.M. for an Explore class.