



2021 Elections Voter's Guide

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Vote April 12th-16th

Links to your e-ballot will be sent to your individual HSU email once per day until you cast your vote! Voting begins 12am on Monday, April 12th and 11:59pm on Friday, April 16th

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What is Associated Students?

The Associated Students of Humboldt State University is a recognized non-profit corporation and an auxiliary of Humboldt State University. The specific purpose of this corporation is to provide a means for responsible and effective participation in the governance of the campus; provide an official voice through which students' opinions may be expressed; foster awareness of these opinions both on and off campus; assist in the protection of the rights and interests of the individual student and the student body; provide services and programs as deemed necessary by the corporation to meet the needs of the student and campus community; and to stimulate the educational, social, physical, and cultural well-being of the University community.

The Associated Students' services and programs shall be established for the purpose of providing essential activities closely related to, but not normally included as a part of the institutional educational program.

The A.S. Vision

Equity

1. Striving for social and environmental justice
2. Listening to those directly affected by inequity
3. Striving for respect and the understanding of all people

Empowerment

1. Developing student organizers and leaders
2. Providing tools for institutional and policy changes
3. Offering spaces for group and individual empowerment

Well-being

1. Enhancing the livelihood and academic success of the student body
2. Fostering support for personal and community well-being

Write-In Candidates

Additional candidates who have registered as write-in candidates can be found on the A.S. Website at **associatedstudents.humboldt.edu**. There will be a space on the ballot for each position to type their name in.

Only candidates who have registered as write-in candidates will have their votes counted towards being elected for their respective position(s).

Didn't have a chance to file?

If you missed the application deadline to apply for candidacy, not to worry. We will be accepting applications for the Board Advisor positions and any vacancies. Information regarding these positions can be found at

<https://hsu.link/as-descriptions>

Want more information?

Look on the A.S. website **<https://associatedstudents.humboldt.edu>** and follow us on Instagram **[@hsu_as](https://www.instagram.com/hsu_as)**. If you have any concerns or questions regarding A.S. Elections, please contact **as-prehumboldt.edu**.

How does voting in A.S. Elections work?

Executive Officers are elected through "**ranked choice voting**" which is an electoral system used to elect a single winner from a field of more than two candidates. It is a preferential voting system in which the voters rank the candidates in order of preference rather than voting for a single candidate. Here's how it works:

- 1 Ballots are initially distributed based on each elector's first preference.** If a candidate secures more than half the votes cast, that candidate wins. Otherwise, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated.

	 Candidate A	 Candidate B	 Candidate C
1st Choice	100 (43%)	80 (35%)	50 (22%)
2nd Choice	75	90	65

Candidate C received the least amount of votes and would be eliminated.

- 2 Ballots assigned in the eliminated candidate are recounted and assigned to those of the remaining candidates who rank next in order of preference on each ballot.** The process continues until one candidate wins by obtaining more than half the votes.

	 Candidate A	 Candidate B
1st Choice	100 (43%)	80 (35%)
Redistributed 2nd Choice Votes	13	37
Totals	113 (49%)	117 (51%)

- 3 Candidate B wins.** Even though candidate B did not receive the most votes cast in the first round of voting, a majority of voters preferred Candidate B over Candidate A following the distribution of 50 2nd Choice votes available after the elimination of Candidate C.

Representatives are elected through **plurality voting**, in which the candidate with the greatest number of votes wins.

Who elects who?

Executive Officers and At-Large Representatives are voted for and elected by all voters.

Representatives are elected by those they represent. For instance, only members of the College of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences elect their College Representatives. The same goes for the other two colleges of Natural Resources & Sciences, and Professional Studies. Additionally, only graduate students vote for and elect their Graduate Student Representative.

Candidate for President

Jeremiah Finley



My name is Jeremiah Finley, and I am seeking a second term in service as your official student representative and voice to continue the improvement of our student union and protect the change that we have worked for. I often say that Humboldt State has the extraordinary potential to do better and be better, and I still stand firm on that statement. For this potential to be realized it will take persistence, from all corners of the university.

This academic year, students have proven resilient in their studies and unyielding in their activism and advocacy, both jointly and respectively in the face of a global threat. In leadership of the 2020-21 A.S. Board of Directors and chief executive of the Associated Students we have had the privilege of passing agenda setting resolutions & internal constitutional altering legislation. We have called attention to movements at the national, state, and local levels such as Black Lives Matter & Students for Quality Education. In addition, we created a budget model that addresses the controversies of past years budgeting practices and eliminates vulnerabilities of central services, core to the mission of Associated Students and integral to our student population to welcome back student employees to the A.S. family.

Furthermore, we have worked to continue our commitment to create more purposeful spaces here on campus by partnering with university stakeholders, while also working to keep the HSU administration accountable by calling attention to concerning actions regarding our student union. The A.S. Staff, under direction of the chief executive have installed better practices and policies when working with our student staff members, created continual training to aid the Board of Directors, brought assessment to the forefront of internal decision making and recommendations, and expanded the staff capacity to support student run programs in direct response from calls from student workers.

In addition to the support of many other goals, such as, the initiation of request to put into action of the student fee task force report and continual advocacy to provide support for students in the university planning and resources committee I have had the honor of serving you all, as your Student Affairs Vice President, Legislative Affairs Vice President, Chair of the A.S. Board of Directors, and now as your official student representative and voice, President, and I am grateful for the opportunities that I have been afforded through advocating for an activated student body, still, there is much more work to do. The change that we voted to create is not fully realized and I call on you, to ensure that our presidency is not an aberration, but an affirmation of our collective values of transparency, conscious leadership, improvement, and accountability. Thank you all.

Candidate for President

Lizbeth Cano Sanchez



My Dear Humboldt State Community,

We have endured so much and still prepare for so much more that is to come.

Hello my fellow student community, my name is Lizbeth Cano Sanchez. I am a third year student at HSU and I am majoring in Business Administration. I am the daughter of immigrant parents in search of a dream. My parents have worked hard to give me the opportunity to study, they have

been through every long process that brought me, a DACA Dreamer, to HSU. I have truly enjoyed my time at our beautiful institution since I have had the opportunity to view it through different lenses. I arrived at Humboldt State as a freshman excited to run her first cross country race. As I navigated my way through the athletic collegiate world, I also wanted to know who made the rules regarding housing. Thus, I took the steps to become a representative in our Residential Hall Association. I followed my leadership path and it led me to the Associated Students where I previously served as your vice president of administration and as your president. I am thankful for the lenses in which I have been able to view this University and thankful to you for allowing me to serve you thus far.

Our campus is entering an era of change and as it prepares to install it, students' needs must continue being at the forefront. Allow me to present to you the main targets I will set forth. I will lead an AS that will serve as a guide to our student leaders, who better our campus, by working with them in their efforts to gain the funding needed to see the realization of their work. I strongly believe in facilitating student collaboration and access to resources by having a more centralized Student Union. I believe in efforts that uphold the multicultural identity of our campus. I also believe in turning our focus to conversations where students are yet to see any change, like on campus parking. I will work towards fair prices where students aren't charged more than faculty. Lastly, I believe it is time that we come together as a University to formulate a clear process that establishes an official mascot so that if it be the will of the student body to change it, it'd be within clear grasp to do so.

With great joy I look forward to the opportunity of serving our student association by: expanding our student union to enhance our student activity, by allocating funds needed to set forth new ideas, by extending my full support to continue innovating our cultural programs, by holding parties accountable for the current parking prices that negatively affect students, and by setting efforts forward to unify our student body under a mutually agreed university mascot.

Together we can go forward. Together we can rise. I look forward to what we can do, together, as a united student body.

All the positivity your way,
Lizbeth Cano Sanchez

Candidate for Administrative Vice President

David Lopez



Hello my fellow HSU students, it's my second year at HSU and my major is cellular and molecular biology with a minor in chemistry. Some of you may know me as your classmate, others may know me as your previous RA, some of you may not know me at all. What I want you to know is that throughout this past year in every meeting maximizing our sustainable success has been my main focus. I have not been working towards our success alone, but with my fellow board members and the AS staff. Yet the most paramount piece towards our success has been your collaboration and feedback. At the beginning of this academic year you advocated for a funding process for programming through campus. It was with this feedback and criticism we were able to launch the AS Collabs fund and Club Grant. Grants that fund programming events on campus like sustainability speakers and mural projects. Financial assistance didn't stop there, through your activism we were able to lobby on the need for more resources to be allocated towards basic needs. We now see a more robust basic needs funding on our campus with an emphasis on organizations like oh snap and emergency housing programs on campus.

The work that I just laid out could not have been possible without our strong lines of communication. Communication brought on by office hours and emails and public comment all of which I see is the most important part of the administrative vice president role on campus. These are after all, the times I get to hear from you directly.

This collaboration and transparency is going to be vital in this next year. As impactful discussions around a renovated student union, HSUs move towards a polytechnic, and continued efforts toward equity underway I would be honored to be your voice. I pride myself on my open door policy, as any regular attendee to the AS board or finance committee meeting can tell you, I am always available to speak with you. If you ever have any questions or concerns about what I'm doing or what's going on in the AS board please don't hesitate to reach out.

Remember a vote for me is a vote for continued collaboration and transparency in your student organization.

Candidate for Environmental Sustainability Officer

Zeen Vincent



Hello! My name is Zeen Vincent, I am currently an Environmental Studies major with an emphasis in Community Organizing at HSU, and I am running to be the next Environmental Sustainability Officer. I would be so honored to represent the student body as someone who integrates environmental sustainability into my daily life. I believe I would be a great representative because I am involved in and passionate about many things on campus.

Currently, I am a committee member on the A.S. Earth Week Every Week Committee, a member of RHA, Co-President of Southside Council, and I am involved in an Ethnobotanical Mapping project on campus. I will listen to your concerns about environmental issues on campus and work to hold students and the university accountable so that everyone can lead more sustainable lives.

Candidate for Graduate Representative

Josefina Barrantes



Hi, my name is Josefina Barrantes and I'm running for the Graduate Student Representative position. I'm currently the Environmental Sustainability Officer for the A.S. board. I have had a wonderful time representing the student body this past academic year. Some projects that I've worked on in my position are police officer accountability, ethnobotanical mapping for the creation of edible landscapes and the elimination of bottled water on our campus.

I'm in the Environment and Community Dual Degree Program and right now my thesis is working on the political struggles of getting an edible landscape on our campus and how it would help alleviate student hunger.

If I get this position, I will use it to create a graduate program committee. Being in the Environment and Community program I've seen many structural issues within our program including students being harmed by the explicit racism that has been inflicted by affiliated faculty in the program. Unfortunately graduate students suffering silently and not having a pathway to justice in these situations is not uncommon. My goals would be to have an Associated Students committee that has a representative from each graduate program. This would provide graduate students a pathway for reporting and giving input on issues and other inadequacies in their program so that I can consult with proper administration and help mitigate the issue. Thank you for taking the time to read about me! I look forward to continuing the work that I have been doing to serve the student body.

Candidate for At-Large Representative

Giovanni Guerrero



Hello Humboldt State,
My name is Giovanni Guerrero and I am running to be your Student at Large Representative. As your External Affairs Representative this school year, we have made great strides in UPD reform, advocating on behalf of our undocumented students, pushing for further investments into basic needs and much more. I joined Associated

Students because I know what it's like to struggle with basic needs and a lack of support. My mission ever since joining Associated Students has been to uplift student voices and advocate for a better CSU that ensures equitable opportunity and success for all students. I hope to continue to advocate on your behalf to further such missions.
Vote Gio for your Student at Large Representative.

SAMPLE BALLOT

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President

Jeremiah Finley

Lizbeth Cano Sanchez

Administrative Vice President

David Lopez

Environmental Sustainability Officer

Zeen Vincent

At-Large Representatives

Giovanni Guerrero

Graduate Representative (only Graduate Students elect their representative)

Josefina Barrantes

Legislative Vice President (no candidate filed)

Student Affairs Vice President (no candidate filed)

Social Justice and Equity Officer (no candidate filed)

College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Representatives (no candidate filed)

College of Natural Resources and Sciences Representatives (no candidate filed)

College of Professional Studies Representatives (no candidate filed)