



**2023/2024 CSSA Executive Officer
Candidate Outside Involvement Form**
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VICE PRESIDENT OF SYSTEMWIDE AFFAIRS

1a. Are you currently a candidate for or have been elected/appointed to an Associated Students position for the 2023/2024 year?

YES, I am a candidate for an Associated Students position for the 2023/2024 year.

1b. If so, what position?

Vice President of University Affairs

1c. 1b. Which best describes the classification of this position?

Board of Directors (or equivalent)

2a. Do you have any commitments that will prevent you from attending any required trainings/meetings as stated on the CSSA Executive Officer Filing Form?

YES, I have ACADEMIC commitments that will prevent me from attending one or more required trainings/meetings

2b. Which trainings/meetings are you currently aware of/expect to miss due to this commitment?

March 26-27, 2024, September 12-13, 2023, November 7-8, 2023

2c. Please briefly describe the commitment that will cause you to miss the training(s)/meeting(s).

If elected for Vice President of University Affairs for Sacramento State I might be able to not miss the board meetings. I know that I can get excused from them, but elections are currently going on. I won't know until I am elected if I can miss these. Aside from this, depending on when I have my classes next semester I may get excused from attending, but I won't know until I pick my classes in April. I currently have my immigration case going on, so I will need to be excused if an appointment falls under a meeting/training date.

3. Please list in bullet point format any additional commitments you will (likely) have during the CSSA term (June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024), if elected.

- 15 units in Fall '23 and Spring '24 Semester
- Internship over the summer with The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)(10-15hours)
- If elected, Vice President of University Affairs at Sacramento State (7 hours a week)

It is important that you first understand where I come from, and what has led me to be where I am now. I had immigrated to the United States when I was only three years old with my mother, who at the time was sixteen years old. Being raised in an unsafe household further emboldened my passion towards school, a place where I was seen and felt safe. This experience has shaped the many personal identities of myself that have endured physical and emotional adversity. Within my entire family, I am the only one that did not become a teenage mother before the age of 18 and has also graduated high school, and I will be the first to graduate college with a Bachelor's Degree. The moments of adversity throughout my life have inspired me to keep going, all while trying to navigate my academics and doing my best to help others.

Our academic system was designed to disenfranchise people like me, a young woman of color, who only want to achieve success in higher education and work towards a better life. Against all odds, I have overcome these hurdles meant to put women like me down, and I am now double majoring in Political Science & International Relations at Sacramento State University. With the help of the mentors, colleagues, and educators whom I have met with every step along my own educational journey, they have taught me to help others who are also struggling with their own journeys. By empowering them and fighting for their causes, I have become a voice for the voiceless. I am undocumented and proud, something I would not have even thought about having the courage to say publicly years before.

If given the opportunity to serve as the next CSSA Vice President of Systemwide Affairs, I will bring valuable experience to the position, given that I have served in student government since elementary school, as well as most recently serving as the ASI Vice President of University Affairs for Sac State. I understand the CSU system is crucial when wanting to see and enact change. I am honored and grateful for the opportunity to run, but as a person, I would like to do more for all college students throughout the CSU system. It is more likely for students to not ask for help if they are first generation, person of color, undocumented, or an international student.

Attending any of the California State Universities should feel that they belong in their campus, because that'll help them want to reach out for help and get more involved on their campus.

An issue affecting CSU students is the sense of belonging and a lack of information on campus resources. More so, having equitable opportunities and resources. The information is at the universities, yet not all students know this information because they attend their classes and leave. Over the years, we have seen how inclusive all campuses have become, yet each one has different systematic barriers. I started as a student attending the seminar that our Dreamer Resource Center offers. Through different DRC roles, I was able to understand the differences of the various support programs on campus. While I understand the reasons why the EOP or the CAMP receive more funding than the cultural and inclusive centers, I have been able to talk to peers about these differences, and why their funding only remains dependent on grants or state funding. A high number of all students work part time or multiple jobs, and aside from wanting to pursue a higher education, we also have bills to pay. In some cases, students drop out due to not being able to handle working and going to college. Across all campuses, students are struggling to receive mental health counseling. Students wait months in order to meet with someone. As Vice President of University Affairs for Sacramento State, I have worked on various levels to make sure students are heard and represented. In my role, I have met with students to get them involved in serving on committees internally and university wide because representation and student perspective matters. I've collaborated with campus partners to host events regarding mental health, sexual assault awareness, advocacy, and safety. My goal as a serving CSSA executive officer will be to expand my knowledge of all CSU campuses issues and take action. I am a voice for all students because we are all humans at the end of the day.

Alexandra Yeline Dominguez Estrella



EXPERIENCE

It's a Grind Coffee House, Oakland, CA — Barista

September 2018 - September 2020

Took and made orders for customers, once it was time to close I made sure everything was ready for the next morning. Handled multiple tasks at once for business efficiency.

Holy Names University Upward Bound — Advisor

January 2021 - May 2022

Working with low income and first generation students closely preparing them to be eligible for college. Making sure that if they need tutoring that we assign them a tutor. Helping them with their college applications and any other help they need. In the Summers, creating workshops, organizing field trips, and making sure all students are passing the classes assigned to them by the program.

Dreamer Resource Center — Dream Leader Intern

August 2021 - January 2022

Helping undocumented and mixed status students fulfill they're college dream a reality by advising them in which classes to take. Teaching them of resources on campus and information to help them get through college. Talking to them about they're mental health and teaching them on ways to handle stress, anxiety, etc.

Dreamer Resource Center — Student Assistant

January 2022 - August 2022

Direct point of outreach for the center. In-charge of social media, tabling for events, classroom presentations. Helping other Strategic Student Success Program Centers with projects as extreme support. Organizing events and in-charge of decoration. Sending and responding emails for the centers account, and scheduling immigration appointments for students.

SKILLS

Strong verbal communication

Efficient multitasking

Strong leadership

Strong organization

Self- motivated quick learner

Great Computer Analyst

AWARDS

President's Award 2016

AP Language Tenacity Award
2019

Student of the Week/Year 2020

Chicano Latino Youth Leadership
Program Achievement Award

Education Unlimited Success
Award

Certifications

Dreamer Ally

Safe Zone (LGBT Ally)

Child Abuse Mandated Reporter

CPR Certified

Associated Students Inc. —Vice President of University Affairs

Fall 2022 - Present

Elected to serve 30,000 students at Sacramento State. As VP/UA I am responsible for coordinating student representation on all university committees. Serving as Chair for the Wellness, Safety, Sexual Assault Awareness Committee. Working with campus partners to improve campus inclusivity, safety, and advocacy.

Dreamer Incentive Program

Fall 2022 -Present

Performing community service through the Strategic Student Support Programs at Sacramento State. Planning events, mentoring students at local highschool regarding access to higher education as an undocumented student

EDUCATION

Leadership Public Schools — Highschool Diploma

August 2016 - May 2020

Sacramento State University

Fall 2020 - Spring 2024

Double Majoring in Political Science and International Relations

Extracurriculars

LPS Enrollment Program Ambassador

Translated at parents information sessions, helped incoming freshman apply to LPS, gave campus tours, and facilitated tests for incoming students taking Math and English courses

Holy Names University Upward Bound

Gained understanding of what college is and how I could apply. Attended workshops, college tours, and did community service.

Committees

Union WELL Inc. Board of Directors

Antiracism and Inclusive Campus Plan Implementation Advisory Council

Sexual Violence Awareness Team

Police Advisory Council

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish| Speaking,
Reading, and Writing

French| Intermediate

References

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