

# 2024-2025

# ASI Board of Directors

# Voter Guide

This guide provides a list of all eligible candidates running for the ASI Board of Directors for 2024-2025. You will see that there are positions running unopposed which does happen from time to time. Eligibility may impact the final candidate list based on the [ASI Bylaws](#) and [ASI Elections Code](#). For example, to run for an executive position (President, VP) you are required to have 1 semester experience with ASI at the time of application. All other positions are open to all CSUEB students.

When ASI has any vacant positions after the election process, there will be an open application and appointment to fill any vacant positions. We encourage you to read about each candidate and see how they will work to represent you!

ASI also wants to ensure that all students feel represented and heard as part of your membership. All students can get more involved through committees and future positions!

## PRESIDENT/CEO (CHAIR):

**Nolan Calara - President/CEO**



*"Hey, Pioneers! I am Nolan Calara (he/him), a third-year Business Administration major and a first-generation student from Milpitas, California. I am very excited to be running to serve as your next ASI President/CEO. I currently serve as your President/CEO for Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI) and Residential Assistant for University Housing and Residence Life (UHRL) and former Community and Political Affairs for the Pilipinx American Student Association (PASA). From being the current ASI President here at CSUEB, I am*

*committed to continue my advocacy on increasing student opportunities and providing the diverse experience that forms our university today. We all know the tuition increase, spring cuts, and CFA strikes have been big things that have affected the student body and it would be my utmost importance to ensure the students are kept informed and protected when it comes to university changes. As your President/CEO for the second year, I plan to focus ASI's initiatives on enhancing or building new relationships with university partners and advocating for student needs inside and outside Cal State East Bay. Some initiatives that I plan on doing next year include university safety walks with UPD, educating students on FAFSA changes and tuition increase, and more events for students . Together, we can and will Lead the Way at East Bay!"*

## **EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/CHIEF OF STAFF:**

**Erick Macias - Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff**



*Hey everyone! My name is Erick Macias, I'm a Business Administration Marketing Management major from Hayward, CA. I am excited to be running as your next ASI Executive Vice President/Chief of Staff. I currently serve as your Vice President of University Affairs for Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI), Operations Coordinator at UpClub, and a member of Tau Kappa Upsilon, Fraternity. Through my dedicated experience in leadership I've been able to advocate on behalf of all CSUEB students for the greater good of our campus and student community. Being a part of the Title IX, "We Care" Team committee, the Alumni Association, and Campus Fee Advisory Committee has kept me involved in actively working on issues students have been facing and advocating for them on initiatives leading to action. As your prospective Executive Vice President, I plan to continue advocating for our students through collaborations with various campus departments and enhancing our relationship to bring more effective events that students can benefit from. I plan to continue educating students of FAFSA changes and establishing a*

*greater in-person course experience, as well as amplifying Title IX initiatives.*

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS:**

**Deepthi Bhimanapati - Vice President of Internal Affairs**



*As a dedicated Master's student in Business Analytics at California State University, East Bay, my journey has been profoundly shaped by the vibrant diversity and the myriad challenges faced by our student community. My passion for representing and advocating for my peers was ignited during my tenure as President of the Legal Aid Centre at*

*Symbiosis International University during my undergrad, orchestrating outreach programs that made tangible impacts. Serving as a student board assistant at ASI has deepened my understanding of the Board's functions and further motivated me to run for a Board Member position. I have witnessed firsthand the critical role ASI plays in bridging the gap between students' needs and the university's offerings, a task that requires not just understanding but foresight and innovation. If elected, I aim to focus on three key areas: enhancing student engagement through data-driven decision-making, advocating for mental health resources, and fostering an inclusive environment for all. My background in data analytics, coupled with my leadership experience, equips me with the unique ability to analyze student needs effectively and propose evidence-based solutions. I believe that through collaborative effort, empathy, and strategic planning, we can address the concerns of academic support, mental health, and inclusivity, thus enriching the CSU, East Bay experience for every student. My goal is to leverage my technical skills, leadership experience, and passion for service to make a lasting difference in our university community.*

### **Dane Lopez - Vice President of Internal Affairs**



*Hey everyone! My name is Dane Lopez (He/Him), I am a Biology Major with a focus on Ecology and Evolution and also pursuing a Math Minor. I currently reside in Oakland, California. I am very excited to be running to serve as the next ASI VP of Internal Affairs. My current roles are as follows; Chair of the Board for the Associated Student Incorporation (ASI), Mentorship Director for the Pilipinx American Student Association (PASA), and pivotal positions within the Social Fraternity Zeta Omega, being their Social Chair and Recruitment chair, underscore my commitment to service and leadership. In my role as Chair, I've developed a deep appreciation for resolutions, instrumental in driving campus impact by advocating for local laws and ensuring students receive essential resources. Particularly, championing our support for Philippine human rights underscores our commitment to affirming the identities of all students. This responsibility has greatly enriched my understanding of meeting*

*dynamics, facilitating discussions seamlessly and fostering efficient collaboration among board members. As your prospective Vice President of Internal Affairs, my mission is to promote community engagement on campus and preserve transparency of all ASI board activities that affect the welfare of all students. Despite the constraints of schedules, I aim to cultivate a space where students can find joy and belonging amidst their academic endeavors. By bringing together organizations of diverse backgrounds, I aspire to foster an inclusive and exciting campus community, where every student is given the opportunity to flourish.*

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:**

**London Deguzman - Vice President of External Affairs**



*Hey everyone! My name is London Deguzman, a second year Business Administration major from Vallejo, California. I am looking forward to running as your next Vice President of External Affairs. In my multifaceted role as Director of Programming for Associated Students Incorporated (ASI), President of Zeta Omega Fraternity, and member of the Pilipinx American Student Association (PASA), I am dedicated to fostering a thriving campus environment. As the current Director of Programming, my efforts are centered on raising awareness of invaluable campus resources, including but not limited to affinity centers and academic support services. My aim is to empower each student with the essential tools for their academic and personal triumphs, ensuring equitable access to success for all. Additionally, I strive to create opportunities to improve campus community by gathering student organizations and East Bay departments together for friendly events. As your prospective Vice President of External Affairs, I plan to serve as a representative of CSUEB amongst other representatives at the CSU wide level. With unwavering resolve, I will keep our student body well-informed on*

*legislative developments that can affect your collegiate journey. Moreover, I am adamant in upholding ASI's mission to craft and implement policies that protect and enhance the welfare of CSUEB students.*

## **VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE (CFO):**

**Charan Reddy Doolam - Vice President of Finance/CFO**



*Hello Pioneers! My name is Charan Reddy Doolam, a third-year computer science Major from Bangalore, India and I am excited to be running to serve as your next VP of Finance. I currently serve as your Senator of Science for Associated Students, Incorporated (ASI), a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity (TKE), The UpClub, and the Pilipinx*



*American Student Association (PASA). From my dedicated leadership experience here at CSUEB, I am committed to advocating for student success, and pioneer pride, and trying to provide resources that every single student has a right to. As a first-generation college student and an international student, I understand the frustration of not knowing who to turn to for academic or career support. As part of ASI for the second year, I will continue to advocate for enhancing student engagement and increasing campus communication within Cal State East Bay. In addition, I'll work closely to create a vibrant space and inclusive East Bay for all students. Together, let's Rise and Amplify East Bay!*

## **Vamshi Krishna Sai Myneni - Vice President of Finance/CFO**

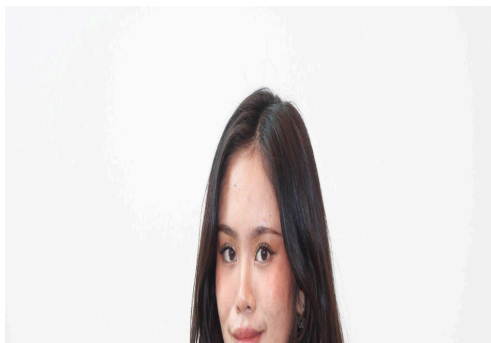


*As a candidate for Finance Vice President, I am driven by a deep commitment to serve and elevate the student body at CSU East Bay. My journey into running for this esteemed position was sparked by a profound desire to contribute meaningfully to the financial stewardship of our institution. If entrusted with the role, I aim to enact transparent fiscal policies and streamline budget allocation processes to ensure every dollar serves the diverse needs of our students effectively. My extensive knowledge of financial management coupled with a keen understanding of the Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors' functions uniquely position me to enact tangible changes. Addressing the multifaceted needs of our diverse campus community is paramount. I am dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where every student's voice is heard and their concerns addressed promptly. Three major concerns students face at CSU East Bay include accessibility to resources, affordability of education, and mental health*

*support. My solutions entail expanding financial aid workshops, advocating for affordable textbook options, and bolstering mental health resources on campus. If elected, I bring to the table a wealth of experience in financial management, a collaborative spirit, and a relentless dedication to advocating for the best interests of our student body. Together, let's embark on a journey to empower, enrich, and enhance the CSU East Bay experience for all.*

## **DIRECTOR OF WELLNESS & RECREATION:**

### **Germione Villegas - Director of Wellness and Recreation**



*Hey Pioneers! I'm Germione Villegas (she/her), a first-year Pre-Nursing student. I was born and raised in the Philippines and I now live in Hayward, California. I am*

*thrilled to run for the position of your next Director of Wellness. My experiences as a Behavior Technician for ACES and my active involvement in the Pilipinx American Student Association (PASA) have uniquely shaped my perspective and ignited my dedication to student well-being. As a student-nurse, I have directly observed the profound impact that physical, mental, and emotional health can have on individuals. I envision collaborating closely with campus resources, particularly wellness services, to ensure that every student has access to the support they need. My plan includes organizing events that specifically focus on enhancing student mental health and promoting physical well-being. In addition to these initiatives, I would advocate for the expansion of wellness services, working to increase the availability of counseling sessions, workshops, and support groups. Additionally, my role as Director of Wellness would involve working closely with student organizations, including cultural and identity groups, to create a calendar of events that embraces the diversity of our campus. These events could range from yoga sessions and fitness classes to mental health awareness campaigns tailored to specific community needs. My aim is to develop an inclusive wellness framework that not only addresses immediate concerns but also fosters a long-term culture of well-being. Together, let's create a campus environment where the well-being of each Pioneer is at the forefront.*

## **DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY AFFAIRS:**

**Jana Ramos - Director of Sustainability Affairs**



*Hello Pioneers! My name is Jana Ramos (she/her) and I am a first-year Pre-Nursing student from Antioch, CA. I am excited to explore the academic and career opportunities offered in the Bay Area. I am passionately running for ASI Director for Sustainable Affairs! I am a member of the Pilipinx American Student Association (PASA) and a Library Learning Commons student assistant at the CORE Building. I have found great fulfillment from supporting my community, and I plan to be more active in different organizations and clubs throughout my tenure at East Bay. This summer, I will continue volunteering as a Data-Entry Assistant for Anchor Health Hospice and working as a Human Resources Intern with Scientific Adventures for Girls, which is a non-profit organization promoting scientific curiosity in young girls. Through interning and volunteering, I will be developing imperative communication and collaborative skills that I wish to apply to my position. Being a first-year student, I have seen the impact of being a*

*commuter school on the activeness and morale of the student body. I plan on advocating for more*

*student involvement in our campus's sustainability practices. I will dedicate my resources and time to environmental transparency at East Bay, commit to decreasing our university's carbon footprint, and increase student environmental literacy. I hope to collaborate with the student body and different organizations to improve our campus community. Together let's work toward a brighter future and Lead the Way at East Bay!*

## **Sowmya Vaddempudi - Director of Sustainability Affairs**

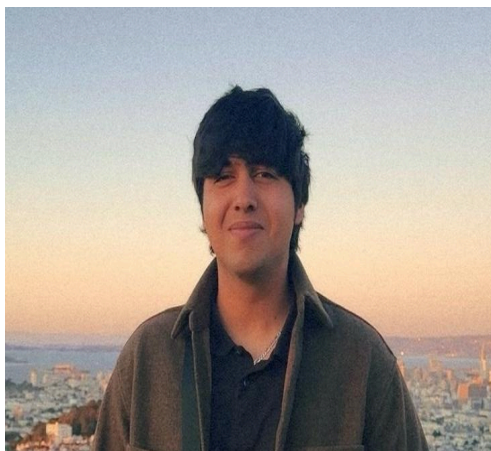


*My candidacy for the Director of Sustainability Affairs at CSUEB is driven by my firsthand experience in the Department of sustainability currently, as the Atlas Zero Waste Fellow. This role has provided me with a unique vantage point to identify key areas for improvement on our campus, such as student engagement and education on zero waste and sustainability principles. If elected, I plan to initiate comprehensive programs that not only educate but also actively involve students in sustainability practices. My approach includes creating interactive workshops, awareness campaigns, and volunteer opportunities that empower students to contribute to our zero-waste goals. I am well-versed in the functions of the Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors and believe that effective change comes from collective action and informed decision-making. To address the diverse needs of our student body, I will prioritize inclusivity in our sustainability initiatives, ensuring that they are accessible and beneficial to all. Three major concerns at CSU, East Bay are lack of awareness about sustainability, insufficient student participation in green initiatives, and inadequate recycling practices. My solutions*

*include implementing targeted educational programs, increasing student involvement in sustainability projects, and improving the campus recycling infrastructure. Bringing my experience as a sustainability fellow and my passion for environmental stewardship, I am committed to enhancing the sustainability efforts at CSUEB and making a lasting impact on our campus community as a member of the Associated Students Inc. Board of Directors.*

## **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITIES:**

### **Kartik Tripathi - Director of Communities**



*Hello Pioneers! I'm Kartik Tripathi, also known as KT, a second-year computer science major and a proud international student from New Delhi, India. I am thrilled and excited to run for ASI Director of Communities! Passionate about inclusivity, my campus journey has*



*exposed me to diverse experiences, shaping my understanding of student needs. Engaging in student organizations and leadership roles, like serving as Chaplain on Tau Kappa Epsilon's executive board, provided insights into challenges faced by various student groups. Believing in equal opportunities for all, I pledge to foster cross-campus collaboration, bridging gaps between student populations. My goal is to ensure every student's voice is heard and addressed within the Board of Directors, cultivating a supportive campus environment. My platform focuses on transparency, accessibility, and advocacy. Prioritizing diversity and inclusion initiatives, such as cultural competency training and funding for student-led initiatives, I'll strengthen communication channels between students and administration. As your Director of Community, my candidacy is driven by a genuine desire to serve and empower fellow students. With dedication and experience, I'm committed to making meaningful contributions to the ASI Board of Directors, advocating for positive change within our campus community. Together, let's Rise and Amplify East Bay!*

## **SENATOR, CONCORD CAMPUS:**

**Hamed Mahmoud - Senator, Concord Campus**



*As a proud student of the CSU East Bay Concord community, I am overjoyed to announce my candidacy for the Senator position at the Concord Campus. After being a student at the campus for almost 2 semesters, I feel like there is a great community here with many prospects for growth and outreach opportunities within the campus. My interest in student government was sparked by a desire to make a difference in our campus community. If elected, I am determined to bring about meaningful changes that enhance the student experience and foster a sense of belonging for all. Having actively engaged with the Concord campus community, I am aware of the unique challenges and opportunities that exist here. My platform prioritizes initiatives aimed at improving campus infrastructure, enhancing academic resources, and promoting diversity and inclusion. If elected, I bring to the table a strong work ethic, effective communication skills, and a passion for student advocacy. I am dedicated to serving as a voice for Concord*

*students and working collaboratively to create positive change. Together, let's build a stronger and more vibrant Concord campus.*



## **SENATORS AT LARGE (4 positions):**

### **Yashica Avhad - Senator at Large**



*Hello Pioneers! My name is Yashica Avhad, a freshman Economics Major from India and I am thrilled to announce that I am running for Senator-at-Large for International Students and Alumni Engagement. As a freshman and international student, I bring a fresh perspective and a deep commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community. My involvement in The UpClub! has equipped me with valuable insights and resources to address the diverse needs of our international student body. I am confident that my dedication, experience, and passion make me the ideal candidate to represent and serve our international student and Alumni community effectively. As a Senator-at-Large for International Students and Alumni Engagement, I am dedicated to fostering a vibrant and inclusive environment at Cal State East Bay. My focus will be on enhancing support services, fostering cultural exchange initiatives, and facilitating networking opportunities for international students and alumni.*

*Additionally, I will work diligently to ensure that the voices of international students are heard and represented in campus decision-making processes, amplifying student engagement, and improving campus-wide communication. Together, let's Rise and Amplify East Bay!*

### **Venkata Naga Anirudh Chaganti - Senator at Large**



***As a candidate for Senator At Large within Associated Students Inc., I am driven by a profound commitment to advocating for the diverse student body at CSU, East Bay. My candidacy is rooted in a fervent desire to amplify student voices and effectively address their concerns within our university community. If elected, my focus will be on prioritizing inclusivity, accessibility, and student well-being. Leveraging my comprehensive understanding of the Board of Directors and its functions, I will diligently represent the interests of all students. I am acutely aware of the diverse needs present on our campus and am dedicated to addressing pressing issues such as resource accessibility, mental health support, and campus safety. Proposed solutions include the implementation of comprehensive support programs and initiatives aimed at fostering inclusivity. I bring to this role a wealth of experience, strong communication skills, a collaborative approach, and an unwavering commitment to student service. I am particularly impassioned about advocating for specific student communities, ensuring their voices are heard and their needs met. In summary, I am enthusiastic about the prospect of serving as Senator At Large and contributing positively to the endeavors of Associated Students Inc. Let us unite in our efforts to cultivate an equitable, supportive, and inclusive campus environment.***

### **Sophia Dela Cruz - Senator at Large**



***Hi everyone! My name is Sophia Dela Cruz (she/her). I am a first-year pre-nursing major from San Leandro, California. I am looking forward to running to serve as your Senator at Large for Diversity and Commuters! Lately, I have been working as a tutor located at Lorin Eden Elementary. I have also done many leadership roles back in high school. I was a student youth council member for FACES for the Future Coalition and the secretary for the Asian Alliance club. I am currently a member of the Pilipinx American Student Association (PASA) here in Cal State East Bay. As your***

*senator at large, my area of interest will be to advocate for the diversity of students as well as commuters. Considering how many commuters attend Cal State East Bay, I aim to work closely to establish a physical space for them to socialize and create new connections. I would also like to concentrate on promoting PrEP-AP, a preventative drug for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), making sure to spread awareness and help destigmatize this topic. I will work on revising health pamphlets throughout the school to be inclusive of all genders. Lastly, I'll dedicate myself to continue creating a safe environment for everyone on campus. Together, let's lead the way at East Bay!*

## **Mohammed Husain - Senator at Large**

*Hi East Bay Students, my name is Mohammed Husain, I am a second-year psychology student. I've lived in the Bay area my entire life and I am running for Senator at Large Outside of campus, I help out at my local food drive. In high school I was a part of my debate team and DECA. Leadership is something I'm familiar with, my skills in communicating and problem solving give me the ability to tackle problems using details to form the larger picture. Within Campus I am a part of the Fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon. My area of interest will be Athletics. On our Pioneer Athletics page one of our goals for student-athletes is to "outperform the student body in GPA and graduation rates." Giving student-athletes flexibility to their schedule is a concern I believe is important, since Athletes are required to take 12 units minimum a semester. I believe giving them the option to choose their classes earlier will be a huge help to the average student. As a campus we don't utilize the potential our Athletic teams can offer to our overall campus life. I think we can outsource to established campus entities to promote games that are happening on campus. Having designated times where the outside student body can use the resources provided to athletes could also grow closer connections among students and student-athletes.*

## **Matt Magaling - Senator at Large**



*My desire to run for Senator at Large for CSUEB Housing and Greek Life stems from a commitment to fostering an inclusive community. If elected, I'll prioritize affordability, safety, and community engagement, advocating for improved measures in these areas. With experience in student governance and as a fraternity secretary, I bring organizational skills to the role. I'll prioritize open communication and collaboration to address diverse student needs. Key concerns include affordability, safety, and community engagement, which I propose addressing through cost control, enhanced security, and more social/educational events. I'm dedicated to student advocacy, effective communication, and collaborative problem-solving, drawing on my leadership and organizational skills gained as a fraternity secretary.*



# **SENATOR, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS:**

## **Sanskruti Desai - Senator, College of Business and Economics**

*Pioneers, I am Sanskruti Desai, 1st year MSMA student from Gujarat, India and I am excited to be a candidate for the position of Senator for the College of Business and Economics. Arriving in the United States at the age of 16 from India, I faced a plethora of challenges – language barriers, homesickness, identity struggles and mental health. Yet, through perseverance and determination, I thrived. I have a profound empathy for those facing similar struggles and a steadfast commitment to making our campus a place where every voice is heard and valued. During my time at CSUEB, I have witnessed a collective dedication to enhance student life and the faculty experience. While everyone has been dedicated to that and putting in collective efforts, I believe we can achieve even greater success. I will be a tireless advocate for student voices, ensuring that every idea, no matter how big or small, receives the attention and support it deserves. I want to prioritize mental health resources for students on campus, communication between students, faculty and administration, and develop a healthy bridge between domestic and international students. While it's essential to engage in discussions and planning, true progress is measured by tangible achievements. Let's move beyond rhetoric and embrace a culture of action and accomplishment. Together, let's turn our aspirations into reality.*

## **Anahi Rodriguez - Senator, College of Business and Economics**



*Hello pioneers! I am Anahi (she/her), a third year Business Administration major with a focus in marketing. I am also a first-generation student. I am excited to run for Senator of Business and support the campus community. Currently, I proudly serve as a Residential Assistant for University Housing and Residence Life (UHRL), where I assist fellow Pioneers in their transition to Cal State East Bay. My role has allowed me to engage with our community and its needs. If you have any questions feel free to ask me! Since joining University Housing, I've found gratification in advocating for campus resources and supporting our community. As your Senator of Business, my primary goal is to foster a stronger connection between our business students and industry professionals through networking events where students can learn of mentorship programs, and internship opportunities. Additionally, I am dedicated to enhancing the educational experience for students across all majors. This begins with advocating for more in-person*

*classes and fostering collaborative cohorts to enrich our learning environment. Together, let's strive for a more connected and empowered campus community. I am determined to be your voice and spark initiatives that uplift and serve the diverse needs of our student body. With your support, we can pave*

*the way for a brighter future at Cal State East Bay. Thank you for your consideration. Let's Lead The Way At East Bay!*

### **Nidhi Sharma - Senator, College of Business and Economics**



*As a candidate for the position in Associated Students, Inc., Board of Directors, I am driven by a deep-seated commitment to enhancing the student experience at CSU, East Bay. My journey from project management in the corporate realm to community engagement roles has equipped me with a diverse skill set and a passion for advocacy. What sparked my interest in running is the desire to effect positive change. If elected, I envision implementing initiatives that address three major concerns: enhancing representation and inclusivity, fostering a sense of community, and advocating for academic and extracurricular support services. My knowledge of the Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors and its functions is robust, complemented by my experience in stakeholder coordination and strategic decision-making. I understand the importance of addressing the needs of all students on our diverse campus, and I am committed to engaging with various student groups to ensure their voices are heard and their concerns addressed. If given the opportunity to serve, I would bring to the Board a blend of analytical rigor, strategic vision, and a collaborative spirit. My track record of successful project management, community engagement, and data-driven decision-making uniquely positions me to contribute effectively to Associated Students, Inc. Board of Directors. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and work tirelessly to make CSU, East Bay an even better place for all students.*

## **SENATOR, COLLEGE OF SCIENCE:**

**Sanya Kaur Chandan - Senator, College of Science**



***Running for one of the Board of Members' positions at ASI could be one of the greater steps taken to improve the student experience and support them to the best of my capability. As a board member, I plan to make diversity, transparency, and accessibility for all students a top priority. To do so, I would enable myself by advocating for student perspectives, encouraging open communication, and actively gathering feedback from students. The many concerns of our campus community must be met, such as affordable resource access, mental health assistance, and campus safety. My suggestions are to improve financing for student services, grow mental health initiatives, and work with campus security to gain proactive measures in effect. If elected, I believe that I would bring a unique blend of leadership, empathy, and strategic thinking to ASI. During the second year of my Bachelor's degree, I served as Documentation Head, which helped me develop my management and leadership abilities, expand my network,***

***and generate content for various committee and college events. I am committed to prioritizing the needs of all students in decision-making, and together, we can work towards making the CSUEB community stronger, more inclusive, and a better place for everyone.***

### **Jacob Choates - Senator, College of Science**



***Hey Pioneers! My name is Jacob Choates and I am a first year computer science major here at CSU East Bay, and I am from Milpitas, California. I am looking forward to running to serve as East Bay's next Senator of Science. I have done many leadership roles in my community before. Last year I was Milpitas High School's Black Student Union president. I was also the captain of their football team. I am also a part of the African American Community Service Agency where I learned many leadership skills that I can use to help different communities. As your Senator of Science I would have many goals that I would like to help establish in our department. Some of them being the small class sizes with many of our major classes, leading to many students stuck on the waitlist, and I would also be working on bringing more opportunities for STEM majors to connect within school. Through all of these changes I hope to help better***



***our STEM community so we can all Lead the Way at East Bay!***

### **Sai Lokesh Reddy Gayam - Senator, College of Science**



***As a highly motivated and engaged student with a deep understanding of the university's needs, I am eager to serve on the Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) Board of Directors. My passion for student advocacy stems from my personal experiences and observations on campus. I believe that ASI has a critical role to play in addressing these issues and creating a more equitable and inclusive environment. If elected to the Board, I would prioritize the following changes: Enhance student representation: Establish regular forums for student input and feedback to ensure that ASI's decisions are informed by the voices of all students. Promote diversity and inclusion: Create initiatives and events that celebrate and support students from underrepresented groups. My extensive knowledge of ASI's functions and operations has been gained through my involvement as a student leader and my research on student government organizations. My solutions to these concerns include: Advocating for increased financial aid: Lobbying for expanded scholarships, grants, and work-study***

***programs. Creating career development opportunities: Collaborating with faculty, staff, and industry partners to provide students with internships, mentorship programs, and career counseling. As a member of the ASI Board of Directors, I would strive for the Passion for student success: A deep commitment to creating a supportive and equitable environment where all students can thrive. I am confident that my skills and experience would enable me to make a meaningful contribution to the ASI Board of Directors and to the student body of California State University, East Bay.***

### **Piusha Pandey - Senator, College of Science**



*Hello, Pioneers! I am Piusha Pandey, a second-year Computer Science enthusiast, and I'm thrilled to run for Senator for the College of Science! My journey includes serving as an Ambassador for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (H.A.C.U), a role that has deepened my commitment to supporting minorities in higher education. Additionally, working as a Math Learning Assistant at the S.T.E.M Lab has allowed me to forge personal connections with many of you. My approach to addressing our campus needs revolves around open communication and valuing everyone's input. I'm dedicated to expanding ASI's range of activities, fostering more networking opportunities, and ensuring our diverse community feels fully supported. I bring a wealth of experience and skills to the table, including a strong background in conversational abilities, technology, science, business, and education, all enriched by my understanding of the diverse perspectives within our student body. As someone born to immigrant parents, I share a deep connection with many of my peers and am passionately committed to advocating for our collective needs and aspirations in the College of Science. I sincerely hope for your support and let's elevate CSU East Bay together!*

## **SENATOR, COLLEGE OF LETTERS, ARTS, & SOCIAL SCIENCES:**

**Joe Trujillo - Senator, College of Letters, Arts, and Social Sciences**



***Hello Pioneers! I am Joe Trujillo a 1st year Criminal Justice Major at Cal State East Bay and I am originally from Stockton, CA. I am ecstatic to be able to run for your Senator of CLASS! My presence in the campus is usually found in my mentee position at Associated Students Incorporated (ASI), my Brotherhood in the fraternity Delta Chi, and my job at the Welcome Center at EB. Since the start of my time at East Bay, I've always put a focus on being as passionate as I can be. I try to use that passion everyday to meet new people and I believe connecting with people and hearing their opinions is one of the most important parts of any slate position. One of my main goals as Senator of CLASS and as a prospective first time senator, I am already advocating for some changes to be made. I will be continuing to advocate for more in person political science courses, as recommended to me by peers. I will also be encouraging the growth and prosperity of all CLASS departments. Representing degrees like Music, Criminal Justice, History, Language Departments (Spanish, French, etc.), as well as Communication, Art and so many more will pose a challenge of hearing from everyone, but as my duty, I will ensure all these degrees are heard and represented. The students of CLASS deserve a person who can represent them and listen to them! Together we can all Lead The Way At East Bay!***

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- **There is no candidate currently running for Senator of College of Education & Allied Studies (CEAS)**
- **This position will be recruited and filled through an application process led by ASI Board in May/June 2024**