

SGA Representative Campaign Statements (2024-2025 Elections)

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Ainslie Bashara

Hi everyone! I'm running for student government because I believe in making Southwestern the best place for everyone's individual needs. I'm super organized, highly motivated, and full of enthusiasm. I'm a very quick learner and love collaborating with others. I promise to use these skills to listen to your ideas, bring positive changes, and make sure your voice is heard. With me, you'll get a new dedicated student who's excited to make a real difference. Vote for me, and let's make Southwestern the best it can be!

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Overall, my goal is to foster a campus community that prioritizes sustainability while preparing students for their future careers and embracing inclusivity and diversity in a way that everyone feels welcomed and represented.

Julianna Truitt

"As a member of Student Government, I hope to be a voice for my peers and advocate for the issues that are most important to our student community. I am passionate about creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their background or identity. I also believe that mental health and wellness should be a top priority, and I would work to expand resources and support for students who are struggling. I am committed to transparency and communication, and I would strive to keep students informed and involved in the decision-making process. I believe that collaboration and teamwork are key to achieving our goals, and I would work closely with other members of Student Government and with campus administrators to implement effective solutions. Ultimately, my goal is to make a positive impact on campus and to help create a sense of belonging and community for all students. I am excited about the opportunity to serve on Student Government and to work with other dedicated and passionate students to make a difference."

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I love to be involved in various aspects of the Southwestern Community. Being in various clubs and organizations I have a wide perspective that covers students in sports, fraternities, and organizations that develop professional growth. I take pride in academics and embracing all Southwestern has to offer for students.

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Carmella Villarreal

While serving on Student Government, I hope to get more involved here at Southwestern. I want to help first year students, like myself, get comfortable on campus. I know exactly what it feels like to be homesick, so I want to help students learn to deal with being away from home and continuing this important chapter of their lives. Whether that means different activities to take their mind off the distance or support groups to help talk about the difficult issues that arise while being away. Similarly, I want first year students to learn to take advantage of all our university has to offer. I hope to set up volunteer big-little programs where students can be open and honest with an upperclassman mentor about social or academic issues, while also learning the ins and outs of campus life that's not always advertised. I would love to drive student engagement, increase freshman involvement, and have students get excited to be at SU! As a first year representative, I would love to bridge the gap between freshman and upperclassmen, truly advocating for our students. I intend to keep students informed about upcoming events, issues, or initiatives. Plus, I want to address and resolve any issues raised by students. While serving on Student Government, I intend to work with other student government members and student organizations to address issues and create programs. Overall I want my role to contribute

to a better campus here at SU. I want students to truly have an amazing experience where they feel comfortable, engaged, and heard!

Damien Morales

I hope to bring more attention and awareness of Student Government and its responsibilities and service to student organizations to the Southwestern community. I would also like to build a strong relationship between SGA and other student organizations across campus, to help increase overall involvement, and to encourage and support the development of new organizations on campus.

Dugan Sexton

I love to be involved in various aspects of the Southwestern Community. Being in various clubs and organizations I have a wide perspective that covers students in sports, fraternities, and organizations that develop professional growth. I take pride in academics and embracing all Southwestern has to offer for students.

Ainslie Bashara

Hi everyone! I'm running for student government because I believe in making Southwestern the best place for everyone's individual needs. I'm super organized, highly motivated, and full of enthusiasm. I'm a very quick learner and love collaborating with others. I promise to use these skills to listen to your ideas, bring positive changes, and make sure your voice is heard. With me, you'll get a new dedicated student who's excited to make a real difference. Vote for me, and let's make Southwestern the best it can be!

Julianna Truitt

"As a member of Student Government, I hope to be a voice for my peers and advocate for the issues that are most important to our student community. I am passionate about creating an inclusive and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their background or identity. I also believe that mental health and wellness should be a top priority, and I would work to expand resources and support for students who are struggling. I am committed to transparency and communication, and I would strive to keep students informed and involved in the decision-making process. I believe that collaboration and teamwork are key to achieving our goals, and I would work closely with other members of Student Government and with campus administrators to implement effective solutions. Ultimately, my goal is to make a positive impact on campus and to help create a sense of belonging and community for all students. I am excited about the opportunity to serve on Student Government and to work with other dedicated and passionate students to make a difference."