

Catie Flores

Vice President of Gabelli - USG

### Candidate Platform

My name is Catie Flores, and I am a current sophomore studying finance at the Gabelli School of Business. As a member of the GSB Dean's Council and a passionate student in the Fordham community, I am qualified and eager to run for the position of VP of the Gabelli School of Business on Fordham's United Student Government.

During my time as a representative on the GSB Dean's Council, I have had the privilege of serving on both the academic and mentorship committees. Through these roles, I have been able to make a meaningful impact on the Gabelli community. In my work on the academic committee, I have helped to implement changes that will benefit incoming freshmen students. Specifically, I advocated for the use of AP credit to test out of the Statistics I course in the Gabelli core curriculum. This change will allow students to explore their major interests earlier on in their academic careers, and it frees up room in the curriculum for electives. Additionally, I was involved in the proposal for extended weekend hours for Hughes Hall, giving students increased access to study spaces and resources.

As a co-head of the mentorship committee on the Dean's Council, I have helped organize an event where underclassmen interested in finance had the opportunity to network with upperclassmen in finance roles upon graduation. This allowed students to learn more about different opportunities in the finance industry and make valuable connections that help students in their recruitment processes. Currently, I am working on the planning for our TEDxFordham event coming to campus this fall. In my work on this event, I am forming committees, working through logistics, and selecting various speakers to give keynote speeches on the theme "Transforming Today."

I believe that the Gabelli School of Business has a responsibility to uphold its reputation for corporate social responsibility and Jesuit values by giving back to the city that has provided us with so many opportunities. As a candidate for VP of Gabelli, I propose creating a platform with local organizations and nonprofits to provide volunteer and community service opportunities for our students. By getting involved with these organizations, students can develop crucial skills in servant leadership and gain valuable experience that will help them stand out in the job market.

Additionally, I plan to create a mentorship program that connects upperclassmen with underclassmen. With so many intelligent students pursuing different career paths, there is much to learn from each other's experiences. Through the creation of a student mentorship program, students can help guide one another in their career choices and provide valuable insights that will prepare them for success in the business world.

As a representative of the student body, I believe it is important to be accessible and responsive to all constituents. Every student's voice deserves to be heard. I am committed to being a reliable representative for the community, and I will ensure that your concerns and suggestions are considered and addressed. Together, we can make Gabelli School of Business a better place for all students.

I am confident that I will make a positive impact on our Fordham community as the Vice President of the Gabelli School of Business in USG. Thank you for considering my platform, and I hope to earn your vote!