



2019-2020 Associated Students Elections Voters Guide

ENDANGERED: STUDENT VOICES ON CAMPUS



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Casting Your Vote: Ranked Choice Voting

HOW IT WORKS

Ranked Choice Voting 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. Ballots are initially distributed based on each elector's first preference.

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. This process continues until one candidate wins by obtaining more than half the votes.

	1st	2nd	3rd
CANDIDATE A			●
CANDIDATE B	●		
CANDIDATE C		●	

CANDIDATE B ✓

CANDIDATE C

If a candidate secures more than half of the votes cast, that candidate wins. Otherwise, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated.

~~CANDIDATE A~~

Ranked Choice Voting has the effect of avoiding split votes and the need for electors to vote "strategically" for candidates who are their first choice. For example, suppose there are two similar part candidates A & B, and a third opposing candidate C, with raw popularity of 35%, 25% and 40% respectively. In a Plurality voting system candidate C may win with 40% of the votes, even though most electors prefer A & B, over the less popular candidate C. Alternatively, voters are pressured to choose the likely stronger candidate of either A or B, despite personal preference for the other, in order to help ensure defeat of C. It is often the resulting situation that candidate A or B would never get to ballot, whereas voters would be presented a two candidate choice. With IRV, the elector can allocate their preferences B, A, C and then A will win despite the split vote in the first choice.



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.

PRESIDENT



YADIRA CRUZ

My name is Yadira Cruz and I'm running for A.S. President. I was born and raised in East Los Angeles. I'm majoring in Criminology and Justice Studies with a minor in Ethnic Studies. I am part of the Criminology and Justice Studies club, the Honor Society Alpha Kappa Delta, and part of the Presidential Search Committee, serving as a representative of all HSU students. If elected, I will advocate for all students of color by addressing the issues that directly impact us like safety on and off campus, while also being critical to the intersectional

ways these issues are experienced across the student body, like food and housing insecurity. I will work hard to set up more effective means of dialogue between students and university administration. Campus discussions should not only occur in times of crisis; we need consistent communication and follow through. When students are called upon to share our thoughts there must be action on the part of university administration. In the three years I have been at HSU there has been unproductive discussion followed by a lack of direct action to

address students' needs. I have prior experience in community organizing and working on and off campus in the surrounding communities. I will dedicate my time to tackling student homelessness and the disconnect between community and campus. I am running for this position because if students want to make institutional changes, we cannot rely solely on the institution to provide those changes for us; as students we must rely on each other and form solid coalitions. If elected, I will hold this position with compassion and integrity. Thank you.

PRESIDENT



PAOLA VALDOVINOS

Joining AS freshman year 2 years and a half ago I thought I had an idea of what I was getting myself into, I knew about what it was like to be a leader and the examples we needed to set for the students. However, I didn't know much of the power we held nor much of what was happening on campus for me to be mad about issues. When I looked at Humboldt coming in I knew this was the school for me, green, cold, and away from home. Perhaps I didn't realize that students from Humboldt are the ones that shine the brightest. To make it in a lonely town that only depresses students and our resources are taken away the further we leave the bay. To live off a budget and deficit that has only brought some programs together to make it. To continue charging students for fees that the University Center and the school alone anticipated for but won't take responsibility for. We

started standing up to these issues last year when football had to be removed in order for this school to survive, if you're wondering what is happening and why no progress has been made is simply because these issues have to be looked at from a bigger picture. Why is there so much assigned time for professors on committees that don't even meet? Why isn't the UC center transparent about where they have invested this money for the past years? Why are we the only campus that practically begs for a student union? Why do our mental health facilities continue to lack to serve our students? I want to create a community of fundraising and tightening our belt on unnecessary expenses our school cannot afford at the moment. I might just be a student but by running for President I will have more voice to hold administration accountable and build bridges of communication and

transparency with them. My priorities being mental health, housing/food insecurity, student safety, school budget (on both AS funded programs and Humboldt state's irrational expenses.) Gaining experience these past years and gaining the confidence to not be that scared unaware freshman I was 2 years ago has motivated me to run for this position. I was legislative vice President and mostly focused on the board as my duty and also focused on my other job to for survival, but I couldn't quite focus on these issues that will be left behind for not having a form of institutional memory that will continue making our AS stronger and not a whole new unaware team with a lot to learn. This being the year that I need to truly stand up for the unrepresented people coming in and educate them on these issues so they know they are not alone or vulnerable. Their voices are our voices!

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT



LIZBETH CANO SANCHEZ

University's leading demographics. I want to be able to give you the opportunity to feel comfortable when it comes to approaching the Associated Students when you have an issue you want to bring up or an exciting proposition you would like to set in place. Therefore, that is also why I ask of you to allow me to be a future representative for you and our community. I want to integrate more diversity in order to be able to serve everyone's voice on campus. I would also like to inform future generations of what AS can do for them and the resources we offer. In addition to my previous goals, my main end goal is to be able to provide programs with as much financial help as they will need for the upcoming semesters. I want to strengthen the connection between all programs and AS. The experience that I count on to help me achieve my goals began

in middle school when I was part of the Assembled Student Body and one of the three leaders that helped put the schools year book together. In my most recent years, I have served my high school by being a three-year member of Key Club International, a club that focuses on carrying out its mission to serve the children of the world. I have established a fashion club at my high school in collaboration with the fashion university known as FIDM Institute. Lastly, I served as captain of my cross country team for three years since I was a sophomore and my Track and Field team for two years. I have strengthened my leadership skills by being part of the California Scholarship Federation which is a state-wide academic honors organization. I also underwent a job training program with the mall known as The Shops at Montebello and informed myself all about their

financial and marketing strategies. I have carried my leadership skills onto college by handling the position of President of The Hill dormitories. In this position, I have been able to work with the Residence Hall Association which takes care of and serves residents with the end goal to make their on-campus living experience an exceptional one. Through this presidential position, I have gained budgeting experience and furthered my event coordinating skills as well as my leadership skills by directing my executive board to meet our goals. I am also part of both the cross country and track and field teams here at HSU which allow me to hear the athletes opinions on issues facing our institution. Thank you so much, I hope you give me this opportunity to serve you.

LEGISLATIVE VICE PRESIDENT



JEREMIAH FINLEY

students here on campus, and that A.S. has a responsibility to promote, provide, and protect all demographics of its students. As your A.S. Legislative Vice President, I would strive to voice the will of students, provide for their needs, and fight for their rights. I would work to understand the many issues that underrepresented students go through, and would seek out and fight against discrimination of all kinds, at all levels. But, most importantly I believe that with students help, we will be able to eliminate the root and branch of alienation to provide a safe space here at HSU. As for my previous experience in public service/leadership, I served as the 2016-18 Treasurer

for my highschool club, What's Mine is Yours. While there, we created ways for student's families who were struggling to purchase clothes and school supplies, by providing them for free. This past summer I was able to volunteer at the United Community Action Network, where I would help organize events for the youth of our neighborhood. This year, I have had the privilege to serve as the 2018-19 Cypress Council President. In this role, my council members and I were able to put on many great programs each designed to help the residents, such as self-care events, like Elf-Care, and Cypress Gaming Extravaganza. Next year if elected your 2019-20 A.S. Legislative

Vice President I would focus heavily on reducing the disconnect between students, staff, faculty and ensuring that students needs are fairly represented. Associated Students has the ability to shape history here at HSU, we need to make sure that the people at the helm are those that understand the issues, and want positive progressive change. I know that Humboldt State has the potential to be better, more inclusive, and safer for all of us. This is why I am running to be your Associated Students Legislative Vice President. Thank you.

My name is Jeremiah Finley, I am running to be your A.S. Legislative Vice President. I believe that Associated Students is a megaphone for all

STUDENT AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT

To those who may not know me, I am Breannah Rueda. I am a first semester transfer student from Stockton California. I chose to come to Humboldt because I fell in love with the scenery, the community, and atmosphere. Since transferring to HSU, I have made a strong effort to be involved. I joined the Associated Students Public Relations Committee and Lobby Corps, and am the President of Cypress Council. Being involved has given me a better understanding of how the University operates and how one person can truly make a difference.

Change is necessary for the University to be able to support its students. Issues like parking, housing insecurity, and diversity need more effort and policy change. HSU deserve to be a place students have nostalgia after graduation. HSU should be a place where anyone will be safe and comfortable. With these vision in mind, I believe I would serve you well as the Associated Students Board Representative/Executive Officer. My current positions within Associated Students and Residence Life have given me the experience to serve as a board mem-

ber/executive officer. I am self-driven and determined, as seen by the many initiatives I have taken within my first semester. As a student, I am empathetic towards my fellow peers and strive to create new solutions to help solve many of the issues that plague the students. Being involved in Associated Students is a way for me to be a voice for you. I hope to create a better atmosphere for my peers. Thank you for this amazing opportunity and I can't wait to make a difference for the school and for ourselves



BREANNAH
RUEDA

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENCES REPRESENTATIVE

As your College of Natural Resources and Sciences (CNRS) Representative, I will be the liaison between the students of CNRS and the rest of the student body. I am going to be a 4th year student, studying Wildlife Management and Conservation. With my substantive experiences taking classes within other departments in CNRS and having been your representative last year, I feel like I have gotten to know many of you, and in the next year want to further my outreach. I have been your CNRS student representative as part of Associated Students for the past 2018-19 school year. During this time, I have served on multiple committees, reached out to students and student clubs, and held leadership roles in other parts of

campus. I am an active member and liaison with the Residence Housing Association, and have acted committee board member for the past three years. I have experience with taking upper division classes as a Junior and completing my GE's can relate with you to the difficulty of these classes. Through my current position as your CNRS Representative and as a student leader in my own right, I am active with the current discussions between administration, faculty, and students. I believe my voice can be used as a moderation during such discussions, speaking up for students to convey their message. Ultimately, I will help change Humboldt State to better serve students. There needs to be more communication on an administrative level to assist students,

especially in regard to academics. As a Science major, you have undertaken a challenging endeavor to complete a degree that will be difficult every step of the way. As your representative in this coming school year, I want you to communicate your needs with me. If you have issues in your classes or with your scheduling, I will help you with locating the resources needed to help you succeed. I remember as a lowerclassmen comparing my progress to my peers and feeling overwhelmed by my classes. It made me realize that attending Humboldt State University is important to me and my journey through life. It helped me remember the reasons I chose to come here in the first place. I want to encourage you to reach out to me as a resource to help you succeed in your major and in life,



SARAH
KANGA LIVINGSTONE

no matter the course of sciences you choose to become involved with. Thank you for considering to reelect me, Sarah Kanga Livingstone, as your incumbent A.S. CNRS Representative.

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENCES REPRESENTATIVE

I transferred to Humboldt State two years ago and I am currently working towards a forestry degree with a restoration concentration. Throughout these past two years I have built relationships with many peers throughout the CNRS, and hope to make more connections before graduation. Getting the most out of college is important and, to me, that means helping out wherever and whenever I can. From my time as the Natural Resources Club secretary, I have been able to spend my weekends doing ecological restoration work. In the

past, I have tutored fellow students, and in my free-time I'm currently coaching high school students in plant identification. I see this opportunity as another way to assist my fellow CNRS students in their academic and professional pursuits. Our advisors are there for us and are meant to ensure we get the most of our education and extracurriculars at Humboldt State, I firmly believe the same is true for our representatives. As your representative, I will strive to interact with as many you as possible because hearing the diversity of voices

and views held by my classmates matters a lot to me. Similarly, I will also work to promote camaraderie between the many departments within the CNRS as most of us will be working side-by-side after college. You all have a voice and deserve to be heard, and I will always be more than happy to listen. Thank you, and I look forward to being your next College of Natural Resources & Sciences representative.



WILL
WEINBERG

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES REPRESENTATIVE

Being a Latinx lesbian woman, it has been a continuous tug of war between the system we as a society have built. Being a college representative is more than a title, it is being given the responsibility to be a voice WITH students. Connecting with students is essential because we understand to an extent, the feeling of struggle. This skill is difficult to obtain through textbooks and being given this opportunity, I am able to further expand the use of understanding with empathy

and strength to overcome the issues at hand. I want to work with organizations on campus to create a better policy system regarding limited excuse absences. Emotional and physical health should be taken seriously. If one's basic needs are not being met due to emotional or physical health then they should not be penalized for their absence. This position will bring forth opportunities I could not have imagined but also bring to light the need to stop ignoring our realities.

Being involved in Associated Students will allow my continuing advocacy for LGBTQ+ rights, student basic needs, and work with students who carry that same fire of advocacy. We are silenced by those that are filled with their own guilt because they understand the extra mile many must take to reach their goals. This position is a space for great minds and even more similar experiences. Our future depends on the continuing voices of the minorities.



MARIA
SANCHEZ

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY OFFICER

My name is Malluli Cuéllar, phonetically it's my-yoo-lee kway-yar, and I am running for Associated Students to push the student experience to the forefront. I currently sit on the executive board of the housing council, Canyon Crew, as the treasurer and social media coordinator. My job as an executive board officer has been first and foremost to be a representative for the resident voice and their needs. Apart from organizing events for the enjoyment of our residents, I am proud of our menstrual product philanthropic project. As a council, we have been diligently working on providing both mainstream brand, organic, and reusable menstrual products (pads, tampons, and panty liners) for our residents. My work for Canyon Crew has predominantly been focused on the Canyon residence halls, but I hope to expand onto campus-wide change and improvement through

Associated Students. The student population actively pays fees to attend this institution and I believe that those funds must be used in a manner that represents our needs. The institution must serve us. The Associated Students 2019 General Elections slogan has been, "The student voice is endangered. Run for office to protect it." and that is precisely what I plan on doing. I am from a city located approximately 50 minutes away from Los Angeles by the name of Riverside, and approximately 80.25% of our student population doesn't identify as locals. The culture that Arcata holds can be incomprehensibly different from that of the place we all respectively call home. A significant aspect of building a quality student experience here at Humboldt is building a sense of community amongst our students. I value inclusivity highly and I will be using my posi-

tion as a resident advisor and preview plus host to build a sense of community within the housing department, but I hope to build a home away from home with all of the students attending Humboldt. This "home" I strive to build will be safer, inclusive, and resourceful. We deserve secure housing options, a housing market that does not reap the benefits of the current monopoly found within off-campus housing options, health services we are not dissuaded from using such as STD testing (even if we haven't shown any symptoms), and a campus where we feel safe walking from one end to the other. The first step is to voice that we do indeed believe we deserve such things. Allow me to be this voice porque querer es poder (where there's a will there's a way).



MALLULI
CUÉLLAR

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NO DECLARED CANDIDATES

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES REPRESENTATIVE
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER
AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE
GRADUATE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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The purpose of the Humboldt State University Center, Board of Directors is to provide students of Humboldt State University with services, conveniences, and amenities requisite to the daily life of the campus. These services, conveniences, and amenities will also be provided to the campus consisting of faculty, administrators, staff and alumni, guests of the student body or campus community, as well as the general public, as long as such provisions will result in direct or indirect benefits to the students of Humboldt State University. Should conflicts arise between the aforementioned service groups, priority shall be given to students, campus community members, and the general public in descending order.

Opportunities to experience and grow in areas outside of the academic classroom are provided through organized recreational, cultural, and educational offerings; the bookstore, dining services, and other support operations and facilities. The overall purpose of the Humboldt State University Center, Board of Directors is the development of persons as well as intellects.

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UNIVERSITY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hello, my name is Jeremiah Finley, and I am running to be your U.C. Board Student-At-Large Representative for the 2019-20 academic school year. I am currently the A.S. Student Affairs Vice President, and my position sits as an ex-officio member of the University Center. Jumping into this position mid-semester, and seeing all the programs that The University Center is supporting I began realizing that the U.C. possess the ability, to shape the everyday life of a

student. The University Center is the umbrella organization for our day to day services, to name a few, Dining Services, such as J Dining, and the Student Recreation Center. These organizations deal heavily with student employees, and if elected to be your Student-At-Large Rep, I would work to ensure that students social, and financial needs are met. The University Center is the pulse, and the students are at the heart of the campus, the policies that we implement should reflect that. If The University Center is the pulse of

campus, with students at the heart, I'd like to work to redefine current policies to show our students how much the U.C. can do for them.



JEREMIAH
FINLEY

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**THURSDAY
APRIL
11TH**

Candidate Forums

Do you have questions for the people running to be your leaders? Attend a candidate forum and share your questions, thoughts, and concerns. Candidates will be available to answer questions at two forums on the following days and times:

Thursday, April 11th

Monday, April 15th

Both candidate forums will be held at noon in the UC Quad

**MONDAY
APRIL
15TH**

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SAMPLE BALLOT

PRESIDENT (vote for one)

Yadira Cruz
Paola Valdovinos

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Lizbeth Cano Sanchez

LEGISLATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Jeremiah Finley

STUDENT AFFAIRS VICE PRESIDENT

Breannah Rueda

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

No declared candidates

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY OFFICER

Malluli Cuéllar

COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions available)

No declared candidates

COLLEGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES & SCIENCES REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions available)

Sarah Kanga Livingstone
Will Weinberg

COLLEGE OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions available)

Maria Sanchez

AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVE (2 positions available)

No declared candidates

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE (1 position available)

No declared candidates

UC BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1-year term: 2 positions available)

Jeremiah Finley

VOTE: APRIL 16-18