

BERKELEY  
CITY COLLEGE  
**VOTER'S  
GUIDE**



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# VOTING PROCEDURES

## **VOTER'S GUIDE:**

Use The Berkeley City College's Voter's Guide to get to know all candidate's missions better and meet the candidates who are running for the district wide Student Trustee position.

## **HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE:**

**Online voting** will begin on Tuesday, April 16th and end on Wednesday, April 17th. The website link will be posted on Berkeley City College's student election page and will also be posted around the school when the time becomes near.

A **physical polling place** will be present from 11 am - 6 pm on Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th.

# **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

# PRESIDENT



## RAUL SOLORIO VARGAS

Currently majoring in Political Science and completing two years at Berkeley City College. I plan on applying for transfer this coming fall semester. One goal of mine in life is to work on helping improve the life of those who are underrepresented in our society.

I've had the opportunity to meet amazing people through, the Latinx and the Gender and Sexuality Club which I'm a proud member of. Working for the Undocumented Community Resource Center has also given me the opportunity to expand my knowledge on the resources offered by BCC that can help improve a students experience. Given the chance to serve as Student Body

President for BCC, I will work on building a community that empowers students. I will use my platform to voice the needs of students. Advocate for more resources that will improve our levels of academic achievement, accomplish our goals and help support all students.



## MAX FRINCKE

My name is Max Frincke and I advocate for inclusion, creativity, and efficiency at Berkeley City College. At a college that is made up of students with different backgrounds, beliefs, and tastes, it is important that our college does its best to promote a welcoming and safe environment. If elected, this would be my first goal. As a former senator for the student government, I understand that it is not only our duty to lead students, but to advocate for them as well. This would be my second goal, to advocate the voice of the students, and use my influence in their respect.

Given my experience at ASBCC, working as a marketing specialist at BOSS (Berkeley non-profit that helps homeless, incarcerated, and disabled), and coaching youth at the Berkeley Rhinos Rugby Club, I believe that I have the necessary skills and leadership to be the President of ASBCC.



## MINHAL HANIF

As part of the Associated Students, I am hoping to be able to give all students a space for success at Berkeley City College, whether that's through helping them navigate the institution, or helping them change what needs changing on campus. I want to make sure that students have the resources they need in order to be successful in their endeavors in pursuing higher education. I'm hoping to be able to create opportunities for students in this community and provide support in a way that takes into consideration their intersectionality and diverse

backgrounds. It is my personal belief that not all students are the same, but all students deserve the same opportunities so my goal is to work towards creating an equitable campus where students across all backgrounds and cultures are given the space, time and resources they need to be able to reach their personal goals at Berkeley City College.

## VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

## PATRICIA PEREZ

Hello my name is Patricia Perez, I am a legal studies and rhetoric major here at Berkeley City College. My long term goal is to become an immigration lawyer because immigration equity is an issue that is very important to me. I am running for Vice President of Finance because I would like to be able to help student get the funding they need for their club events. I believe it is important for students to feel as though they are represented fairly and I would like to be that representation. I have been elected as treasurer in the past and have worked on projects to raise money to revitalize the environment in the past. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and I if given the chance I am looking forward to working with all of you to help improve Berkeley City College's funding towards student events.



## MIA LYON

My name is Mia Lyon, and I am running for VP of Finance. This is my first year at BCC, and I'm majoring in Business. I'm the treasurer for the Ignite to Civic Engagement Club, and I'm also a member of the Business Club and the Women's Leadership Club. I'm partnered with Ignite, which is a non-partisan, non-profit organization for the political engagement of young women. My goal is to become more involved at BCC and to encourage community involvement. I want to achieve this goal by supporting community events and ensuring that our clubs receive the necessary funding to see their ideas come to life. I believe that I am the best person for this position because I am organized,

detail-oriented, and driven. As VP of Finance, I will work to improve our funding process based on feedback from the BCC community



## ANASTASIA KLIMKO

My name is Anastasia Klimko and I'm running for VPF for the next academic year. I'm currently finishing my first year at BCC as a Business Administration Major with a 4.0 GPA. I've been very involved with various student clubs as well as the ASBCC. Last semester I was elected to the Finance Committee and succeeded as VPF after the mid-year resignation of the previous VP. Due to my experiences, I am able to see both the past frustrations and problems with funding and budget requests, I am able to see the results of reforms that started this semester, and am now trying to streamline the process

within the given guidelines of my position. By voting for me, I can see through the system of changes that I think will make all the difference for funding campus, student and club events.



## XINYUE WANG

Hi, everyone. I am Xinyue Wang who is a freshman in BCC. The position I'm running for is Vice President of Finance. I have basic business knowledge, accounting knowledge and basic computer operation knowledge. I am a patient people with a solid and diligent, hard-working and positive attitude. Accounting major study more developed my careful, rigorous attitude to study life. I have a good relationship with professors and classmates in the campus and a strong team spirit, strong logical thinking ability and a strong sense of responsibility, and will continue in the future work. It is because of this personality that I like accounting very much. Although I am only a freshman, I have

a strong ability to learn and desire for knowledge. The first reason I want to join the ASBCC is to integrate into the American campus culture, to meet more friends, to learn different cultures, and to improve my abilities in all aspects; The second reason is to improve my professional skills and have a development in other skills (language skill and communication skill), while providing a strength for school construction. I sincerely hope that everyone can vote for me.

**VICE PRESIDENT OF  
PROGRAMS**

**ADAM A'OMER**

# VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION

VACANT

# VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



## QIANZI WANG

As a student, it is easy to feel small. As an international student, it is particularly easy to feel lost and powerless. On account of the language barrier, we rarely speak up for ourselves and voice our opinions. As an international student myself, I believe the way to change the situation is to through individual responsibility and taking local action in my own community. Therefore, I am here running for the Vice President of Public Relations, aiming to make Berkeley City College a better place for international students. The two main goals of my vision are to improve student welfare and enhance the influence of Associate Students of Berkeley City College in the whole student body and faculties.

Enhance the influence of ASBCC:

- make improvements on the social media platform for student voice
  - communicate and cooperate with different international student clubs
  - establish a feedback system to ensure student voice is not only heard, but also approached
- Improve student welfare
- regular social events for international students
  - workshops that provide language support for international students
  - career networking events and transfer workshops targeted at international students



# NOEL OBI ONUOHA

Hi, my name is Noel Obi Onuoha. And I am honored to serve Berkeley City College as the leader for emphasizing Public Relations on campus between students, faculty, clubs, and other community counterparts. My drive to participate in Student government comes from a passion to help other students.

Our PR goal at Berkeley City College is to do the following;

- Continue to publicize all our facilities here on campus
- Continue to publicize all 45+ of BCC clubs and their events.
- Improve student life and cultivate academic success through the Community Club student mentorship program

A little bit about me...

I first enrolled at BCC 4 years ago in 2015 for one year as a Biochemistry major. Upon failing my first general chemistry course twice, I realized Biochemistry and the “Be a doctor story my mom told me” wasn’t my education pathway. The following year Fall 2016 I started with general education courses and found success and passion in the Social Sciences. After Spring of 2017, I dropped out of school and took on a full-time roll as a Sales Development Representative at Chewse, Inc. located in San Francisco, CA. Check them out here: <https://www.chewse.com/>. After almost 2 years at Chewse, I developed ambitions to pursue Business Law and a Legal degree with hopes of becoming an attorney. I’ve returned to BCC last Fall 2018 as a Political Science Major and will volunteer to also serve our community through participating as our VP of Public Relations.

## SENATORS

# SARAH DIBAS

I am grateful to have the opportunity of running for senator of the Associated Students of Berkeley City College. I am running because I wish to work with the administration to improve the quality of life on campus. If elected, I hope to work (continued on next page)

## SARAH DIBAS (CONTINUED)

towards expanding our on-campus lounge space for students to rest and recharge between classes. I want to bring more job and internship opportunities and work on improving your access to resources that will aid your success and enhance the quality of your education. My primary goal is to listen to your needs, amplify your voices, and make our campus as safe and comfortable of a place as possible. If you were to elect me as your senator, it would be my honor to represent you to the best of my ability and make this campus a place that fosters your growth and wellbeing.

## ASIA COLOMBO

Greetings Berkeley City College community. My name is Asia Colombo and I have been part of the Peralta family for the past three semesters. I'm running for the ASBCC Senate because I want to facilitate academic student success of new students through an Academic Mentorship Program. Since my first semester at Berkeley City College I have been fascinated by the multitude of opportunities offered to the student body; however, during my first semester I myself experienced a lack of information and knowledge about college life. By achieving senator seat at ASBCC I aim to create an Academic Mentorship Program that will connect new BCC students with our current students and alumni. This program aims to improve students' academic outcomes and college experience during their first semester; thus, facilitating a successful transfer to the 4 year university or career path of choice. With your help I hope to reach my goal to improve students experiences at our college.

## ZEYU WANG

Hi, I am Zeyu Wang, an international student from China. I want to run for the senator from 2019 to 2020. I was a freshman in 2018Spring, and that was the first time I studied in an American college. The American educational system was a new system for me, so I felt puzzled at the beginning. I am a senator in ASBCC from 2018Fall to 2019Spring, and my project is mentoring Kaplan students. I have helped more than five students transfer to BCC in the last semester. In 2019-2020, I want to continue doing my project and expand my service target to all international students. As an international student, I know the feelings and experiences of international students. If I am a senator in 2019-2020, I am going to speak for the international students at Berkeley City College and work with international office to help the international students work out their problems.



## ISOBEL COOPER

Hello BCC students! My name is Isobel, I'm currently a full-time student at Berkeley City College working towards transferring to a 4-year University and majoring in Environmental Science. If not for the incredible community of students and faculty at BCC, I would not be on the academic trajectory that I am on now. As my time at BCC comes to a close, I would like nothing more than to earn the chance to give back to this community. It is my belief that an active and engaging student community is the foundation for academic success. As a Senator I will strive to exemplify BCC's mission, values, and vision. I look forward to the opportunity to work on community improvement projects in collaboration with ASBCC and

the student body to ensure that all students have the tools to meet their goals and get the most out of their time at BCC!

## TOUFIQ HOSSAIN

I am Toufiq Hossain, and I am a freshman at BCC. I am interested in this position because I care about the power of advocacy we have as a group. This school already helps students in so many different ways and has avenues to aid students even further. Through the Senate, I can voice the needs of the students and can make a significant impact on people's lives. I take the BART to school, as do many of my classmates, but there is only a bus pass that serves the students who live nearby. Once elected, I will do everything in my power to institute a BART pass that will serve the entire BCC population. Also, as a tutor, I know the importance of getting extra help outside the classroom. I will advocate for the betterment of the LRC services to assure that our students get everything they need.



## POOJA SANDHU

Hey! My name is Pooja Sandhu and I am running for the Senator position. As a senator, I would make sure that BCC fosters the best environment for campus life to thrive, such as giving campus events and club events adequate support and attention. Campus life is important to me because it enhances the student experience, brings people together, and provides opportunities to learn. In addition, because many students come to BCC to transfer and to pursue higher education, I want to fix problems students have with transferring services and make academic services better

tailored to students. And last but not least, I want to make BCC sustainable. Climate Change is a very real threat to our planet - a threat I want to diminish as much as possible. If I have your support, we can solve any problem and make BCC the best it can possibly be.

## JAKE MEHARI

I'm running for ASBCC senate because I want to bring more power to students. Currently, students know very little about their representation in student government let alone what they are working to change on campus. I would love to bring a sense of inclusion and transparency that will enable members of the Berkeley City College community to participate in the governing process of our school. I have a strong background working in executive fields as well as the public sector that will help me turn my hopes and dreams for this campus into a reality. Whether it was serving on the board of directors to one of the single largest youth civic engagement programs in the world, working in the office of State Assemblymember Tony Thurmond, or even serving the residents of Oakland working for the city's environmental services department, I am confident without a doubt that I have what it takes to change Berkeley City College for the better.



## FERNANDO CARDENAS

As a United States Air Force veteran, I have learned how to work under pressure. My role as a supervisor required that I take troops under my wing. I was responsible for mediating between teams of Airmen and administrators to sustain over a dozen aircraft. I worked with people from all over the country and served to voice their concerns. Despite everyone's different backgrounds, we managed to reach and exceed the standards that were set. The experience that I obtained while serving in the Air Force prepared me to be a leader in my educational career and beyond. My mission at Berkeley City College is to transfer the sense of service that was embedded into my character in the military to the college community. I want to contribute all the skills that I acquired, such as strong

communication and resiliency, to the collective presence of our student body. If you allow me, I will serve as a point of contact between students and faculty.



## SHARON AHAZIE

My name is Sharon Ahazie. I am an international student from Nigeria and I major in Political Science. My passion for government and my interest in social good, is why I am excited to run for senator for the Associated Students of Berkeley City College. After speaking to a few friends and fellow students, most wanted more out of their club experience at Berkeley City College. This motivated me to want to be a Senator for community building. School does not have to be boring, that is why one of my main goals is to increase club participation by carefully reviewing club activities and rendering advice to various clubs to attract, and most importantly, keep students in the clubs. Additionally, as an African student. one of my

other goals is to create awareness about African culture; by creating an African Student Association (ASA) for not only African students but for anyone who wants to learn about the African culture — the food, the dance, the music and so on. I hope that by having more inclusive conversations, we have a better understanding of each other and the world at large.

## STUDENT TRUSTEE



### DOWELL STANDLEY

My name is Dowell Standley and I am a student at Berkeley City College. In the year of 2016 I came to a near death experience. I had a brain aneurysm, and since my recovery I never take anything for granted and push my limits. I have an extremely strong work ethic and when I set my mind to something I never stop until I get it done. At my job, I assist students in the enrollment process, so I help them get into their classes and I do whatever I can to make their dreams a reality. I am passionate about this because ever since I was a child I always had a big heart for others. I treat everyone with the respect that I want people to have towards me and I look forward to contribute to the Peralta College's system and make it the best I can.



### ROMINA CONTRERAS

I am the current Student Body President at Berkeley City College. I am a passionate and driven individual. I take into deep consideration and value the opinions and views of the students. One of the major reasons why I take stepping into this role very serious is because every school has its own unique problems and situations that need to be addressed. It is my goal to address these problems and try to make a positive difference. I look forward to working with every school in the Peralta School District and help be the voice of the students. I am a representation of you as the student and our voices should be heard.



## YA'MESE A. JOHNSON

My name is Ya'Mese A. Johnson, I'm a Communications Major planning to graduate in the Spring 2020, and start my next journey into life as a 4 year university or state student. I have been attending the Peralta Colleges for 3 years now, mostly at my beautiful home campus Merritt College. I'm proud to present myself to you all as a candidate running for Student Trustee. I have been highly active in the Associated Studnets of Merritt College Inc. for these 3 years, that I have been in Peralta. I have taken my time to study and learn about Student Trustee these past 3 years and I am now ready to push myself through limit to make sure that you all, my fellow constituents of all groups are spoken and heard for correctly at the Peralta Community College District Board of Trustees (PCCD BoT) Meetings.



## AISHA K.L. JORDAN

Aisha K.L. Jordan attends Laney College where she is currently the Peralta District Student Trustee, ROC (Restoring Our Communities) , DSPS, Veterans, Umoja Umbaka Ambassador, majoring in African American Studies with an emphasis in Social/Political Science with a 4.0 GPA for Fall 2018 and a cumulative 3.17 GPA. Student Trustee Jordan was a singer of the argument to endorse measureX \$800 million bond for Peralta Community College District as well as personal endorsements for measures E&G, and measure AA for expanding Equity across education. Aisha was the GOTV Bay Area Coordinator in this past November's election for the Honorable Congresswoman Barbara Lee of the 13th District, she also provided opportunities for students to

## AISHA K.L. JORDAN (CONTINUED)

volunteer and receive letters they could use for civic duty in their transfer applications. She is a supporter of AB540,AB2,AB30,and SB 91. In January Aisha sent a letter to Betsy DeVos Secretary of Education regarding the changes to title IX as public servant to students it is our responsibility to ensure schools are a place of education that heal and do not harm students. Aisha is a student leader, a dedicated mother, and licensed/ordained Reverend who advocates for our community through a lens of inclusivity, equity and judgment free support. Student Trustee Jordan has served as a Senator/Student Advocate for the Associated Students of Laney College, Disabilities Affairs Officer for Region III and is currently one of two 2018-2019 Peralta Community College District Student Trustee representing.

She is the founding president of Quad E Caucus, currently under development through the Student Senate of the California Community Colleges (SSCCC) .Aisha is the author of the Foundations Resolution (SSCCC) ,which will facilitate the creation and support of college based student support programs for formerly incarcerated and system impacted students. She is determined to get the Foundations Resolution turned into a Bill. Aisha is also the 2018-2019 A2E2 Tactics and Stratification Fellow focusing on housing insecurity/community redevelopment.Student Trustee Jordan counts it a honor to represent the students of Peralta District and support her fellow students because students come first. Her greatest accomplishment is her daughter.