

2026-2027

# ASBCC & STUDENT TRUSTEE

# CANDIDATE BOOKLET



BERKELEY CITY COLLEGE

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TRANSFORMING LIVES



# CANDIDATES FOR ASBCC PRESIDENT

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I am the best candidate for President because I care about the voices, experiences, and concerns of our diverse student body. We all come from unique backgrounds and have different voices that I believe are important. Leadership comes from listening, and I have full dedication to represent the student body and ensure that students feel respected on campus. My goal is to make sure every student is heard and that our collective needs drive every decision. I am running to provide and ensure the strong, transparent leadership our campus deserves.

**-AINA  
MAHYAVANSHI**

**ASBCC PRESIDENT**

My Experience:

1 year serving on the ASBCC Executive Board as Vice President of Public Relations

30+ clubs supported through posters and social media outreach

520+ unique students reached across both Club Rush events

110+ bills voted on at the SSCCC 2025 General Assembly in Los Angeles

My Agenda:

\$2,000 scholarship launching for academically driven, low-to-middle income students

Bimonthly fundraiser events with raffles open to all participating students

100% of extra funds raised directed to the BCC Basic Needs Center and student clubs

Why Me:

Proven relationships with BCC faculty and administration built through my time on the Executive Board

Hands-on experience as a Student Ambassador gives me a unique ground-level perspective

My unique combination of experience, connections, and follow-through makes me the right choice

**-BENJAMIN MAKAENA  
NIIHAU-ASHBY**

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**ASBCC PRESIDENT**

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I am running for ASBCC president because I want to create an environment where every student feels welcomed and supported and is able to take full advantage of opportunities at Berkeley City College.

As your president, I will prioritize improving access to campus resources and community-wide engagement. I want to improve school events and meet funding needs for new and returning clubs. I want to add more spaces and resources for mental health when students need breaks or are feeling overwhelmed. I want to create a tight-knit community at Berkeley City College to make sure every student is aware and has access to every possible resource there is.

Transfer services are important to me so that all Berkeley City College students have access to them. I want to have more transfer events to help students have a smooth and stress-free transfer process, and provide more resources, such as transfer programs, so all students get the support they need during their transfer journeys.

As ASBCC President, I will work with Berkeley City College students to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met. I am committed to advocating for all students and making sure students' time at Berkeley City College is meaningful and leaves them prepared for what is next in their future goals.

**-KEIRA GUTIERREZ**

**ASBCC PRESIDENT**



I'm running for ASBCC President because I believe student government should actually represent and work for the students. Too often students feel disconnected from decisions that affect them, and I want to help change that by making student leadership more active, transparent, and responsive.

During my time at BCC, I've been deeply involved in the campus community and have seen both the strengths of our college and the areas where students need stronger advocacy. I believe leadership is about listening to students, bringing their concerns forward, and following through with real action. My goal is to build a student government that is visible, organized, and focused on improving the student experience.

If elected, I want to focus on increasing student engagement, strengthening support for student organizations, and improving communication between students and the administration. Every student at BCC should feel like their voice matters and that student government is working for them.

I'm committed to putting in the work and leading with integrity. Being ASBCC President is not just a title to me—it's an opportunity to represent our students and help make BCC a stronger and more supportive community for everyone.

**-NGAWANG LEGDEN**

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# CANDIDATES FOR ASBCC VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION

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I am running for Vice President of Administration because student government should operate with clarity, accountability, and measurable impact - not just good intentions.

As a Computer Science and Information Systems major and the President of the Applied Mathematics Club, I work with systems every day. I understand how structure determines outcomes. Whether it's managing events, organizing teams, or allocating resources, success comes from planning, transparency, and execution.

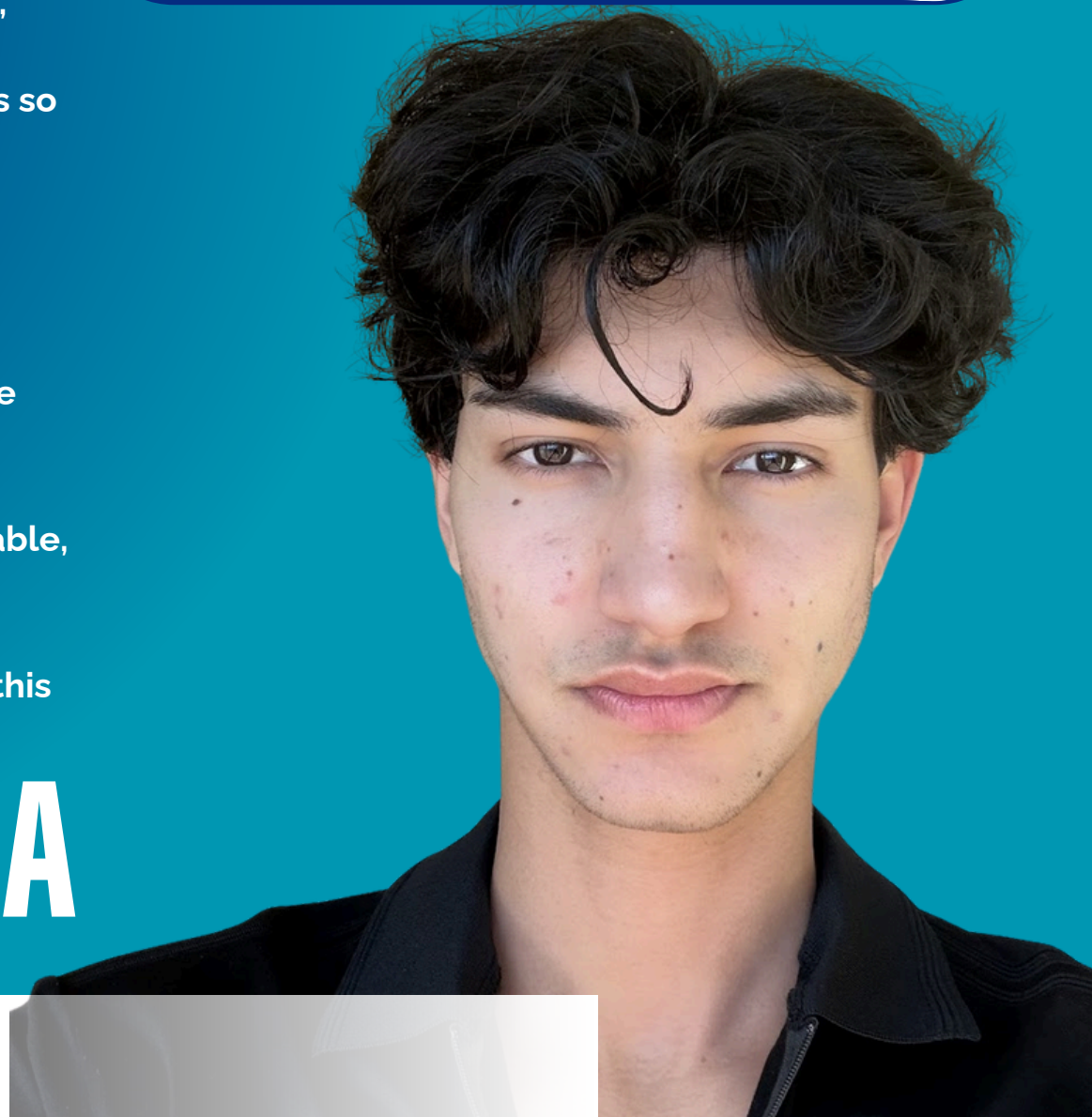
If elected, I will focus on three priorities:

1. Improving organizational efficiency: Clear timelines, clear responsibilities, and no missed follow-through.
2. Increasing transparency in administrative processes so students know how decisions are made and where resources go.
3. Building sustainable systems so initiatives don't collapse or gets weakened overtime.

I'm not running for a title. I'm running because I believe administration should be precise, reliable, and performance-driven. Student government should function like a well-built system : organized, accountable, and built to last.

I'm ready to bring discipline, structure, and results to this role.

**-AAVASH THAPA**



**VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

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I am running for Vice President of Administration. I believe that I am the best candidate for this position because I look to improve the management based on the needs of BCC and the Peralta district. I hope to provide help to next year's President and ASBCC, along with showing representation of our Hispanic communities.

**-MAGALY  
ORTIZ LAINEZ**

**VICE PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION**



# CANDIDATES FOR ASBCC VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

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I am a Business Administration student from Mexico City. I currently serve as the student representative for the Equity Committee and was recently appointed as a Student Assistant in the General Counseling Office, where I'll be advocating for students.

My academic focus is in budgeting, financial planning, and accountability, skills that are essential to managing ASBCC funds responsibly and effectively. I am running for this position because I am committed to making ASBCC finances more accessible and transparent, and ensuring every dollar serves our student community. I am eager to get to know you all and earn your trust and your vote!

**-KASANDRA FELIX**

**VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE**

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I am a first-year student here at BCC studying Business Administration and Finance. I am running for Vice President of Finance. I am a current ICC Representative and also a voting member of ASBCC- that's helped me understand how student funding decisions are made and what students and clubs actually need.

I am also the Co-President of the Applied Math club and an officer for FBLA.

One thing I care about right now is that BCC is facing real budget pressure, and I want to help with the problem by making sure our student funds are used responsibly and effectively. If elected, I'll focus on responsible budgeting, clear communication about where money goes and work to provide more funding for student clubs.

**-SAKSHAM PANDEY**

**VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE**





# CANDIDATES FOR ASBCC VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS

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Over the past year, I've served as an ICC Representative, gaining hands-on experience in ICC logistics by supporting Club Rush planning and budget proposal processes while consistently attending ICC and ASBCC weekly meetings. This role has shown me the effort, structure, and time commitment necessary to run such an influential organization. Outside of ASBCC, I'm the founder and president of the BCC Soccer Club and the secretary of ALPFA @ BCC, where I've helped build community and use platforms like Instagram and Discord to keep students informed and engaged.

Clubs are one of the best ways for students to be represented because they build community and help students feel a sense of belonging on campus. Therefore, I believe I am the best fit to lead ICC in the coming academic year, since I have the responsibility and knowledge to best support them.

If elected as VP of Programs and ICC Chair, my priorities are:

- Better promotion and clearer communication regarding ICC and BCC club events.
- A more organized and welcoming ICC culture that helps clubs succeed.
- Starting Fall 2026 strong by preparing over the summer and holding Club Rush within the first month.

**-BORJA  
ROMERO SANTOMINGO**

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**VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS**

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I am running for Vice President of Programs to support the creation of a more engaging, inclusive, and connected community across our district. As a community college district, we serve students with different goals and responsibilities. I want to plan programs from cultural events and wellness activities to career workshops and social events. I'm committed to listening to your ideas, using student funds responsibly, and creating events that truly bring together BCC

**-JOSUE  
SOSA**

**VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS**

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I am committed to not only meeting but exceeding the requirements of this role by building a stronger, more connected community. With my energy, passion, and experience, I am well-prepared to achieve our shared goals. I appreciate your consideration of my application and look forward to the opportunity to contribute to our collective success.

**-MAYRA  
MEDINA**

**VICE PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS**



# CANDIDATES FOR ASBCC VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

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I'm running for Vice President of Public Relations because I believe Berkeley City College deserves stronger visibility and a greater sense of connection.

From classes to clubs to student events, I've seen firsthand how many great opportunities go unnoticed simply because they aren't promoted properly. Our campus has a lot to offer, but that means nothing if we don't have a clear and engaging way to share it with students.

Public relations isn't just about posting announcements or uploading a story. As VPPR, I will improve how we communicate about events, amplify student voices, and showcase our community's accomplishments. This means using social media effectively, making information easy to access, and ensuring students know about the resources available to them.

My goal is simple: help our college better leverage the abundance of opportunities we have access to, celebrate our students, and build a stronger culture of campus pride.

**-JULIAN EVANGELISTA**

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**VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS**



# CANDIDATES FOR ASBCC SENATOR

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When I first started attending BCC, I wasn't really involved around campus, and I never really met a lot of people and I didn't get to know my school. I'm here to change that. Not only do I want to know the school I've been attending, I also want to make it better.

I'm the best candidate for this position, because I'm willing to work and do whatever it takes to produce actual results. I can work very well within a team and I'm always ready to have the uncomfortable conversations that help us grow.

**-ADAM BERAKI**

**ASBCC SENATOR**

I'm running to be your Senator to represent every voice at BCC. While some students are preparing to transfer, some are launching their careers, and others are returning to education after time away. Despite the diverse student body, we all share the need for representation and empowerment in our college. As part of my campaign, I will fight for the interests of both students and the school district. I want to prioritize your demands and suggestions concerning changes at BCC, one significant issue being budget cuts.

I believe my work and volunteer experiences give me a better understanding of working for my community. Throughout my high school years, I have completed 3 internships with the city of Berkeley, each showcasing community engagement and creating meaningful connections. One of my experiences included being a lead intern, managing interns across 5 different work sites. This experience allowed me to dive into my leadership and professional development skills.

If elected as your Senator, I will work to ensure students are well informed, involved, and represented in their respective communities here at BCC. I want to strengthen communication between students and administration, support student initiatives and ideas, and help form a campus environment alongside my elected peers where all students are included and empowered.

**-SALMA MAHMOUD**

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**ASBCC SENATOR**

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I am running for Senator because I want to ensure every student on campus has a voice in how things are operated at Berkeley City College. As a student who has been taking classes here since high school, I have a deep understanding of the challenges we face, and I am dedicated to making our campus a more supportive and inclusive environment for everyone.

**-TAMIN  
SARKER**

**ASBCC SENATOR**



# CANDIDATES FOR PCCD STUDENT TRUSTEE

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This past year I have gained experience in student leadership through serving as a Justice on the Judicial Council at Berkeley City College. Alongside student leadership, I have also gained experience working within public institutions through my time as an intern in the Office of the Berkeley Mayor.

I hope to bring the skills and knowledge I have gained from these roles to the Student Trustee position and work toward addressing the district's \$12 million budget deficit while continuing to advocate for the resources that students across the Peralta colleges need to succeed. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement. I would be honored to earn your vote.

**-HARSHEET SUBEDI**

**PCCD STUDENT TRUSTEE**

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Hi everyone! My name is Jazlyn, and I am running for Student Trustee because I believe every student deserves access to education and the opportunity to succeed. Student voices should be heard and represented with integrity across our district.

One of my main priorities is increasing accessibility to resources and making opportunities more transparent across the district to ensure students feel informed and empowered.

Above all, I will advocate for a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment where every student feels protected and valued. I would be honored to serve and work alongside the student body to build a more connected, accessible, and equitable district for all!

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**-JAZLYN TANDEL**



**PCCD STUDENT TRUSTEE**

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I believe I would make an excellent candidate because I engage with all students, faculty and staff across the District.

I started the first year of my Peralta journey as a journalist for the only student-run publication, The Citizen. Through that, I gained a huge connection and reputation throughout the district. I then ran for Senator for my second year and have done more hands-on work to ensure equality throughout the district with every student's experience.

I am a part of the Unification Taskforce and have been working directly with the district on changes made throughout Peralta while defending all students rights, and calling out injustices to make sure all are treated fairly and are attending student needs.

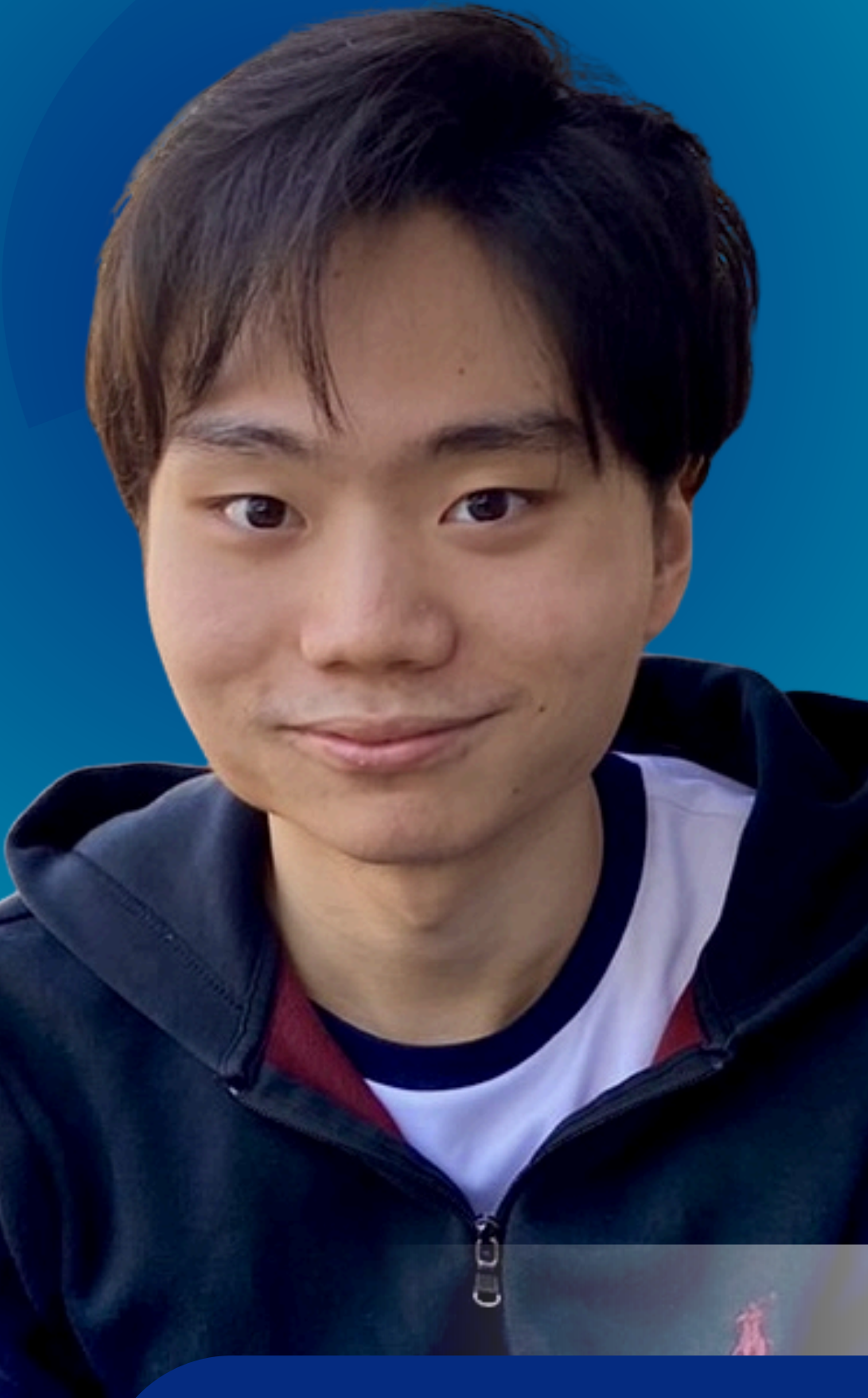
**-KRISTINA HOESSL**

**PCCD STUDENT TRUSTEE**



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As a former communications leader in high school, as well as one of many students who have experienced the challenges of college firsthand, I understand what our community needs. I believe we need more accessible and transparent resources, more personalized support for transfer and working students, and a Peralta Board that actively listens and responds to us.

I will specifically advocate for these four points: expanded basic-needs support, including more frequent free food services and living essentials; increased course enrollment capacity each semester; additional workforce-entry courses for students seeking work experience or entering the workforce directly, and expanded internship opportunities; and a clearer distinction between general academic counselors, dedicated workforce counselors, and dedicated transfer advisors.

**-REY SAITOH**

**PCCD STUDENT TRUSTEE**

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I'm running for Student Trustee to make sure student voices are heard where decisions are being made.

Through leadership in five student organizations, I've organized and advocated for students across campus. I also helped secure a \$550 million settlement through grassroots organizing. As Student Trustee, I will make sure Peralta's students' needs are put first.

**-SANSAR  
CHAULAGAIN**

**PCCD STUDENT TRUSTEE**