

# Spring 2016 Candidate Guide

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# Student Body President

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## **Candidates:**

Hannah Wimberly

Jason Simank

Kevin Flavin

# Hannah Wimberly

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Body President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

SGA Chief of Staff

Council for the Built Environment – 2015-2016

SGA Vice President of Public Relations – 2014-2015

Class Councils – 2013-2016

Maroon Out Head Director – 2015-2016

Class Councils Ambassador – 2015-2016

Maroon Out Inventory Director – 2014-2015

Fish Camp Counselor, Camp Schwertner – 2014

Buck Weirus Spirit Award Winner – 2015

## Platform Synopsis

I plan to: collaborate with Student Senate & University Administration to ensure that students are accurately represented in issues that come before the Texas Legislature in 2017. I will work to improve student services. This includes dining, transportation, and football ticket pull. As the campus master plan is revisited, I will remain a strong advocate for a student-friendly campus. Lastly, I will work tirelessly to foster an environment that celebrates the diversity of the Aggie family.

# Jason Simank

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Body President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy,

My name is Jason Simank and I am a junior Industrial Distribution major from Corpus Christi, Texas. I am excited to announce my candidacy as Student Body President for the 2016-2017 academic year. I credit my pursuit of service to those who have instilled in me such examples of human kindness and grace. It is through these relationships, my family, and my faith where I find the passion and calling to be a representative of this Aggie family. Throughout my time at Texas A&M, I have developed my skills in leadership by serving as the National Big Event Coordinator, Student Affairs officer for PAID, and heading the Parents Weekend Committee for my fraternity, FIJI.

## Platform Synopsis

Protecting our Traditions:

Our deep rooted, time-honored traditions like Muster, Silver Taps, Bonfire Remembrance, Elephant Walk, and Ring Dance are the backbone of this university, and the glue that holds the student body together. As Student Body President, I will fight to increase attendance at our most sacred traditions. I will work with student leaders all across that make up the student body to ensure our traditions stay strong for the next generation of students.

Protecting our Students:

The current speed limit on University Drive is 40mph. Research shows that a person hit at 40 miles per hour has an 85% chance of death.

# Senior Yell Leader

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## **Candidates:**

Carter Hunt

Chris Wilder

Evan Bakkal

James Pace

Josh Sutton

Kaitlyn McCain

Kevin Ivey

Patrick Lewis

Rhett Kruger

Spencer Old

Viona Vraniqi

# Chris Wilder

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Senior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

- Junior Yell Leader (2015-2016)
- Ross Volunteer Company
- Brotherhood of Christian Aggies
- Fish Camp
- MSC Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow (A LOT)
- Corps of Cadets – Company H-1

## Platform Synopsis

If elected, I hope to use my experience gained in the last year of serving as a Junior Yell Leader to provide leadership to the net group of Yell Leaders to serve Texas A&M. I hope to engage and work with other student leaders across campus, educate future students on the incredible endeavor of attending Texas A&M, and serve as an ambassador of the Aggie Spirit.

# Evan Bakkal

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Senior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Evan Bakkal. Electrical Engineering. Rockwall, Texas.

“How would I describe myself? Three words: Hardworking, Alpha-male, Jackhammer... Merciless... Insatiable...”

## Platform Synopsis

- I do not believe that spending large amounts of money is an indicator of how dedicated I am to serving this University
- Yes, I am serious about running for Yell Leader. I paid \$20 to be on the ballot. Why would I waste my own money?
- I am just as unqualified as the rest of the candidates



# James Pace

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Senior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is James Pace and I am a junior University Studies – Ag Leadership major from Comfort! I am a third generation Aggie. My grandfather was class of '45, my father was class of '72, and my brothers were classes of '11 and '14. Like all of them, I am a member of the Corps of Cadets in Company E-1. I am also involved with Parsons Mounted Cavalry and the Corps of Cadets baseball team!

## Platform Synopsis

If elected to senior yell, I would like to spread the undying love that all Aggies share for Texas A&M by: honoring those who have come before us, respecting those who are here with us today, and praying for all future Ags to come.

# Josh Sutton

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Senior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

I grew up just north of Pittsburgh, PA, and enlisted in the United States Army after high school, dedicated to serving my country and protecting freedom for all. During those six years I met my wife while stationed in Savannah, GA, and her entire family introduced me to the Spirit of Aggieland. It has been my passion to share this spirit ever since. From welcoming students as a Fish Camp Counselor, sharing my experiences as a Marron Coat, serving the community as a Ross Volunteer, and helping fellow veterans transition as a member of Delta Company in the Corps of Cadets, it has been my goal to make others feel as welcome here as I have.

## Platform Synopsis

Through my time at Texas A&M, I have come to love this University, its core values, and how understanding of my differences everyone has been. People have been so accepting and have made me feel like I've always belonged to the Aggie family. My unique background and experiences offer an opportunity to show the diversity in our student population. If someone as non-traditional as myself can be welcomed, then I want to share that experience and embody those values in representing the University and its students to both the state and nation as a Senior Yell Leader.

# Kaitlyn McCain

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Senior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! I am an Early Childhood Education major from North Richland Hills, TX. I am a first generation college student and Aggie, and I chose A&M because I fell in love with the traditions and history. I think my favorite tradition is maybe the silliest one, which is putting pennies on Sully for good luck. I feel so blessed to be here and have had my younger Singing Cadet brother, James, join me here this year as a Freshman, as he is my best friend! I have two amazing parents and an ever-growing relationship with Jesus Christ, which I am thankful for every day.

## Platform Synopsis

I am running for Yell Leader because I love the feeling of unity and family that we all feel when doing the yells. I want to be the face of that family and unity, and to show other first generation Aggies and college students that you don't have to be a second or third generation Aggie to be elected into the Yell Leaders. I also want to encourage women who may be too apprehensive about running for student government that it IS possible and that there's more support out there for us than we think. Last of all, I just want to give back to the university that has given me so much.

# Rhett Kruger

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Senior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

My name is Rhett Kruger, and I am an Economics major from Austin, Texas. I am a second generation Aggie and I've been visiting Aggieland my entire life. This means that I have been able to experience what it means to belong to the Aggie Family for as long as I can remember. My experience as a member of the Aggie family came to fruition, however, when I stepped foot on campus. It is here that I have grown into the man I am today. It is here that I came to know Jesus Christ as my savior and it is here that I have become part of something much bigger than me.

## Platform Synopsis

As a Senior Yell Leader, I seek to achieve three very simple goals. First, I want to be an ambassador for Texas A&M University, showing others that the Aggie family is something special that cannot be found elsewhere. Second, I want to help unite the 12<sup>th</sup> man in such a way that everyone who is affiliated with A&M can experience the bond of the Aggie family like I have in my time here. Most importantly, I want to promote the truth that nothing in this world can unify people like the name Jesus Christ. I am humble and honored to have this opportunity and I thank you for your support.

# Spencer Old

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Senior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**

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## Biography or Resume

- Ross Volunteer Company
- Old Army Gentleman's Society (Ol' AGS)
- Fish Camp
- Aggie Muster Host 2015
- Corps of Cadets – Company D-2

## Platform Synopsis

If elected Senior Yell Leader, I want to be able to work with student leaders and new student programs to find innovative ways to extend the Aggie Family to all students whether they are on Blinn Team, A&M Galveston, or our partner schools.

# Viona Vraniqi

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Senior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

The second I stepped foot on this campus, I knew it was where I was supposed to be – home. In my time here I've been privileged and blessed to be involved in different organizations such as Fish Camp, Class Councils, Aggie Belles, and Muster. These experiences have truly made me realize just how much love and passion for this university and Aggie family I have burning inside of me. I am running for Yell Leader because Texas A&M has given more to me than I could ever express, and pursuing this position would allow me to serve it and the 12<sup>th</sup> Man in the most humbling way.

## Platform Synopsis

My platform focuses heavily on the tradition of a Yell Leader and the voice of the 12<sup>th</sup> Man. To me, the tradition of a Yell Leader that I have looked up to the former yell leaders for, is an individual who is so passionate about serving this university that they would do anything in their power to exude and preserve the Spirit and tradition that makes us special, represent and unify the student body through our core values, and be someone that all Aggies can 100% trust to fulfill this role. I want this election to be about passion, Spirit, and merit. I want the entire 12<sup>th</sup> Man's voices to be heard.

# Junior Yell Leader

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## **Candidates:**

Chase Keeland

Cooper Cox

Ian Moss

Joshua Duke

Kenny Dao

# Chase Keeland

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Junior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Chase Keeland, I am a Sophomore here at Texas A&M, and I am running for Junior Yell Leader. Ever since I was a young kid, I knew I wanted to be an Aggie, and coming to Texas A&M has been the most impactful decision of my life. As a student, I have served as a Fish Camp counselor, and been involved with organizations such as College Republicans and Sophomores Advancing In Leadership. Through my experiences here, I have grown immensely as a person, and developed friendships with fellow Aggies that will last a lifetime.

## Platform Synopsis

Being a Yell Leader is all about serving the student body, and I want to serve you. I want to represent each and every Aggie from every part of our campus with the same dedication and unwavering values as those who have served previously as Yell Leaders. However, I want to extend the reach of this position, and serve in capacities that will grow the amazing influence of the 12<sup>th</sup> Man. As Yell Leader, I will uphold the traditions and spirit of Texas A&M, and the commitment to selfless service that every Aggie holds in their hearts.



# Cooper Cox

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Junior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Cooper Cox and I am a sophomore Construction Science major from Houston, Texas. I am also a member of the Corps of Cadets in Squadron 17. Most importantly, I am a proud member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2018.

My path to A&M was quite different than most. I did not grow up going to Midnight Yells and Aggie games with my family. I had some extended family come here, yet I was not raised an Aggie. My dad graduated from Texas State, and my mom is a graduate of t.u. She is the one who came with me on my first college visit here.

## Platform Synopsis

If blessed to serve this next year as a Junior Yell Leader, I promise to strive with my entire heart to show everyone that it is the students who make Texas A&M so special and so unique. It is my desire for every student at Texas A&M to make the most of his or her time here.

# Ian Moss

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Junior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Ian Moss and I am a 5 for Yell candidate for Junior Yell Leader. I grew up in an Aggie home with my three sisters, as both of my parents attended Texas A&M University. I am in the Corps of Cadets, Company E-2. My freshman year I was involved in MSC FISH and my sophomore year I was blessed with the position of Mascot Corporal. As Mascot Corporal, I am entrusted, along with the other members of E-2, with the daily care and responsibilities of Reveille IX. I have seen the effect first hand that these traditions at Texas A&M have on each individual, and it truly is one of a kind. As soon as I walk into a room with Miss Rev, the entire atmosphere changes.

## Platform Synopsis

If elected, I want to create a sense of belonging and importance for each individual. As Reveille connects with everyone in a room, I want to be able to make each individual feel special and feel like they belong here at Texas A&M while creating memories that will last a life time. I want to make this spirit contagious for those who cannot understand it and bond the student body together in a way that can't be explained. It is my main priority to give every student I interact with an overwhelming sense of pride and honor for this school and its student body.

# Joshua Duke

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Junior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Joshua Duke and I am a sophomore mechanical engineering major from San Antonio, Texas. I am a first generation Aggie so I wasn't truly able to experience what Texas A&M had to offer until I got here. In high school I made several visits to campus and fell in love with the traditions and spirit that surround this place. Throughout my time here I have been able to see the power that the Aggie Spirit has to bring people together through my involvement on campus.

## Platform Synopsis

What I love about Texas A&M is the sense of family we have despite being such a large and diverse campus. We have gone through many changes as a university, but what stays constant is our undying Aggie Spirit. As Junior Yell Leader, my goal is to foster that spirit and instill it in each and every student here at Texas A&M. Whether it be through leading yells on the field or a friendly "howdy" in passing on campus. I want to be a reminder of what it means to be an Aggie, and create a sense of community on campus that separates us from every other university.

# Kenny Dao

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Junior Yell Leader

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Kenny Dao and I', a sophomore Marketing major from Garland, TX. I am a first generation Aggie, and in my time at Texas A&M, I've been blessed to partake in organizations such as MSC A LOT (Memorial Student center Aggie Leaders of tomorrow), PhilSA (Philippine Student Association), Fish Camp, and ARO (Aggies Reaching Out). Within these organizations, I have met wonderful people and created my own Aggie family.

## Platform Synopsis

I am running for Yell Leader because when I recall seeing the ell Leaders for the first time at Fish Camp, I remember their passion for this university. Not only o I want to spread my passion for this school to the student body, but also I want to inspire others to run for student-elected positions. Moreover, I believe that the ell Leader position should not only reflect the diversity of the student body, but also represent where A&M is heading. Change shouldn't be about breaking down the foundations of tradition – It's about staring at that mighty wall and deciding where to add another brick.

# RHA President

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## **Candidates:**

Bryan McBride

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** RHA President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

My name is Bryan McBride and I am a Junior GIST Major from Longview, Texas. Living on campus for three years in the heart of the Aggie experience is what I enjoy most. I had the privilege to step up into the role as President mid-semester, which allowed me to gain more knowledge to serve others and to work with a dedicated team. I am asking for your vote to continue as President for RHA as we unite the on campus community and live at the heart of the Aggie experience!

## Platform Synopsis

My ultimate goal is to be there for residents and to unite the on campus community with Residential Housing Association (RHA)! I would also seek out connections to other organizations across campus to get more combined programs. I strongly believe that the stronger connection we have with every organization on campus the better the Aggie experience.

# RHA Vice President

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## **Candidates:**

Lauren Pechon

# Class of 2017 Class Agents

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## Candidate Groups:

Caroline Matlock, Joseph Hood, Eric A Williams,  
Kyle Grover, Findley McIntyre

Dan Rosenfield, Elizabeth Hoelscher, Dalton Harris,  
Claire Wimberly, Albert Saenz

Cory Rodriguez, Mike Rauch, Morgan Anderson,  
Ross Bodeker, Taylor Stephens



**Caroline Matlock, Eric Williams, Findley McIntyre, Joseph Hood, Kyle Grover**

**Class Year:** 2017

**Candidate For:** Class of 2017 Class Agents

**Caucus (if Applicable):**



## **Biography or Resume**

Caroline Matlock

Major: Genetics and Biochemistry

Hometown: Bellaire, TX

Assistant Director and Vice Chair: MSC Aggie Leaders of Tomorrow

Philanthropy Chair: Aggie Shields

Delegate, Small Group Leader: MSC Lead Spencer Leadership Conference

Intramural Scorekeeper (Rec Sports)

Counselor: Fish Camp

## **Platform Synopsis**

Howdy! Our names are Caroline Matlock, Eric Williams, Findley McIntyre, Joseph Hood, and Kyle Grover, and we are running to be your Class Agents to encompass the spirit and diversity of the Class of 2017. Although we may not know each of you individually, through our involvement we represent our class well. As your Class Agents, we look forward to getting to be an even larger part of your Aggie Family and supporting each of you in the good times as well as the bad. Each of us has a passion for Texas A&M and the drive to make the experience better for all Ags: past, present, and future.

**Dan Rosenfield, Elizabeth Hoelscher, Dalton Harris, Claire Wimberly, Albert Saenz**

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Class of 2017 Class Agents

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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### **Biography or Resume**

Howdy! We are proud to be running to be your 2017 Class Agents. Coming from a variety of experiences within leadership roles here at Texas A&M, our team offers unique insight into the Class of 2017. We have impacted our extended Aggie community through Fish Camp and The Big Event. We have preserved tradition through Class Councils and the Corps of Cadets. We have seen the remarkable power of the Aggie Family in collaboration with our classmates and campus administration.

### **Platform Synopsis**

If given the opportunity to serve our class, we will ensure the accurate implementation of our Class Gift, commit to a lifetime of connecting students to Texas A&M, and constantly find ways for the Texas A&M Class 2017 to make an impact on Aggies for generations to come. We are well suited to fulfill these roles due to the experience that we all possess, and the positive connections that we have already established with the Association of Former Students.

**Cory Rodriguez, Mike Rauch, Morgan Anderson, Ross Bodeker, Taylor Stephens**

**Class Year:** 2017

**Candidate For:** Class of 2017 Class Agents

**Caucus (if Applicable):**



## **Biography or Resume**

We believe this team represents the unique character and diversity of the Class of 2017. Our involvement in traditions Council first brought us together, but our love and passion for the Aggie Spirit is what unites us. We each represent a different academic college, however we have realized that this university has so much more to offer you outside of the classroom. Our team has cumulatively been involved in over 25 on-campus organizations – each of which has taught us valuable lessons and provided us skills to succeed throughout our lives.

## **Platform Synopsis**

Although our time as students will eventually come to a close, we want to maintain the bond of camaraderie that the Class of 2017 has cultivated during our time here to last a lifetime. Our team has a passion for the fine traditions and values that this university has instilled upon us. We encompass such a wide spectrum of interests, majors, and organizational involvements that we feel we are uniquely fit to accurately portray the diversity of this class to The Association of Former Student's Leadership Council.

# Class of 2017 Class President

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## **Candidates:**

Claire Mikita

Claire Wimberly

Kate Langston

Mad Nobles

Pearson Garnett

Travis Johnston

# Claire Wimberly

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Class of 2017 President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Claire Wand I am proud to be running for re-election as the Class of 2017 President. I have served as Class President for the past two years – last year as Sophomore Class President, and this year as Junior Class President. I have been a proud member of Class Councils since my freshman year, and I have served this organization as Class President and Public Relations Director. Additionally, I have served as a Fish Camp counselor, a Muster Host, and I was a 2015 recipient of the Buck Weirus Spirit Award.

## Platform Synopsis

If elected to serve again, I will ensure that Elephant Walk and Ring Dance, the official senior class traditions, are events that students are excited about attending, and that honor the spirit and tradition of this university. I will provide you with alternative ways to give back to Texas A&M through the Seventeen for 17 program, where Class of 2017 members will be able to donate to their Class Gift fund online. Finally, I will continue to equip the Class of 2017 representatives with the knowledge and developmental opportunities necessary for them to serve you better.

# Mad Nobles

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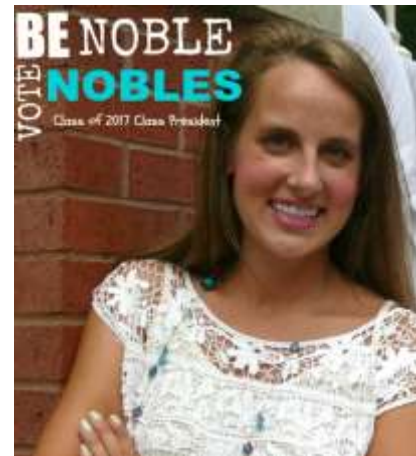
**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Class of 2017 President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! I am a Human Resource Development major with a Business minor from Plano, TX, that will graduate in May 2017! I have been a member of Class Councils since freshman year and I would love the opportunity to make a difference in this organization. I work on campus in the Offices of the Dean of Student Life. I am very well versed in the issues happening on campus and I believe that I will make an excellent Class President. I love trying new things and starting new adventures, please help me make this adventure and senior year be great!

## Platform Synopsis

My goal if elected as Class President is to unify our class and to allow the seniors to feel like they left a mark and made a difference here at Texas A&M. As Class President, I will do my best to give the Class of 2017 experiences that will bring us together in the Aggie family and unite us as a class. I will work to make sure every senior has a voice and every voice is heard. Aggieland is a community of respect and if elected, I will strive to empower students to encourage and respect one another. All in all I will be a president for the whole Class of 2017! WHOOP!

# Travis Johnston

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Class of 2017 President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

- Animal Science Major from Victoria, Texas
- College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Council: Allowed me to form a great relationship with the students, faculty, and the Dean with the college.
- Fish Camp counselor: Helped guide 150 freshmen with their transition into college by forming strong relationships with them.
- Texas A&M Med-Life: Work alongside other Aggies delivering medical assistance to the poverty stricken communities all around the world. Traveling to Lima, Peru this spring break.

## Platform Synopsis

I will strive to preserve the traditions that this University is founded upon. I will make our class events come alive being sure to form everlasting memories. My goal is to unite the class of 2017 during our last year here while working together to make a lasting impact on this University. To do this I will work to form a strong relationship among the students and leaders of this university by being open to your suggestions/input at all times, in turn, making each of your voices heard. I hope you make the decision to Transform with Travis in their election.

# Class of 2018 Class President

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## **Candidates:**

Eli Poesnecker

James Berryman Toler

Jawaad Ali-Kparah

Kilian Bresnahan



# Eli Poesnecker

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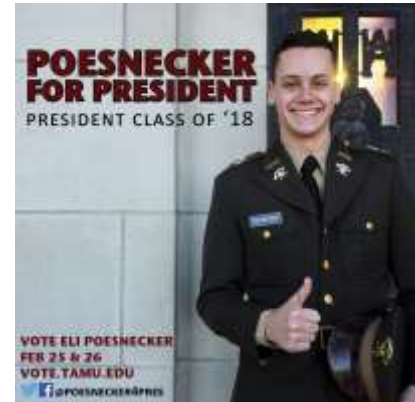
**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** 2018 Class President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Eli Poesnecker. I'm a sophomore History and English major from South Glastonbury, Connecticut. Even though I wasn't born an Aggie, I have come to love our school and traditions just as much as anyone. I am a member of the Corps of Cadets, and I have learned much from my time in it. This past year, I've served as the Vice President of Class Councils. I felt that this has helped to prepare me for the challenges that I will face as Junior Class President. I am currently a Junior Redpot (Vice President) in Student Bonfire, an organization that continues a tradition that holds a special place in my heart. I would be honored to serve as your Class President.

## Platform Synopsis

I believe in action, not words, so I'll be brief: Texas A&M is a great school, and I want to make it even better. I want to improve transparency between the Class of 2018 and Class Councils, and make it clearer as to what we do. I will make it clear what Class Councils is working on, and what we are doing as an organization to serve all of you. One thing that I feel needs some serious improvement is the dining situation on campus. If elected to the position of Class President, I will work with the Student Senate and dining Services on campus to change both the quality and availability of food on campus, and make the prices more reasonable. I will also incorporate the entire class into the decision making process for the class gift.

# James Berryman Toler

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** 2018 Class President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**

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## Biography or Resume

My name is James Berryman Toler, I am a business management pre-law major out of Dallas, Texas, but most importantly I am the loudest and proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2018. I have served as a two member of Class Councils, and am also an official ambassador for the organization. I also have served as a student coordinator for the Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community and as a member of Hullabaloo Hall Council. What I am most proud of is being last year's winner of the Class Star for 2018 in category of Aggie spirit.

## Platform Synopsis

AS a two year member of Class Councils, as well as ambassador, I plan on serving to unite the organization as it falls under the responsibility of Class of 2018 president. I will strive to make it a more representative body of the entire class here at Texas A&M, and hope to bring a greater diversity of ideas. I also plan on bringing a stronger focus on the class gift being a representation of the entire class, rather than the ideas of a select few. I wish to see a class gift where each member of the FTACO '18 can take ownership and pride in what they left as their legacy at this school.

# Kilian Bresnahan

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** 2018 Class President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

My name is Kilian Bresnahan, and I am running for Junior Class President. I really want to make a difference here at Texas A&M and for the Class of 2018! My goals are to protect our traditions, promote our class gift, and to serve you. I believe that every voice should be heard when it come to our class gift. I'm extremely passionate about our class gift, because this is an opportunity for us to leave a legacy behind. I really want to get everyone involved in this decision.

## Platform Synopsis

If I am elected President, I will be holding meetings so that every student has an opportunity to express their ideas for our class gift. Social media surveys will be available for students to have a say in what our Class Gift should be if a meeting can't be attended.

-just recently, a suggestion was made as an example of a class gift

The class of 2018 Endowment Scholarship – a perpetual scholarship given every year. With more than 10,000 strong we are in a very unique position to enact change and leave this university better than we found it.

# Class of 2019 Class President

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**Candidate:**

Amy Sharp

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** 2019 Class President

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**Caucus (if Applicable):**



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## Biography or Resume

My name is Amy Sharp and I am currently as Freshman Class President. It is my unique privilege and honor to serve as someone who can act as the voice of student opinion and preserve and promote the valued and venerated traditions at A&M. By putting on these traditions, I have realized that I am darn proud to be an Aggie, and I hope to add even more reasons to take pride in this university. One smile at a time, I hope to learn with, lead with, and serve with all of my fellow Aggies so that, someday, we may leave a legacy at A&M, and to the world.

## Platform Synopsis

If Re-Elected, What's coming in 2016:

1. The largest Freshman social event A&M has ever had.
2. Showcase of amazing and talented Aggies that are a part of the Class of 2019 (if you don't already know how awesome we are, you will!)
3. A continued commitment to preserve and promote Aggie Traditions and make your passions reality.

Thank you in advance for your support, and I cannot wait to serve you as Sophomore Class President. Be Smart, Vote Sharp!

Student Senate:

# College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

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## Candidates:

Benjamin Allen	James B. Palacios
Benjamin Johnson	James Otto
Brad Borges	Jensen Martinez
Chandler Smith	Miguel Guerra
Dakota Broach	Robert Stiborek
Ethan Bredemeyer	Tyler Mogford
Gideon Kotkowski	Tyler Nelson

Available Seats: **5**

# Benjamin Johnson

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Ag. And Life Sciences

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy Ags! My name is Benjamin Johnson and I am a freshman Agricultural Leadership and Development (ALED) major from Houston, Texas, but more importantly I am the loudest and proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2019!

While at Texas A&M, I have been a member of the Corps of Cadets, Freshman Leadership Experience, Maroon and White Leadership Fellows Program, and Young Life. Through these organizations, I have learned the importance of selfless service, open communication, time management, and how to get the job done.

## Platform Synopsis

My platform for advocating for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (COALS) and its students is through the representative and legislative process of the Student Senate.

If elected, I will work to:

- Increase respect and awareness of COALS across Texas A&M
- Create ties with Senators representing other colleges, in order to unify Texas A&M

I will be the student who fully supports and represents all COALS students as I diligently serve our college with integrity, honesty, an open mind, and a true spirit of servant leadership.

# Bradley Borges

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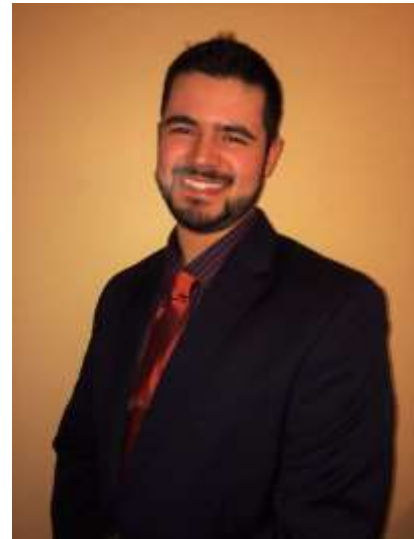
**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Ag. And Life Sciences



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! This is my second semester at Texas A&M and I am majoring in Agricultural Systems and Management. I transferred from a junior college in California where I majored in Mechanized Agriculture. At the junior college, I was the Vice President of Legislation so I am pleased to say I have experience working in student government at the college level. I am a hardworking, motivated individual who would be proud to lead and represent the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

## Platform Synopsis

As your Senator, I promise to represent the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with the same core values of our great university. Through my experience through COALS Council and AggiePullers. I have made valuable connections throughout our College. I want to make sure that anyone who needs a change made in our College, has an idea, or just wants a new friend, has someone to go to for it. And I am the man for that! Thank you for your time and support!



# Ethan Bredemeyer

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Ag. And Life Sciences



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## Biography or Resume

I am a freshman Animal Science Major from Winters, TX. I grew up and have spent all my life on a family farm and commercial cattle operation. Going to a small 2A school, I have had the opportunity to participate in numerous activities. I was honored to serve on 4-H State Council last year and was on the 2015 National Champion Parliamentary Procedure Team. I currently serve on the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Student Council and am a member of Freshman Leadership Experience and Saddle & Sirloin Club. In my spare time, I enjoy hunting and advocating about agriculture.

## Platform Synopsis

I look forward to getting the chance to meet various students and being their voice on the 69<sup>th</sup> Texas A&M Senate. I am a hard-working, responsible person who tries to see the good in every situation. I believe each morning we have two choices. We can seize the day or let the challenges of the day seize us. We can sit and dream or wake up and go chase those dreams. As your next Senator, I will strive to seize each day and work diligently to make dreams come true. I would greatly appreciate your vote and support.

# James B. Palacios

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Ag. and Life Sciences



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is James B. Palacios and I am currently a freshman Agricultural Communications and Journalism major from Pharr, TX. This past year, I have been involved in a numerous amount of activities on our campus. I currently write for The Battalion, volunteer at The 12<sup>th</sup> Can, and just recently joined The Career Closet. It is amazing to look at the thousands of students that attend our campus and hear about the different backgrounds, many experiences, and genuine personalities that make our university the best in the nation. I look forward to the many other individuals I will be able to cross paths with, and hopefully make a small difference in their lives.

## Platform Synopsis

An issue that I believe many on West Campus can agree on is the lack of variety when it comes to meal options. I hope to work together with my fellow senators, if elected, to help bring more food establishments to west campus to serve growing part of our school. Being a freshman on campus, I have personally experienced midnight hunger, but only to find nowhere to eat on campus. I believe with so many students living on campus we should be able to purchase food during our late night study sessions. I hope to work hard as a senator to bring forth the issues affecting not only students of the College of Agriculture but our university as a whole.

# James Otto

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Ag. and Life Sciences

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy, my name is James Otto and I am hoping to represent you as a Student Senator for the College of Ag. and Life Sciences. I was born and raised in Houston, Texas and am the first member of my family to join the Aggie family. AS a registered Independent in the state of Texas I have always had an interest in politics and examining candidates for their merit. I am majoring in Nutrition with the hopes of pursuing my PharmD. And PhD. In Pharmacy. AS a member of the American Chemical Society, I have a passion for studying and discussing the chemistry and biology of humans.

## Platform Synopsis

Growing up in a bilingual household and living in the most diverse city in America, I know the success that can come from compromise among varying opinions. Similarly, as the Aggie family continues to grow and diversify I can deftly protect the interests of my constituents and all members of the Aggie family. This includes addressing the issue of many of the recent construction proposals on campus. I believe that the re-location of Student Counseling Services along with rumored plans gravely ignores the needs of students of Texas A&M University.

# Jensen Martinez

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Ag. and Life Sciences



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Jensen Martinez and I am a sophomore Agricultural Communications/Journalism major from Menard, Texas. My love for this university and its students has been a huge factor in my involvement with organizations on campus. I am a member of FLE, Maroon & White Leadership Fellows, the Terry Foundation Student Organization and ASPIRE. These organizations have influenced me to want to help others and serve our university. I hope to use my skills to be a servant leader and voice for my fellow students. Gig'em and God Bless.

## Platform Synopsis

My candidacy is established on diversity, innovation and enhancement. As a senate member, I would capitalize on the diversity of our student population and the diversity in agriculture. I would strive to be the voice of the college's students when it comes to innovate programs and ideas. Lastly, I would endeavor to enhance current programs wherever students see issues. This includes bringing more agricultural awareness to all students of Texas A&M. Allow me to be your voice and vote Jensen Martinez for Student Senate-College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

# Miguel Guerra

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Ag. and Life Sciences



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy,

My academic major is agricultural business, I chose this course of study because I have been surrounded by agriculture all my life. I grew up on a ranch, where we raised cattle and managed whitetail deer and I decided to stay with my roots and what I love most. I am a member of the Corps of Cadets, the largest student organization on campus and one of the largest military corps in the world. I joined to keep the family tradition going for 3 generations strong, to improve my leadership skills, and eventually commission into the armed services and serve my country.

## Platform Synopsis

If elected I would like to focus on our college and vote for the correct ideas that would benefit the students in our field of study. I have been involved in student council in the previous years and my family has a background in federal, state, and local government. I have passion for serving my community and being your student senator would allow me to do so. I know I am just a freshmen and there are upperclassmen running but I would love a head start to serve you and to continue to serve my fellow students.

# Robert Stiborek

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**Class Year:** 2016

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Ag. and Life Sciences



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Robert Stiborek and I am a Senior Agribusiness major from Dallas, Texas! I have had the pleasure of serving as the caucus leader for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences during the 68<sup>th</sup> session, and am seeking re-election in the 69<sup>th</sup>. I am a Management Analyst Intern for the USDA Agriculture Research Service Staff Assistant on the Big Event, Brother Mentor in Sigma Phi Epsilon, Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar in Brazos County, Eagle Scout, Student Pilot at Brazos Valley Flight Services, and Rec Center enthusiast. My future plan is to serve as a Pilot for the United States Air Force upon graduation.

## Platform Synopsis

I have modeled my platform around my constituents' beliefs: overall conservatism and fiscal responsibility, servant leadership, and promotion of a safe and inclusive campus.

In the 69<sup>th</sup> session, I plan to further the work we accomplish in the 68<sup>th</sup> on issues such as:

- Keeping costs low and affordable for all students by vehemently opposing new and increased fees
- Improving efficiency within SGA and related organizations
- Opposing the College of Engineering's 25 by 25 initiative

# Tyler Mogford

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Ag. and Life Sciences

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Tyler Mogford and I am a sophomore Agricultural Economics Major focusing on Policy and Economic Analysis from Canyon, Texas, but more importantly I am the loudest and proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2018 A-A-A-A-A! While attending Texas A&M, I have been heavily involved with the Freshmen Leadership Experience both as a member and as Director.

## Platform Synopsis

My platform to the continuation of advocating for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and my fellow students in the College through the legislative process of the Student Senate. Being from West Campus and having only 20 minutes to get from West Campus all the way to east side of Main Campus can be tight at times. Part of my platform is to work with fellow Senators and the Administration to increase the period between classes to 25-30 minutes.

Student Senate:

# College of Architecture

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**Candidates:**

Austin Beale

Rebeca Diaz

**Available Seats: 2**



# Rebeca Diaz

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Architecture



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! I'm a first generation college student from Houston, TX majoring in Environmental Design, class of 2017. I enjoy all things related to art and architecture. I pride myself in being an Aggie, I have a love for travelling and helping others.

## Platform Synopsis

I am committed to doing what's best for the students of the College of Architecture and Texas A&M University. Ensuring that everyone is represented equally and fairly is important to me for the future of our society. I plan to support those who seek justice and fight for those without a voice.

Student Senate:

# Mays Business School

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**Candidates:**

Benjamin White  
Dante Scornaienchi

Jonathan Hlavinka  
Michael Walther

**Available Seats: 4**

# Benjamin White

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**Class Year:** 2016

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Mays Business School



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## Biography or Resume

I work part-time as a marketing assistant for The Junction, I occasionally volunteer for the Brazos Valley Food Bank in Bryan, and I'm a full-time student at the Lowry Mays School of Business.

## Platform Synopsis

To serve my peers with regard and compassion as I vote in favor or in opposition of any legislative circumstance with which I will be involved.

Student Senate:

# College of Education

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**Candidates:**

Ariel Rathjen	Lauren Powers
Benjamin DeLeon	Robyn Pavlicek
Garrett Hendrix	Zach Price

Available Seats: **4**

# Lauren Powers

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Education



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## Biography or Resume

2015-2016:

Big Event Staff Assistant

COSGA Committee; Programs

John 15 Group Leader (Freshmen Ministry at St. Mary's)

2014-2015:

Aggie Fish Club; Fundraising Committee

Global Medical Brigades; Nicaragua

Dance Arts Society

## Platform Synopsis

Improving student experience through empowerment, solidarity, and tradition.

Ultimately, my goal is to improve our Aggie experience and ensure all students' opinions are central to our college's votes and initiatives.

- Establish personal relationships with all students in order to accurately represent their viewpoints.
- Increase understanding of the value of our university's traditions campus-wide.
- Continue and cultivate efforts to improve diversity, equal opportunity, and community within our college

# Robyn Pavlicek

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Education

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Robyn Pavlicek, and I am currently a Junior here at Texas A&M. My major is Education, EC-6th Generalist. I also am an active member of the Texas State Teachers Association and I staff Aggie Awakening every semester. While attending Texas A&M, I am currently employed as a teacher at KinderCare Learning Center.

## Platform Synopsis

As student senator, I plan to represent the College of Education and Human Development by keeping the best interest of the students in mind while performing my duties. As a future educator, I will be able to represent the voices of the other future educators in the College of Education and Human Development. Our college is made up of mostly women, and I believe a strong female representation is much needed in the Senate.

# Zachary Price

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Education



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! I am a junior Interdisciplinary Studies major from Austin Texas! I love everything Social Studies and Education, which is one of the reasons why I loved being a Senator in the 68th session! I also like sports and being active!

## Platform Synopsis

Texas A&M University is one of the greatest higher education institutions in the world, and I intend to keep it that way. I believe that every student should have the best opportunity to succeed here, because success at this university will create incredible opportunities down the road. However, I believe that there are a couple things at this wonderful university that can be improved so the students have a better overall experience. I believe that one of the best ways to do this is to work with the dining services so that students can have the best nutrition at a reasonable cost. Thanks

Student Senate:

# College of Engineering

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## Candidates:

Aaron Wood  
Austin Henderson  
Bennett Vaughn  
Caroline Turpen  
Chris Golla  
Christopher Ryan Chalmers  
Clayton Bozyk  
Connor Furqueron  
Connor Wakeford  
Daniel Martin  
Derek Hess

Hogan Sauer  
Hunter Brown  
Jonathan Burk  
Jordan Argamany  
Nicholas Morand  
Nicholas Page  
Nick Brown  
Nikki Robison  
Ryan David Branson  
Samuel Marinov

Available Seats: **9**



# Caroline Turpen

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Caroline Turpen, class of 2018 (A-A-A-A-A!) and I'm a sophomore engineering major from Cypress, Texas. I'm privileged to currently be serving as one of your College of Engineering Senators in the 68<sup>th</sup> session, as well as being a New Girl in Aggie Sisters for Christ this semester and holding an officer position in Ratio Christi. I believe that you should re-elect me because of my track record of connecting with constituents through tabling in the MSC and visiting engineering student organizations on campus. Additionally, I believe I've done an excellent job of making myself available to you and working towards the legislative goals most important to you.

## Platform Synopsis

My platform has absolutely nothing to do with my personal views or agenda and everything to do with the feedback of my constituents. I work for you and your interests, so I'm proud to support tax free textbooks and oppose fee increases, tuition increases, and the 25 by 25 initiative. My position on these aligns with that of the students I've reached out to in the Dwight Look College of Engineerin.

# Connor Furqueron

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering



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## Biography or Resume

I was raised on a small farm in West Texas, but after graduating high school, was drawn to A&M by the sense of tradition, and the electrical engineering department. Along the way, I, and a small group of electrical engineers, discovered the humble yet delicious pancake. I believe in the pancake, and its stupendous breakfast food properties. A year and a half later, that small group of electrical engineers have launched a campaign to raise awareness about the importance of breakfast. And I firmly believe that breakfast is the most important meal of the day.

## Platform Synopsis

As the officially sanctioned ECEN Pancakes candidate, I will fight for a better electrical engineering department for all of us. Also, I am a candidate with proven conserve-the-seal values and will fight to maintain the sacred t-star seal that, in all of our hearts, is still the true symbol of this illustrious university. I believe in breakfast, and the most superior of all breakfasts, the humble yet delicious pancake, and will fight for better breakfast at Sbisa. So keep calm and Furqueron! Also, while we are at it, MAKE A&M GREAT AGAIN!

# Daniel Martin

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering

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## Biography or Resume

I am a sophomore Aerospace Engineer and a member of the Aerospace Student Advisory Board, The National Leadership of Success, and The Society of Flight Test Engineers. I am also in the Engineering Honors Program and a peer teacher for Engr 112. I volunteer at the Aggieland Humane Society and have worked for the Habitat for Humanity in the Bryan / College Station area.

## Platform Synopsis

During my time in senate, I will aim legislation towards saving money across campus, maintaining a steady tuition, and increasing parking lot availability on campus for commuters. I wish to decrease engineering class size and implement standardized communication methods between professors and students as well. I will also focus on keeping campus and the community clean and more efficient by implementing generalized waste management methods and updating technology. There is much more I would like to do for my constituents; I am happy to serve you. Thank you.

# Derek Hess

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering

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## Biography or Resume

I'm Derek Hess and I'm a Petroleum Engineering major from Houston, Texas. Along with being a current incumbent of the Student Senate, I am involved in SPE, the Kappa Sigma fraternity, Percussion Studio and Fish Camp. As fun and exciting as giving back to A&M and its community is, I also enjoy spending my downtime reading books on philosophy and astronomy, writing music and simply loving life.

## Platform Synopsis

I am against the 25x25 Initiative and will do all in my power to mitigate, if not stop its contribution to overcrowding. To help mitigate the overcrowding problem, I plan to increase the amount of student amenities such as water fountains and bike racks. More importantly, I want to focus on improving Wi-Fi quality and reliability in all buildings, new and old. Additionally, I want to start an initiative to remove smoking from campus to create a more pleasant and healthier environment for A&M's constituents.

# Hunter Brown

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! I am an aspiring Computer Engineer from The Woodlands, TX. The reason I'm running for Student Senate is my blood is boiling with an aggie desire to give back to the community that has given so much to me. Currently, I serve as the Academic Chair for Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

## Platform Synopsis

Very against Texas A&M's 25 by 25 initiative. Wish to improve Wi-Fi throughout campus.

# Jordan Argamany

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering



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## Biography or Resume

As a first generation Aggie, I have felt nothing but pride as I learn about and participate in a multitude of Aggie traditions, both new and old. This school has afforded me so many opportunities that I have decided to run for student senate to give back and help my fellow students, specifically by speaking on behalf of the engineering student body.

## Platform Synopsis

I am very opposed to the 25 by 25 initiative and will do everything to stop or mitigate its effect on the College of Engineering. I plan to increase the quality, availability and reliability of the on-campus Wi-Fi for engineering students. Additionally, I will speak for other upgrades to student amenities such as having more bike racks and water fountains as well as more meal plan variety and general meal plan improvements.

# Nicholas Morand

**Class Year:** 2017

**Candidate For:** Student Senate

**Caucus:** College of Engineering



## Biography or Resume

Objective:

Determined, leadership proven, quick-learning and experienced Aerospace Engineering Major seeking Texas A&M Student Senator position in the 69th session through this upcoming school year.

Born in Los Angeles, raised in Florida. Love to travel. Planning to enlist in the Air Force post A&M.

## Platform Synopsis

Howdy Ags! My name is Nick Morand and my platform entails dedication to keeping student fees low and maintaining a high standard for educational quality, access to resources within the College, and the value of your hard earned A&M Engineering degree. Several examples of topics we would work towards for your benefit upon election are pushing for the expansion of open educational resources such as free textbooks, and helping to decrease the waitlist for Lot 50 parking while increasing convenient parking options for engineering students.

# Nicholas Page

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**Class Year:** 2016

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy Engineers! My name is Nicholas Page and I'm a first-generation Senior in Aerospace Engineering, staying for another year to pursue a Masters degree at this fine University! I am from Tampa, Florida; but more important than that – I'm an Aggie. Not just some Aggie, mind you, but the loudest and proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2016, A-Whoop!

## Platform Synopsis

My platform is pretty simple. Should I be re-elected to the Student Senate, I will fight against any tuition or fee increase unless a referendum of the student body comes out in direct support of it. I will do everything I can to maintain and increase the value of a Texas A&M degree and the educational and traditional experience that comes along with it. I will strive to make getting an education more affordable for all, and I will work tirelessly to combat the rapid expansion posed by the 25 by 25 plan until parking, infrastructure, laboratories, classrooms, faculty and all the necessities.



# Nick Brown

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering

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## Biography or Resume

I am a sophomore here at Texas A&M, and studying Petroleum Engineering. I am from Houston, Texas and I am a first generation Aggie. I am involved in a couple organizations on campus including SPE, Just4Water, and Theta Tau. I am avid about our sports programs, and you can often find me standing with the 12<sup>th</sup> man at the basketball or baseball games.

## Platform Synopsis

I am running for student senate because I want our voice as engineers to be heard. I will take a stand against the proposed 25 by 25, increasing student fees, and the reversed classrooms. I will see to it that students get tax free textbooks, and have greater access to open educational resources. Engineering is the backbone of Texas A&M and I will preserve that legacy if elected to Student Senate.

# Ryan David Branson

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy Ags! I am a Sophomore Computer Science Major from Magnolia, Texas. My hobbies include video-games, movies, and following politics. I am currently the Treasurer of "No Labels" at Texas A&M, which is a college chapter of a bipartisan, grassroots organization that wants to get both sides of the aisle to work together to solve the big issues facing the United States with common sense legislation everyone can agree on.

## Platform Synopsis

If elected, I will represent the students of College of Engineering, and by extension all students at Texas A&M, to the best of my ability. I will push legislation that reflects the diverse makeup of the student body of Texas A&M, and I will make sure that the students are the ones that will benefit from the legislation we pass.

# Samuel Marinov

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**Class Year:** 2015

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Engineering



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## Biography or Resume

I am a first generation Aggie. I'm originally from Bulgaria, a country in Eastern Europe. My family immigrated to the US in 2005. I'm studying computer engineering with a math minor. In my spare time, I enjoy programming, Aggie baseball and football, and involvement in politics.

## Platform Synopsis

Many people who get elected to the Student Senate either get too intimidated by the amount of work required to actively participate in the legislative process or by the rules and procedure. I won't be. I served in the previous session for my first time ever, and I worked on drafting or pushing forth bills for student safety, student privacy, and a better semester schedule. I proposed a bill to designate the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as an academic holiday. The bill passed and its proposal was implemented by the university administration. I will be at the plaza outside Pi-R-Square regularly throughout the week and during voting to answer questions and talk with anyone regarding campus issues and my views on them.

Student Senate:

# Transition Academic Programs

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**Candidates:**

Andrew Cook

Ian William Peterson

**Available Seats: 2**

Student Senate:

# Colleges of Sciences

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**Candidates:**

Cameron Rozean  
Eric Leuenberger  
Michelle Gohlke

Taylor Day  
Timothy Deville

**Available Seats: 3**

Student Senate:

# College of Geo-Sciences

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**Candidates:**

None

**Available Seats: 2**

Student Senate:

# College of Vet. Med. and Bio. Sci.

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## Candidates:

Alex Wright  
Andy Habib

Raju Rebbapragada

Available Seats: **2**

# Alex Wright

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Vet. Med. and Bio. Sci.



## Biography or Resume

I am currently a student at Texas A&M University, a taco aficionado, and gifted napper. Currently planning on becoming a doctor with the hopes of retiring as a shark trainer at SeaWorld. I would say I am more like Josh than Drake from the hit TV show Drake and Josh. Grew up first as a child, then I got into my teens, and now here I am in my 20's.

## Platform Synopsis

I really have not watched the show House of Cards. But I have taken a government class before, so I will get the hang of things



Student Senate:

# College of Liberal Arts

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## Candidates:

Alex Rodriguez  
August Vordenbaum  
Colton French  
Eddie Cervantez  
Emajae' Clements  
Grayson Blair  
Jackson Kuplack  
Jerry Ramirez  
John Pawelek  
Joshua T. Sweet

Juan D. Trevino  
Kasey Khoobiar  
KC Landry  
Kyle Cox  
Marissa Gonzalez  
Michael Migaud  
Reagan Ashley  
Scott Luce  
Taylor Fletcher  
Ty Beerley

Available Seats: **6**

# Alex Rodriguez

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy, my name is Alexander Rodriguez i've had the honor of serving our students in the Executive Cabinets diversity commission where I met students from all over our campus who are fed up with not having senators that represent students needs, I am running to change that. I know that SGA only represents student opinion not my own that is why I will utilize my aggie network to keep a pulse on what Liberal Arts students needs are.

## Platform Synopsis

I give a damn about how our school recruits new talent, retains its current students, and how it grows in the future. Texas A&M will be the largest public school in the country within the decade. It is important that current students have a say in how these new plans are implemented. I will put an emphasis on responsible housing growth, green transportation initiatives, and creating a semester long art instalation on campus to keep things fresh on our 5,000 acres.

# Grayson Blair

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts



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## Biography or Resume

Grayson Blair

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Student Government Association

Texas A&M University

Résumé

Experience

Student Council

Galveston Catholic School 2006-2009. O'Connell College Prep 2009-2013.

## Platform Synopsis

My campaign platform is based on positivity and inclusion; I feel that Texas A&M and SGA is not always the fair, diverse representation it strives to be. I want to make a difference on campus by displaying positive attributes and a loving atmosphere to incoming freshman and especially transfer students at their New Student Conferences. I also want to put a disability services testing center on main campus. I love Texas A&M because they took a chance on me to go to school here, and now I will work my hardest for my constituents to make Texas A&M a positive and inclusive learning environment.

# Jackson Kuplack

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts



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## Biography or Resume

Jackson is an International Studies Major from La Vernia TX, and is the first member of his family to attend Texas A&M. Having been a Senator throughout the current 68th Session, he's worked hard to give his fellow Liberal Arts students a voice in student government. Additionally, he is a member of Company D-1 in the Corps, a member of MSC OPAS, and is President of No Labels, an on-campus bipartisan political chapter.

## Platform Synopsis

"I want to keep increasing senate transparency, make this process as open to the public and well understood as possible. I plan to continue to fight sexual assault on campus, work with my fellow senators to bring disability and counseling services back to campus, and of course continue to battle proposed tuition and fee increases as they arise."

# Jerry Ramirez

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy, here is a little bio about myself. First, I was blessed enough to be born and raised right here in Aggieland. I'm an economics major with a minor in business administration. But most importantly I am the loudest and proudest member of the fightin' Texas Aggie class of '17 (A-A-A-Whoop)! Here on campus I'm heavily involved in the Texas A&M Economics Society, where I serve as secretary. Other organizations I have been apart of while here at A&M include the zoological society, the Horticulture club, and the Texas A&M trombone choir.

## Platform Synopsis

My main priorities if elected would be to advocate for a complete overhaul of the Liberal Arts Career Fair, & to increase visibility of the college here on campus. As an economics major I've attended both the Business & Liberal Arts career fairs. Unfortunately, I've found that the Liberal Arts Career fair does not afford us nearly as many career, & internship, opportunities as our business counterparts. I think it's time that changed. Furthermore, I'd also advocate for a greater variety of companies to be represented at the career fair, to more accurately represent the diversity present within the college.

# Joshua T. Sweet

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts



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## Biography or Resume

Joshua is a International Studies major and a Team Leader in Squadron 3 of the Corps of Cadets. Growing up in Honolulu, HI, he loves outdoor activities and Scouting. As an Eagle Scout, Joshua learned the value of planning and serving others. Joshua enjoys playing lacrosse and studying Mandarin Chinese with hopes to study abroad to China. Joshua hopes to serve and fly in the U.S. Air Force after graduation. In his free time Joshua serves on the Texas A&M University Student Senate and plays lacrosse for the Corps of Cadet's team.

## Platform Synopsis

"For A Sweeter Aggieland." As an out-of-state, first generation Aggie, I love Texas A&M because of the rich heratige and traditions. As your student senator, I hope to make sure we not just keep those traditions and heritage alive but make our own legacy. I plan to do this by being your voice in student government. I hope to find ways to improve student life to make the best experience (e.g. academics, dining, student services, and student health).

# Juan D. Trevino

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy Ags, my name is Jaun D. Trevino and I am the loudest and proudest member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 2018! I am an International Studies major with a track in Politics and Diplomacy with a minor in Chinese and Latin/Mexican-American Studies. It is with great joy that I am announcing my candidacy for Student Senate as a representative for the College of Liberal Arts. I hope you will stand with me in this election and continue to enhance an already outstanding university! Thanks and Gig'em! John 15:13

## Platform Synopsis

It is my intent to help foster a community where any and all are welcomed & accepted for who they are without a moment's hesitation. I feel the need for a selection of dining options for those students who spend their night hours studying in campus libraries. In short, I also wish to improve on our Transportation services efficiency. Last bu not least, I wish acquire better quality toilet paper for public area restrooms, such as that of the libraries, MSC, etc.

# KC Landry

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is KC Landry, I'm an International Studies major from Normangee, TX but most importantly, I'm the proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2019!

In high school I participated in FFA showing poultry and received my Eagle Scout Award. After high school I spent 2 years in South Korea serving a mission. During that time I had the opportunity to serve others and learn about another culture. Now I'm in the Corps of Cadets, and a member of the International Business Association and the Japanese Club.

## Platform Synopsis

As a student senator my main concern will be accurately representing you, the students. I want to help create a senate that puts you and your interests before anything else. To do this I will not let my own views and opinions influence my vote. I will not be pressured into a vote by what's popular among the senators. My time serving will be spent finding ways to let your voice be heard and carry more weight. Also I will ensure that you have the information needed to help you know about the issues important to our school. As we work in harmony we can create policies that are welcoming to all and improve the educational experience for students.



# Kyle Cox

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Kyle Cox and I am a sophomore Political Science major from El Paso, TX. I am currently a member of the Texas A&M Hullabaloo band, symphonic band, chess club, and Beta Upsilon Chi (BYX), but most importantly, I'm proud to be part of the Aggie family. Over the last year, I've had the privilege of serving with the Legislative Relations Commission in Student Government, working with fellow Aggies, to impact key policies and, in collaboration with other universities, to ensure that quality education is a priority in the Texas Legislature.

## Platform Synopsis

My goals as Senator will be preserving the Texas A&M traditions, because they are a key factor in what sets us apart from other universities. I will focus on keeping Texas A&M a great university by upholding the values integrity and leadership through education. My foundation from youth, my love of Texas A&M, and my strong relationships with leaders on campus and at the state level, have prepared me to impact these key values. Lastly, I believe I offer a unique voice to ensure that the disability community and other underserved student populations are represented in key policy decisions.

# Michael Migaud

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy, my name is Michael Migaud and I am a sophomore political science major from Denton, TX. More importantly, I am the loudest and proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie class of 2018. A-A-A-A-A! When I was a little kid, my dream was to serve my country through the military, but once I was told that career path is not available to me, I decided that I must find another way to serve this country. I have discovered that I can still serve my community by getting involved. I have volunteered at the Aggieland Humane Society and for some political campaigns within the area. I hope to one day use the experience I gain from representing the College of Liberal Arts in the student government to improve the community.

## Platform Synopsis

1) The transportation system could be improved by providing more resources to students about routes and delays. 2) I am a strong supporter of the campus-carry legislation that the Texas legislature has signed into law. I believe, when implemented, there should be free courses that teach students, with little to no experience with guns, about how they work so they feel safer and comfortable on campus. 3) Eminent domain is unjust and it should not be used by the school to expand. 4) Pulling tickets can be a confusing for students, so an improved system of informing students on the rules on pulling tickets would ease the process for everyone.

# Reagan Ashley

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts



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## Biography or Resume

I'm a Sophomore Political Science Major and History Minor from Harlingen, Texas. I spent years in Boy Scouts and 4-H, camping, showing lambs, and catching pigs. But in my free time I studied literature, politics, and psychology because I have a passion for Liberal Arts and what it can teach us about humanity. That passion drives me to show the importance of Liberal Arts to fellow Aggies. My goals in life include becoming a pilot and statesman. I am an Eagle Scout, cancer survivor, and have a pretty sweet mustache.

## Platform Synopsis

"Inspiration spings from great tradition." – President Reagan. Our yells, monuments, and even seal are part of the great traditions that root us in history. Our traditions bring the knowledge, character, and honor of those that came before us into the present. As Senator I will fight to ensure our traditions are here for the next generation of Aggies, while we work on making new ones too. As Senator I will also work to bring awareness to Liberaall Arts and its importance to all students; I want to ensure that Liberal Arts are another great tradition of Texas A&M.

# Taylor Fletcher

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** College of Liberal Arts



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## Biography or Resume

I am Taylor a 2012 graduate of New Waverly High school. Currently, i am junior majoring in political science from Conroe, Texas. I transferred from Lone Star College where I was inducted into Sigma Kappa Delta (SKD) the English Honor Society for Two-Year Institutions and a member of Student Government Association (SGA). Presently, I'm affiliated with Texas Aggie Democrats and the Pre Law Society at Texas A&M University

## Platform Synopsis

Texas A&M is one of the largest and paramount university in Texas! A&M is home to nearly 60,000 students and is certainly growing. With such a large student body, you will encounter different ways of life and beliefs. Being that this is a public university, I feel we have a duty to do more to develop a more inclusive environment to those with different faiths, who are LGBT, minorities and students with disabilities. Texas A&M shouldn't have an aligned religion, we have students from various upbringings and we should make the effort to allow these students to exercise their religious convictions or express nonreligious beliefs on campus in a friendly environment.

Student Senate:

# Non Corps On-Campus

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**Candidates:**

Alan Hernandez  
Ethan Riojas  
Gentill Abdulla

Joshua Lewis  
Kristen Paz

**Available Seats: 5**

# Alan Paul Hernandez

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Non Corps On-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Alan Hernandez and I am a Freshman Business Administration major from Tomball, Texas, but more importantly I am a loud and proud member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2019. Despite my brief time at A&M, College Station has become home to me, welcomed by an amazing community of friends and fellow Aggies. My involvements here include membership in the Leadership Living Learning Community and service to the Student Governemtn Association through both Fish Aides and Executive Cabinet.

## Platform Synopsis

I am very excited for the opportunity to represent the On Campus Aggie Family and as a student senator, I want t be able to support and develop legislation that not only promotes the Aggie Experience, but also enhances campus diversity and preserves the spirit, core values, and traditions that make me feel home. If you have any questions, please feel fee to reach out. Hope I can earn your support, thanks and Gig'Em! Alanpaul96@gmail.com

# Gentill Abdulla

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Non Corps On-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy Ags! I'm currently a Freshman Physics major, working to help improve the campus by offering up my experiences in order to best serve the people of Aggieland. I've had 3 years of Leadership Etiquette Training, am a member of the Distinguished Gentleman's Club, and I'm also the Research and Strategy development official for the SGA Diversity Commission. All in all, I can say that I've always been an avid learner, a forward thinking student, and one who likes to help others.

## Platform Synopsis

Throughout my time at TAMU, I've spent most of it analyzing and discussing campus climate with respect to including and embracing the Aggie values that make us who we are today. These are skills which I've honed to be a better representative, and to be more aware of the general On-Campus student lifestyle. I do love Aggieland, but there is much that we can build upon and I hope that we can all work together to make this campus the greatest it's ever been.

# Joshua Lewis

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Non Corps On-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Over this past semester I was entrusted with providing students a voice to the governing bodies that influence the future of Texas A&M University such as the U.S. and Texas Legislatures, the Texas higher Education Coordinating Board, and the Texas A&M System Board of Regents through TAMU's very own Legislative Relations Commission. My time in working on the commission has given me cherished insights on senate and affords me some of the knowledge to know what being a student senator looks like.

## Platform Synopsis

Grit and Merit. These are two qualities that I strive to excel in on a day to day basis. I have has my grit and merit challenged by this Institution time and time again. This space of higher learning has pushed me to be resilient and it has allowed for the many leadership opportunities that I have taken part in thus far. I am grateful for the opportunity afforded to me and I would like to show just how grateful.

It is my intent to show my dedication to the University by being an active denizen on camus. It is my hope to best address and represent the plethora of diverse students that thrive and excel on campus.



Student Senate:

# Corps On-Campus

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## Candidates:

Alex Rose  
Asher Miller  
Chandler Lewis

Nick Hoelscher  
W Lander

Available Seats: **2**

# Alex Rose

**Class Year:** 2018

**Candidate For:** Student Senate

**Caucus:** Corps On-Campus



## Biography or Resume

As a first generation Aggie from Exeter, New Hampshire, I've gotten good at answering the question, 'Why Texas A&M?' The answer's simple- I'm here to become a better person and make a difference as a proud member of the Aggie Family. I've been honored to serve y'all as a Student Senator for the past two years, as a voice for the Freshman class last year and for the Corps this year alongside my good friend, W Lander. We hope y'all will give us the opportunity to make a difference again this year.

## Platform Synopsis

Over the last two years, I've written, sponsored, or supported bills to oppose increases in tuition and fees, to try to save the Elephant Ears, to support Concealed Carry on Campus, to bring back the football games against t.u., to keep the Old Army Seal alive, and to improve food quality in Duncan. I'm now working on bills to create tax-exemptions for textbooks, combat campus sexual assault, and facilitate printing allocation roll-over. We look forward to representing y'all once more. Thanks, gig 'em, and vote Rose/Lander for Corps Senators.

# Asher Miller

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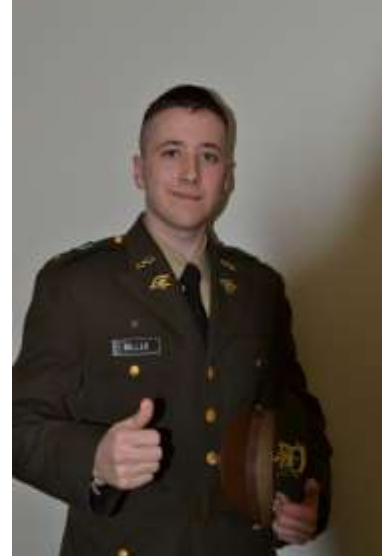
**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Corps On-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

I am 21 years old, a son to a loving mother and father, and an older brother to an up and coming Texas Aggie (God willing). I enjoy global politics, Chinese language, animation and art, the band Gorillaz, and going to church. I love making friends wherever I go, and if you ever want to grab coffee I'm always up for a good time at Starbucks. Joining the corps has been the greatest decision I've ever made in my life. I pray that I can represent my organization with you through student government

## Platform Synopsis

If elected as student senator:

- I vow to keep the Student Government Association accountable to its constituents through every measure within my power.
- I base my platform of the core values of this university. Upholding them is my greatest task.
- I aim to expand "corps of cadet representation" across campus and will try to open up new leadership positions wherever I can
- I will oppose unnecessarily raised fees and tuition prices
- I will oppose mandatory meal plans

# Chandler Lewis

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Corps On-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Chandler Lewis. I am a Political Science major from Shepherdstown, West Virginia in the class of 2018 at Texas A&M. I'm a current member of Squadron 16 in the Corps of Cadets as a Squad Leader and Recruiting Corporal. Here at Texas A&M, I've served on the Freshman Class Council, Corps of Cadets Marksmanship Unit, and the Sport for Kids Organization.

## Platform Synopsis

If elected as a member of the Student Senate, I will be devoted to represent my caucus of the Corps of Cadets in every way possible. All of my actions will be made with honesty and devotion to those I am representing. I promise to be committed to my work and I will insure that every voice is heard. My most important goal is to have all members of the Corps of Cadets feel involved, represented, and respected within the Student Senate. Every action I take part in will be with those I represent in mind. I would appreciate your support so both your goals and mine can be completed. Thanks and Gig'Em!

# W Lander

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Corps On-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Chair of MSC Wiley Lecture Series; Corps of Cadets, Corps Staff, C-Battery; Nichols Rising Leader Conference Staff Member; Freshman Senator - 66th Session; Corps of Cadets Senator - 68th Session, Legislative Affairs Chair; Being a first generation college student, I immediately became involved in campus life, wanting as full of an experience as possible. I am an International Studies major, with a passion for helping others, learning languages, and travelling.

## Platform Synopsis

In my time as a student senator, and especially during this past 68th Session, I have become extremely passionate in doing whatever I can to help the student body. With fellow Corps of Cadet Senator Alex Rose, I have met with other cadets to find what issues concern them, and will push to do this even more if re-elected. As Legislative Affairs Chair, I have had the opportunity to work on bills related to reforming Good Samaritan laws, Sexual Assault reform on campus, pushing for tax-free textbooks, among other issues.

Student Senate:

# University Apartments

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**Candidates:**

None

**Available Seats: 1**

# Student Senate: Off-Campus

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## Candidates:

Aaron Drotts	Harland Ashby	Mitchell Moczygemba
Adam Brennan	Jack Milligan	Morgan Moore
Adam Newsom	Jacob White	Olivia Krog
Anne Marie Wolff	Jake Wilson	Parker McCabe
Ashtyn Davis	Jasmine Wang	Pete Pham
Aubre Dean	Jay Dickey	Preston Howey
Bradley Shaw	Jeremy Peel	Rachel Carte
Brandon Pender	John Norman	Rachel Gill
Chad Loving	Jorge Guerrero	Rafael Eduardo
Chase Giles	Jose Fragoso	Guzman
Chris Gale	Joseph Hood	Rhett Houston
Christian Trevino	Julio Kelman	Ricci Stevens
Clark Finney	Kaley Mathis	Ryan Cuevas
Connor Collins	Karson Rowe	Sam Eads
Connor Hancock	Kate Langston	Sarayu Sankar
Daniel Casey	Lars Matthews	Shanti Israni
David Espinosa	Logan Enis	Shara Mcdonald
Drew Dennis	Lucas Mazal	Spencer Krumholz
Dylan Boster	Luke Weissler	Taylor Baumann
Dylan Gembol	Madison Ross	Taylor Rothfield
Gaby Anciola	Matthew McManigle	Ted Gomes
Griselda Vanessa	Michael King	Trevor Reagor
Quintero	Michelle Hoang	Vincent M. Turner
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Available Seats: **31**

# Aaron Drotts

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy Ags! My name is Aaron Drotts and I belong to the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2017(A-Whoop!) and I want to tell you about myself! As a transfer from Texas A&M Galveston, I quickly desired to be active among the student organizations here at A&M! at first, i became involved with College Republicans and quickly made friendships. Soon after, I pledged Kappa Upsilon Chi (KYX) and quickly made friends and established brotherhood among the other members. Fast forward to today, I am currently involved with KYX, Sports For Kids, and Aggie Shields! I love this awesome university.

## Platform Synopsis

Since I am a conservative Republican, this ideology will influence my actions and the ways that I will vote if I am elected into the Senate. I will always vote for the students' best interests and make it a priority to always be a servant to my constituents and fellow classmates. I will do this by continually striving to exemplify the Aggie Core Values so that my fellow students will see an Aggie who is here to serve and represent them.



# Adam Brennan

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Adam Brennan. I am a Junior Supply Chain Management Major from Plano, Texas. Over the past three years, I have dedicated myself to representing the student body through Student Senate, The Hispanic Presidents Council, The National Hispanic Institute (an organization I founded), and the Maroon & White Leadership Fellows. I have dedicated myself to helping any student who feel that they do not get heard because when I first came to this campus, I felt the same way. Thanks and Gig'em!

## Platform Synopsis

I joined student senate because I felt like my voice wasn't getting heard. My freshman year, I talked in front of Student Senate to talk about adding a Latino/Mexican-American studies minor to Texas A&M. Unfortunately, those students shot the idea down. My team and I decided that we couldn't quit so we kept on talking with administrators to ensure that this minor be developed. In fall of 2015, the minor debuted! I hope this story shows to you what kind of person I am. If your voice is not heard, feel free to contact me because I will fight for you! [brennanadm@gmail.com](mailto:brennanadm@gmail.com)

# Clark Finney

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

HOWDY! My name is Clark Finney, but more importantly I'm in the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 2018 'A-A-A-A-A!'. This year I'm going up for re-election and would appreciate your support! Working in the 68th Student Senate was a great opportunity to get good things done, and I pledge that with your vote more great things will happen.

Thanks, Gig 'Em, & God Bless

#StriveforFive

## Platform Synopsis

- \* More transparency within SGA
- \* More student discounts
- \* No rain on weekends!

# Dylan Boster

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Dylan Boster and I am a sophomore Finance major from Houston, Texas. I am a proud graduate from the Aggie Gateway to Success Program. Currently, I am a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, better known as Sigep, and a member of Professional Business Fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi. Upon graduation, I look to further my education in law school.

## Platform Synopsis

I am looking for ways to encourage involvement for all students through the use of more frequently service events and organized fairs to expose students to the great opportunities that A&M has to offer outside of the classroom.

# Gaby Anciola

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**Class Year:** 2016

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! I am a senior Political Science major from Cedar Park, Texas. I did my first two years at the United States Military Academy and worked as a Senate Messenger at the Texas Senate in Austin before transferring to Texas A&M. I have a passion for public service and would be privileged to be given the opportunity to represent the student body and give back to this outstanding institution.

## Platform Synopsis

If elected, I will strive to encompass a diverse student perspective and ensure all student's ideas, concerns, and needs are heard. As a transfer student, one of my goals is to heighten inclusivity within campus as well as provide more resources to support non-traditional students in order to ensure a smooth transition to A&M. With your support, I will be given the chance to passionately serve and give back to the student body here at Texas A&M University.

# Griselda Vanessa Quintero

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Griselda Quintero, and I am a Biological and Agricultural Engineering major from Laredo, Texas. BUT, most importantly, I am the loudest and the proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2018! I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for Off-Campus Senator. I am a first generation college student and first generation Aggie, and I could not tell you how much of an honor that has been. During my time at Texas A&M, I have had the opportunity to engage in organizations of cultural, volunteering, and professional societies. Currently, I am serving as the Public Relations Officer for the Council for Minority Student Affairs.

## Platform Synopsis

AS one of your off-campus senators, I will strive to provide unconditional support for the underrepresented communities in Texas A&M. My candidacy is based on inclusion, diversity, and unity. I want to advocate for the voices and stories of students that are unheard by encouraging students to step of their comfort zone and be an active member of the Aggie family. I am here to serve you and to shine light on each person by having a listening ear and open forum to interact with any student willing to talk. I am a strong believer in coming together for the advancement of the University and will therefore promote a transparent communication system between leaders of this campus to have a greater, lasting impact.

# Harland Ashby

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy

My name is Harland Ashby and I am running to be one of your off campus senators. I have served as a youth senator for the YMCA. I am a strong speaker and will work hard on the issues that are important to you.

## Platform Synopsis

My platform revolves around three main issues;

1. Have off campus bus routes run later.
2. Remove daily limit on meal trades
3. Have all off campus bus routes run on game days.

I am always willing to hear your ideas.

# Jake Wilson

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy, I am from Dripping Springs, a small town outside of Austin. I am a member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2018. I am in Mays Business School pursuing a degree in Finance. During my time at A&M, I have pursued a variety of opportunities to further my development as a leader and as an involved member of my Texas A&M community. For instance, I joined the Freshman Business Initiative, an organization which strives to create reflective learners and well-rounded business professionals. I will continue this trend of serving my community if elected as your Senator.

## Platform Synopsis

As a Student Senator, I will make certain that we promote fiscal responsibility to ensure that my constituents' dollars are not wasted. Some issues that I am excited to work on include:

- An increase in bus routes to the Historic District and routes straight to West Campus
  - Acting as a liaison with College Station to start a dialogue about repealing the City's prohibition of more than four people in a home
  - Opposing any frivolous tuition increases that lack clear, honest goals
- Vote Responsible Action. Vote Jake Wilson

# Jasmine Wang

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Jasmine Wang and I am a freshman political science major from Houston, TX. My time at A&M has continuously inspired me to pursue this office and utilize it as a key to becoming an agent of social change. As the current Chief Digital Strategist for SGA's Diversity Commission, I've worked tirelessly towards providing a voice for students from all backgrounds and walks of life. As a senator, I intend to continue these efforts and give back to the university that has taught me so much about the value of spirit, tradition, and strength in community.

## Platform Synopsis

In senate, my vision is to do everything in my power to enrich each individual's experience as a member of the Aggie family. To make this a tangible reality, I plan to fight against increasing student fees and tuition, to serve and protect students of all backgrounds by implementing better channels of communication when crime and harassment occur, and to expand our outreach as representatives of the student body so that we may truly reflect the opinions of Aggies here on campus and continuously advocate for the betterment and success of all students at this university.



# John Norman

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

I am a sophomore health major from Arlington, Texas. I am a second generation Aggie and enjoy supporting the A&M Football and Baseball teams. I plan on attending medical school following graduation and it would be my honor to serve the students of Texas A&M in a student government role.

## Platform Synopsis

I will bring about new ideas in the spirit of old Aggie values and ideals. I plan on cultivating constructive debate among the student population about what improvements could be made to the university and the area surrounding it as I believe that every Aggie deserves to have their voice heard.

# Kaley Mathis

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Kaley Mathis and I am an Agricultural Communications and Journalism major from Haskell, TX. I am currently involved in multiple student organizations such as: Turning Point USA - Secretary and Conservative Political Action Conference Ambassador; Kappa Alpha Theta; Public Relations Student Society of America; and Sigma Alpha Lambda - National Leadership and Honors Organization. My previous involvements include: Freshman Leadership Experience - FLO; and Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow.

## Platform Synopsis

As an off-campus senator, I will work to improve Texas A&M's transparency by holding external office hours and monthly town halls for the off-campus constituents. I believe it is important to build a closer relationship with the student body as a whole, and provide more opportunities for students from all over to voice their thoughts and opinions for on, and off-campus issues. One way I will take initiative to extend off-campus student involvement and connection, is by improving the use of digital and social media for promoting and supporting campus events and activities, and bringing exposure to the plethora of things occurring on campus. As a senator, I will also advocate for improving off-campus bus routes, parking, and a more convenient transit.

# Karson Rowe

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

I am a sophomore Accounting major from Wichita, Kansas. I am a first generation Aggie and love introducing my family to A&M traditions. My favorite activities are watching sports, especially football and basketball, as well as eating at the Which Wich on West Campus. I plan on beginning a career in financial analysis upon graduation.

## Platform Synopsis

I will ensure that the values and traditions of Texas A&M are upheld and put on display as well as help cultivate new ideas based upon those values. I will maintain an open door, if elected, to any student who would like to make a proposal or simply have a conversation.

# Lars Matthews

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus

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## Biography or Resume

Howdy, Ags! I am Lars Matthews, an economics major from Georgetown, Texas, but more importantly, I am the loudest and the proudest member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie Class of 2019! This election season I will be running for a position as an Off-Campus Senator, and as a member of the Economics Society, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Students for the Exploration and Development of Space, as well as involvement with Kappa Sigma Fraternity, I believe I am the perfect fit to hold this Senate position and serve you as productively and efficiently as possible.

## Platform Synopsis

If elected to a Senate position, I will ensure that every student voice is heard, serving my peers and all who vote for me with diligence and ingenuity. I would vote AGAINST issues such as tuition increase and state attempts to utilize Eminent Domain, and lobby for things such as student resource funding and campus beautification projects. Most importantly, I would guarantee that Texas A&M University remains one of the best universities in the world during my tenure as Senator. Thanks and Gig 'Em!

# Madison Ross

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

I am a full time student at the school of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, a former member of National Honor Society, and held a leadership position on my drill team in high school both junior and senior year. I volunteer each summer at my hometown church and often volunteered at community shelters/food providers such as Mission Arlington and the Wesley Mission Center.

## Platform Synopsis

To serve my peers with compassion and consistency as I vote in favor or against any legislative circumstance with which I will be involved.

# Matthew McManigle

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

I am a Construction Science Major from the small town of Fredericksburg, Texas. I enjoy playing intermural, hosting a student radio show, being involved in a variety of organizations, watching the Aggies BTHO everyone in sports, and hanging out with friends.

## Platform Synopsis

I am running to provide a voice for the off campus community here at Texas A&M. I believe that every Aggie is entitled to have the best experience possible while attending this great university. As senator, I will work to build upon the great foundation of traditions and core values to make sure that every student believes they are getting the most out of their time at Texas A&M.

# Morgan Moore

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy! My name is Morgan Moore and I am running for Off-Campus Senator. I am a Marketing major from Gainesville, Texas and also the loudest and proudest member of the Fighting Texas Aggie Class of 2018! I am a student wanting to help make a difference at the greatest University in the nation. My freshman year I was a Staff Assistant for The Big event and this year I am the PR Officer for the Texas A&M Gymnastics club team. It would be an absolute honor to serve Texas A&M's students, faculty, and staff in the best ways that I can.

## Platform Synopsis

I am focusing my efforts on student safety, getting more involved in the Bryan and College Station communities, and extending our assistance to the Corps of cadets and retired Veterans. I believe that Texas A&M is the greatest university in the world. I believe in our core values which are Loyalty, Integrity, Leadership, Selfless Service, Respect, and Excellence. And I believe that I can make these wonderful things about Texas A&M more evident in our student legislation.

# Olivia Krog

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

- Born and raised in Texas and the eldest of four girls
- Hold positions of leadership in 5 student organizations (including my sorority, professional organization, campus ministry, community outreach organization, and leadership organization)
- Experienced in public speaking, debate, and legislation
- Texas A&M Public Speaking Contest Semifinalist (top 37 out of 1100 contestants)
- Camp Counselor at Pine Cove
- Intern at ConocoPhillips

## Platform Synopsis

- Proven Leadership: I will use my experience in student government to make wise decisions and faithfully lead by example
- Clear Communication: in the Texas A&M Public Speaking Contest, I established myself as a competent orator and I will use those skills to represent you and transparently relate Senate decisions back to you.
- Advocating Excellence: I will continue to pursue excellence and integrity so that Texas A&M will continue to embody the core values of "the spirit that can ne'er be told."



# Pete Pham

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy guys, my name is Pete Pham and I am a psychology major. But more importantly, I am the loudest and the proudest member of the Class of 2018. A-A-A-A-A! With a great love and passion for this school, I would be proud to be someone who represents the students here at Texas A&M. Involved on our campus, I am an officer of Ags of OAK, a member of AOLP, and a member of SLAM.

## Platform Synopsis

Communication among students and their representatives is vital and to ensure that, I am going to have an 'open door' policy. I am going to set a certain day and time out of my week, where students can come to me and discuss with me issues that they feel should be talked about. Another one of my goals of becoming an Off-Campus senator is tackling issues that students face with bus routes. I want to work with you, the students of A&M, to improve transportation so that students can get to campus and around campus with ease. Remember to vote Pete Pham for Off-Campus Senator

# Rafael Eduardo Guzman

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus

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## Biography or Resume

I was born in Monterrey, Mexico and live there for 12 years of my life. My family immigrated to the United States to allow my sister and I to have more opportunities in the future. I ended high school graduating fourth in my class of over 600 students and now I attend Texas A&M pursuing a degree in Chemical Engineering.

## Platform Synopsis

My main goal is to serve as the voice of the student population and make sure that every group is represented justly in our legislation while upholding the core values of our institution. In the past, the minorities have not been represented in accordance with the student population demographics and I believe that equal representation is needed to represent the real population of this fine University.

# Sarayu Sankar

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

I am a graduate student majoring in Public Service & Administration. When I decided to move to the US, there were so many doubts in my mind. But when I came to A&M, I fell in love- with the place, people and the values it stands for. I am currently a member of Legislative Relations, a committee of the SGA and have worked on the Bill for Tax free textbooks. As an international student who believe in diversity, I would be honored to represent 5000 odd students who have come to A&M from different parts of the world and give back to this historic institution.

## Platform Synopsis

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# Angelarose “Shanti” Israni

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

I am a sophomore from Brownsville, Texas. I am also a first generation Aggie and incredibly thankful to be here. There is truly no place I'd rather be... I fall in love with Texas A&M over and over again. Throughout my time here, my involvement has centered around knowing people deeply and serving others. I love people and I believe that getting to serve them is an honor. It brings me an incredible amount of joy.

## Platform Synopsis

I am running for Student Senate because I love people and I love Texas A&M. A former student who I admire used to say, “The people are what make Texas A&M a special place.” Out of my love for people, I want to serve them and make A&M even better for both current and future Aggies. Out of my love for Texas A&M, I want to protect our identity, help improve areas that are lacking, and enhance all that is already wonderful about the Promised Land.

# Taylor Baumann

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**Class Year:** 2018

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

My leadership philosophy heavily emphasizes servant leadership and ambition. I believe that the focus of every leader should be the organization and people he serves rather than his own ego. A leader ought to bring others up before himself, and by doing so, he may achieve success with and for those he leads. Furthermore, when given a task, he does his utmost to finish it completely and efficiently by guiding and encouraging those entrusted to his leadership.

## Platform Synopsis

I want to emphasize changes in dining, transportation, and finance, among any other issues about which students may raise awareness.

The following ideas are two of many legislation goals I have for the upcoming year.

- Making meal trades transferable from fall to spring semester
- Moving economics, political science, and international studies into the Bush School of Government and Public Service

# Ted Gomes

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**Class Year:** 2019

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy Ags, My name is Ted Gomes. I'm a Freshman Political Science Major with a Pre-med track running for Senator Off Campus. I have lived at "The Cambridge" since day one. I currently serve as a Cabinet member as Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs. I'm involved in the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), MedLife, a Medical Mission Trip Organization on campus, and I'm also a member of CONNECT, a new 2016 service organization on campus helping Bryan/College station area year round.

## Platform Synopsis

I would first like to say that the main reason why I joined Student Government is because I enjoy helping others. I'm not sure how many people know that over 40,000 of us Aggies live Off Campus. That is the fact that makes me so excited to be an Off Campus senator. The voice of so many who live Off Campus needs to be heard just as much as those who live On Campus. Myself Included, I always believe that improvements can be made and I promise that I will be on the forefront listening to your concerns and together with my fellow Off Campus senators will strive and work diligently and aggressively to achieve objective and goals that us Off-Campers deem necessary!

# Vincent Turner

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**Class Year:** 2017

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**Candidate For:** Student Senate

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**Caucus:** Off-Campus



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## Biography or Resume

Howdy, Ags! My name is Vincent Turner and I am a Junior Finance major from the great city of Houston, Texas. It's election season, and I am excited to campaign once again for the Off Campus Caucus of Student Senate. I believe that my heavy involvement on campus allows me to meet with a myriad of students. I am the Campus Affairs Director of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, the Director of Marketing for the Interfraternity Council, a member of the Aggie Career Team, Order of Omega, and the Trading, Risk, and Investments Program. In addition, I am also a student worker at the Career Center.

## Platform Synopsis

I want to continue the work that I have done this far in the Senate. Last election season, I promised that I would fight for better toilet paper on campus, and after months of long talks with AggieWorks, we are closer than ever! This coming Wednesday, Senate is voting on my bill calling for students to be excused from class for job interviews. AS promised, I voted against the tuition increase proposal, and I am proud to say that I had the opportunity to do so. My goals for next year are to increase student interaction with the Senate so that you all hear from us more often than during election season, create more opportunities for Aggies to participate in sustainability efforts, and to work on eliminating Wi-Fi dead zones on campus.

Election:

**February 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**

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