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Amira Hady is a student passionate about social change and inclusion. She believes there’s much to be learned about humanizing others’ stories as a way to piece together the world we live in.

My Platform

Create an initiative for Minority Organizations to have direct communication with school administration so students can effectively address issues. Have Finances and Budget Workshops hosted by either the Office of Financial Aid. Have FREE Self-Defense classes in the Ray.
Peyton Raleigh

About Me

I am a first year student at DePaul majoring in International Studies. I am very passionate about civic engagement and community building, passions I am seeking to expand and fully realize in my time at DePaul. I have leadership experience in a representative student government body for 3 years, and am currently a Senator on the Residence Hall Council for U-Hall. I have been a student leader in several organizations throughout high school; my choir, honors societies, and a middle school girls mentorship program. All of these organizations have given me the tools to grow as a leader and understand my strengths as a leader. I am driven and very goal oriented, and I am also very service minded. I look to serve those around me wherever I can. This position is a way I can better serve my community here at DePaul as a first year student, if you decide to elect me!

My Platform

I plan to create events for first year students that create a sense of community for us at DePaul throughout our first year (Fall, Winter, and Spring Quarters). I am also looking to organize a career development fair for first year students so all may have the opportunity to get a jump start on potential internships and career aspirations. My last initiative is to organize an end of the year celebration and recognition of our accomplishments during our first year at DePaul in the Spring Quarter!
Deyni Venta

About Me
Hello, my name is Deyni Venta, I am a proud first generation, Latina, majoring in Peace, Justice, and conflict studies while minoring in Spanish. I am interested in being a candidate for freshman class representative because I want every freshman like me or not like me, to be genuinely heard and to be involved in this University, especially as a freshman.

My Platform
These are the three initiatives I would like to accomplish if I were to be freshman class representative: 1. Ban plastic bags at the E.T.C - sell sustainable ones or have biodegradable ones. 2. During exams or finals week we should bring in cute dogs or cats as a stress relief - scientifically it has been proven that they relieve stress. 3. Have music in the restrooms/ have private bathrooms - some people are uncomfortable to defecate in public restrooms when there's no real privacy.
Keith Norward

About Me

I am a political science major, minoring in public policy. I am the current Internal Secretary of the Black Student Union and member of the Men's Club Volleyball Team.

My Platform

Promote Student Success Increase Networking and Communication Amongst Students Create More Activities to Demonstrate Campus Pride.
George Chlada

About Me

I am a Junior majoring in Business Administration hailing from the suburbs of Chicago. When I'm not running for student office, I am passing the sack with the Hacky Sack Club boys on the quad every Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 or dancing with the Synergy Dance Company (I'm the one in the back who has no clue what he's doing). Above all this, I am a devout theatre geek and connoisseur of all things Broadway Fun facts about me: I am the youngest first cousin on both sides of my family, I lived in London when I was one years old, and I once got sued because I got hit by a car. I identify as a member of the LGBTQ+ community and am a suicide survivor.

My Platform

My first initiative would be to destigmatize mental health around campus. As person with living with a mental illness, I believe DePaul could do a much better job at normalizing the struggles of those with anxiety, depression, and other common illnesses. My main plan would to help bring in organizations, like NAMI, to those who might need it on campus and making sure everyone with a mental illness isn't afraid to share their story. My second initiative would be creating more compensation for those who use reusable products, like water bottles or coffee mugs to enable students to become more sustainable in and around campus. My third and final initiative would be to create more partnerships with businesses in the surrounding community to make sure DePaul students don't have to spend an arm and limb for trying to live, especially since we've already sawed off half of our body off just so we could attend school. Did you know you can get a free drink with your sandwich at Potbelly for being a DePaul student? I only found that out fairly recently and you'd think it would be the number one reason to attend this institution. I would also make sure that programs like this are fully disclosed to the student body and isn't hidden between the lines.
About Me

Nashra Mohammed and her family moved to Lincolnwood 3 years ago in search of the right place to continue her education. Mohammed is currently attending DePaul University where she is double majoring in Management Information Systems, and minoring in Community Service. She aspires to pursue a career in Law. She worked with the Democratic Party of Evanston in support of Laura Fine and Jan Schakowsky where she attended meetings, held phone banks, and gathered signatures in the area. Working with Laura Fine her senior year heightened her passion for a push for quality education. Mohammed worked as an election judge during her senior year where she became more interested in her community. Mohammed has been part of several charity organizations hoping to make the world a better place. She worked with organizations such as Feed My Starving Children, The Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, and The Humanity Projects throughout her high school career. At the age of 19, Mohammed is full of devotion and enthusiasm surrounding this opportunity.

My Platform

Civic Engagement helps students become viable, responsible citizens of our community. How? Volunteering at local organizations and participating in diverse after-school activities teaches students responsibility and serves as a second focus besides school. Volunteering exposes the student to the community and jobs they might want to pursue in the future. Partaking in civic duty keeps students on track and provides a sense of community and belonging. If we are to be a generation of change we need civic engagement activity. In order to recapture the purpose of education, we need to begin teaching students expectations to be engaged in society. Civic Engagement improves the experience of all students, provides a sense of belonging, creates relationships and prevents students from feeling alienated. Although I want to continue to make safety a priority in schools, I believe that mental health ties in very intimately to the vitality and safety of our schools. As I continue to be
involved in the decision-making process of improving the physical well being of our university; I want to keep mental health in mind and continue to provide our students the best resources in reach for good mental health. Like what? I want students educated on what they have access to within the school. I want students to know that they have therapists available on deck. I want to make sure our schools are safe but I also want to make sure our students are safe as well. Students shouldn’t feel shameful reaching out for help. I want our school to be judgment-free zones. Improving the experience of ALL students- Equity in terms of inclusion and diversity As a board member, I want to work on creating a more comfortable environment for ALL of our students. Though our campus does do an amazing job of making sure all students are being supported. I do feel that it can always be improved. We have so many different types of students in terms of socio-economic status, race, religion, sexual orientation, gender etc; and I strongly believe that we as a university need to continuously work on improving the experiences of ALL students. The only way we can achieve success as a university is if we support wholeheartedly our students and are more open and available to give them what help they need.
Emmanuel Flores

About Me

I am a first-year student. I am also studying Public Relations and Advertising in the College of Communication. I speak Spanish fluently. I have visited Japan and spoke and wrote Japanese better because of it. I have experience in public speaking. I strongly believe working hard throughout the week makes the weekends better. I also enjoy breaks throughout the week whether it's going to the gym, spending time in sororities or fraternities, or going out to watch a play. I work part-time as a lifeguard for learn-to-swim swim lessons. I was a part-time lifeguard for my neighborhood park district pool in the summer. I enjoy meeting people every day.

My Platform

My first goal is to unite all communication majors in social outings. I only interact with communication majors in my communications class. My second goal is to promote SGA's current and future work. The School of Communication would promote on Thursdays We Wear Blue or signatures to give to state legislators in Springfield. My third goal is to have the School of Communication promote its school more. There are many undecided majors and possibly DePaul student enrollees at high schools near DePaul. Communication is all about socially reaching out to people.
Ben Jacinto

About Me
My name is Benjamin Jacinto, though I usually go by Ben. My pronouns are he/him/his, but I don’t like to stick to just one way of defining someone. As a freshman majoring in communication, I’m bringing a fresh set of eyes accompanied by my intense passion to serve the larger collective at hand. I attended Moreau Catholic High School in Hayward, California and was extremely involved in activism around my school. I was one of the founders for a diversity coalition freshman year. It was in junior year that I led Moreau’s walkout after the Parkland shooting. What spawned next was the first ever TED Talk to start off a now annual conference at Moreau. I continued my passion for social justice my senior year with the creation of the school’s first official podcast (throughstudenteyes.wixsite.com). Coming to DePaul, I want to continue the service of being a voice and a catalyst for others as it supports my value of taking action and my goal of making impactful change beneficial to all. Should I be elected, my ear will be devoted not only to my constituents at the College of Communications, but to the DePaul Community as a whole. It is only when we can unite under a common cause that our change is most impactful. I’ll lead us to reinforce our foundations, build up our community, and then branch out. Let us be the change we want to see. Insta: @BennyJ_23 Twitter: @BenjaminJacint6.

My Platform
1. Rather than reduce the stigma around the falsehood of generality that is communications, we must present communications as a necessary skill by outlining and clearly reiterating what communication is at its roots. 2. Emphasizing that communications is a vast field of study with a multiplicity of opportunities for bright young students to show their myriad of talents. 3. Further unifying the various majors in the college, and then integrating the college as a whole with greater DePaul Community.
Marcus Robertson

About Me

I am a journalism major, with an eye towards law school. I’ve spent nearly all twenty-nine years of my life with a burning desire to leave my world better than how I found it. I’m a decent drummer and an improving cook. I’m proud to have spent three semesters at my previous college’s student newspaper, with the final term serving as its Editor-in-Chief. My path to this point has been marked with exhilarating success and exquisite failure. I dropped out of my Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering major at the University of Alabama ten years ago. I decided a career full of aerospace mathematics just wasn’t where my passions were leading. Following that, I joined the Air Force—and was promptly assigned a job full of aerospace mathematics. Cue laugh track. Through my four-year enlistment, I learned what it truly means to serve others. Many times, it’s neither fun nor flashy. Many times, there’s no gratitude; nobody waiting to thank you for your sacrifice. Many times, the act of service itself is the reward. I learned that lesson in my time with the Honor Guard, performing military funeral honors for fallen airmen. I will never forget the feeling of folding the flag, with the smell of twenty-one rounds’ worth of gunpowder and the ring of the last note of Taps still hanging in the air, and then presenting it to the next of kin as the final memento of their lost loved-one. It brings tears to my eyes and chills to my skin. It is with that solemn reverence that I now wish to serve you as Senator for Veteran Students.

My Platform

- Discounts for veteran students to DePaul sports events
- 100% paperless DePaul
- An elective course on impeachment (theory, history, etc)