MEET YOUR ASG CANDIDATES FOR THE 2016-2017 ELECTION

Daron Woods – Running for President

If elected ASG President, I will to continue to advocate for City College students on the local, state, and national levels. As college students we are all pursuing an education to try to better ourselves, and I hope to use my platform to help students achieve their goals. We all know that many students at the Community College level never finish their studies, often due to financial issues or external social pressures. This is particularly true for students of color, students with disabilities, first-generation students, and LGBTQI students. As a student of color I can personally attest to this. As ASG President, I will advocate to further develop our campus as a place where diversity is treasured, and seen not as a hindrance but as empowering. City College students all have to face one obstacle or another, and it would be my job as President to make sure we have the best shot at getting our education. In addition to advocacy, I hope to plan many more fun, engaging, and relevant events in which our students can participate. So vote for me for ASG President. I can’t wait to see all that we can accomplish together!

Suma Massaley – Running for Vice President

I want to become the Associated Students Government Vice President. I believe that I am serving the Senate and I have served City College well. I only wish to continue this passion by staying in the A.S.G and becoming the one that will actively represent all students. Most of all, I want to work closely to our student body. I want to make awareness of the unique opportunities City College has to offer its students. I plan to improve Leadership on campus by making sure every student at City College knows that the Associated Students Government is here to serve and represent their voices. Over all, at district and local level, I plan to actively represent City College by adhering to all complaints, and open a room for improvement at San Diego City College. This dream can only be accomplished if I have all of you support. I am here to serve and I intend to make that the main goal.

Allison Santana – Running for Secretary

I understand that the position I am planning to run for is an execute position; therefore, it requires a lot of time and special dedication in order to be carried correctly. I will make sure to follow the requirements and meeting times that come with the position and try to do my best in order to carry the obligations of secretary of the student body. I am also aware of the fact that being part of the executive office means that I would be representing the entire population of students at the San Diego City College campus, therefore presentation is very important in order to portray a good image of our campus. I am a student with good ethics who is aware of the importance of having a voice, and the position I am trying to run for would allow students to be aware of the different subjects being addressed by the Associated Student Government. I believe I would be a great asset for the San Diego City College Associated Students Government. My versatility in academics would help me keep up with my classes and school activities without interrupting my active involvement in the ASG. I believe I have everything it takes to carry the responsibilities, and special tasks that come with the position of Secretary of the San Diego City College A.S.G. and I also believe I will represent our campus in a good way, and fulfill all the requirements and responsibilities that come with this position.
**Claudia Robles – Running for Public Relations**

As your future Public Relations Officer, I will advocate for your rights as a community college student to obtain justice regarding our common social issues, including academic motivation, mental health challenges, obstacles, and collaborative relationships among students to faculty and administrators. I will highlight our community spirit from successes we’ve accomplished as a whole. I will value my peers and will work hard to ensure this college remains suitable to your needs and wants. As a former Senator for ASG, I’m familiar with the variety of responsibilities, and joined Budget Committees, which allows me to advocate for all students. I’m also very familiar with the Inter-Club Council, which enables me to openly communicate with many clubs and plan events. I was part of Associated Student Body as Secretary for my high school’s government and a Peer Mentor-Advocate for Tennyson High School, where I worked to remove fear students’ felt for asking for help regarding their educational goals. Being a full-time student and full-time worker at San Diego City College, I understand that maintaining a minimal grade point average is challenging on top of everything that pertains to studying. ASG is where getting involved around campus is helpful, because you network around your peers and formulate strategies to build each other up to succeed together and achieve common goals to graduate and/or transfer. I understand the many struggles and courage and dedication it takes to be successful. We, as City College students, can be empowered to use college resources around us and take advantage of every single pathway to success. I will voice your opinions and concerns, and advocate for long-term solutions to make every single student succeed. Vote for Claudia P. Robles II as your 2016—2017 Public Relations Officer!

**Mariana Longoria – Running for Public Events Coordinator**

My name is Mariana Longoria, and I am a candidate for the election of the Associated Students Board of Directors at San Diego City College running for Public Events Coordinator. Being a new student at City College, I feel the need to get involved with the school and community. I believe it is a benefit to be involved with ASG because I am able to stay informed with events, meetings, and information that is provided from the student government to the student body. I also believe that this opportunity will help me with my future. I would be able to have better knowledge if what it is like to work for a small community, such as City College. I would also be able to apply what I learn from my position to my major, which is International Business. I believe to be uniquely qualified for Public Events Coordinator because I possess the experience and personality that is needed to be able to communicate with the public. I have previously been a Swim Lessons Coordinator and have been part of my hometown’s community by participating in city events. I have also participated in my high school’s leadership and yearbook committees and have participated in all events my committees have put up. I understand this position will be challenging, but I will like the opportunity to enhance my skills and knowledge so I can be able to apply them outside of my surroundings. If I am elected Public Events Coordinator, I will apply all I know and all I am taught to this position and provide positive results to the community, student government, and student body. I would enjoy to take-in all I can from this experience and provide a difference to the ASG.
Samantha Ruiz – Running for Public Events Coordinator

This is my second year attending and San Diego City College & I am working hard to obtain an Associate Degree in Business Administration. This will allow me to become the first female generation in my family graduating from college. My next step is transferring out of state to Portland State University in Oregon, where I plan on working hard to obtain a Business Management and Leadership Bachelor of Science Degree, as well as an Entrepreneurship Certificate. After completing my educational goals, I plan working step by step to open and my own Granite and Marble installation business. Becoming the Public Events Coordinator for the ASG is such an essential step towards my career because it will allow me to grow as a business woman and will help me enhance/apply my organizational skills and my abilities to negotiate with others. I believe that this position fits my personality so well because I am one who enjoys starting projects from scraps and working my way to a successful completion. Yet, I am not restricting myself to only doing Public Event coordination. I believe that as a student and staff member of City College, if students have opinions, concerns, or thoughts concerning our campus, their voices should be heard. I will make sure to communicate them so that real solutions can be decided and completed. To me it is important that students are united and help each other out.

Veronica Gaeta – Running for Health, Safety & Environmental Officer

Hello I am Veronica Gaeta. I am currently attending City to complete an Associate of Science. I am very passionate and dedicated to learning. As a student Aide in the Cosmetology department it is a pleasure for me to assist fellow students in furthering their education. As a resident of downtown and a member of the City College community I advocate strongly for The Downtown Clean and Safe Partnership. This Non-Profit Organization helps improve the downtown neighborhoods and the streets surrounding our school. It would be an honor to represent and advocate for my fellow knowledge seekers in the aspects of health, safety and our college environment. If chosen as Health, Safety, and Environment Officer I shall do my best in using resources available to me to be able to promote these topics in a positive way and give the student body an easy access to voice their ideas and opinions in these regards.

Ignacio Hernandez – Running for Senator

If I were to be elected as a Senator for the upcoming 2016-2017 academic year, I will focus on reaching out to more students than ever before done so, spreading awareness of the different campus safety, promoting that we are a campus that works for Peace Justice environment, and promoting who ASG is and what they do for the entire student body. By reaching out to more students, I refer to widening the survey program by possibly adding a social app or link to a website onto our ASG website where more students can insert their input on what is being surveyed at the moment and other additional comments and/or concerns. This will not only facilitate the job for us the Senate of going out to collect surveys on a one to one basis but for more students who can’t be reached during certain times and days to also have the opportunity to share their voices and ideas as students and staff. By spreading awareness of the different campus safety procedures that are available to students for free, City College will definitely feel like much more of a safer environment to more students while arriving, attending, or leaving campus. For an instance, remembering that students can always reach out to the campus police department which is opened 24/7 all year long at no charge. Also, pairing up with a friend or classmate is highly recommended which more than half of students I see walking around campus aren’t doing. This is beneficial to enhance each other’s comfort level, safety risk, and vulnerable to those wanting to commit unlawful actions.