

President & Vice President Candidates



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It is under the purview of Student Senate to allocate around nineteen million dollars of student dollars from segregated fees, which then go to organized activities. Our nine commissions also allocate part of this funding to budgets covering the scopes of technology access on campus, sustainability-centric projects, and high impact practices. We plan small to large scale events, oversee over 200 student organizations, and represent the

general student interest in conversations with university administration.

Voting in Student Senate elections is your opportunity as a student to select who represents your voice in these decision making processes on campus. This is an excellent way to ensure that your Student Senators represent not only your interests, but your various identities and backgrounds as a student.

As your prospective Student Body President and Vice President for the 65th Student Senate Session, we have several objectives we would like to accomplish in the coming year. Foremost, we aim to support the expansion of infrastructure to be more accessible, sustainable, renovated, and inclusive of students with various identities. We also will continue to support initiatives to better housing environments for on and off campus students. By this, we hope to advocate for livable and equitable housing for off-campus students, while still protecting the culture and history of Eau Claire by discouraging further gentrification of our core neighborhoods. We will advocate for on-campus students and employees, particularly by fighting for fair wages and expectations of student employees. We aim to facilitate a stronger relationship with our UW-Eau Claire – Barron County neighbors, and extend stronger assistance to our transfer students. Lastly, we wish to promote greater student involvement and engagement with student organizations, campus events and activities, and Student Senate. We will approach this by reassessing the use of current spaces, and increasing both partnerships with and communications about campus resources.



OFF CAMPUS STUDENT SENATOR CANDIDATES



Olivia Schenzel - Wausau, WI

Sophomore - Major: Political Science—Legal Studies Minor: Spanish

I am running for Student Senate because I feel a strong need to do something for my community. I want to be able to make a difference in others' lives and enact positive change at whatever level I can. COVID-19 has turned our lives upside down and I wish to be an advocate for students and their health- both mental and physical. I also want to help further an environmentally conscious campus. Sustainable practices are very important to me as well as student representation. I believe that every person's voice needs to be heard and everyone on this campus deserves to be respected, informed on policies, and to be represented by those who care as much as they do.



Pavithra Mohan—Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Third Year—Major: Computer Science & Applied Mathematics

I would like to run for a student senate position to enact change that can positively affect students on campus. Especially as an international student, I think I would be able to provide a broader perspective to the Student Senate. I hope to represent and advocate for marginalized and unheard groups. Overall, I want to improve the student experience for not just international students like myself but all students at UWEC.



Aidan Voon—Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Junior - Major: Biochemistry / Molecular Biology Comprehensive

I am running because I want to represent my peers as an international student, neurodiverse student, STEM major, and overall student at large. I want to show that UWEC is inclusive to students of all walks of life and that we are capable of doing better, not only for ourselves, but for everyone on campus.

Most importantly, I want to provide a more equitable space for students and show that UWEC's student government can be more accepting to everybody who is a part of the UWEC family.



Ravi Delehanty - Rochester, MN

Third Year—Major: Criminal Justice

I am running for senate because I want to make a difference for students of all different backgrounds on campus. I also believe this an extremely important time to listen to student concerns and address them with a sense of urgency and care.



Drew Dravis—La Crosse, WI

Third Year— Double Major: Political Science/Psychology

I am running to be an off-campus senator because I want to be a voice for the student body. I am passionately involved in advocacy and have spoken out on many social justice issues that are prevalent in our society. I care deeply about EDI (Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) advances here on campus and I am constantly listening and educating myself on matters that affect our student body. My priority in Student Senate is to be an outlet for students who feel that their voices are not heard.



Mengcha Moua -

Third Year—Major: English Minor: Philosophy—Certificate: Hmong Critical Studies

I want to be a student senator because there is a lack of representation for students of color in our Student Senate and I want that to change. I want to make sure marginalized communities on our campus feel heard and are heard by those that have the power to change how things work around here. I've spent the 64th session (2020-2021) learning how Senate works and how to create change through Senate, and I feel that I am now more ready than ever to do my part and hopefully leave this campus a better place than when I first found it!



Alex Stoll

I am running for Student Senate because I am a driven individual who wants to ensure that everyone has the best possible experience at UW-Eau Claire.

Additional Off Campus Candidates:

Drake Barreyro

Grace Luloff

Brett Swanson

Zach Weerts

Jackson Wolff



Brenden Hicks - Wauwatosa, WI

Third Year— Major: Political Science Minor: French

I am interested in Senate as I want to increase the involvement and retention of the student organizations at UWEC.



Dakota Bokath—Marathon, WI

Junior - Major: Operations/Supply Chain Management

I am running for Senate because I know the impact that Senators can make both on and off-campus. As a Senator, I strongly support the idea of having an all-inclusive campus. All campus students have the right to have their voices heard about changes they would like to see around campus. As a senator, I will be the voice of these students in hopes to spark change for not only current students but also future UW-Eau Claire students. I have had the opportunity to be this voice in the past and have seen first-hand how impactful these voices can be and how they can spark change on campus and in our community. As a Senator, I will fight for students that see the need for changes for current off-campus housing and the future sustainability for living off campus. This coming year I hope to make a positive impact that will enrich the experiences that current and future students have while attending UW-Eau Claire.



Brett Swanson - Amery, WI

Third Year — Major: Information Systems Minor: Computer Science

This was my first year in Student Senate, and I loved it. I was the Director of the Information Technology Commission (ITC) and an off-campus senator. It is the best way to truly make a difference in student's lives because you can have important conversations with administration and write legislation advocating for your fellow students. In ITC I was able to oversee \$1.2 million dollars of student funds and help decide how it gets spent! Fun fact: I once had three fractures in my foot, and I had no idea!



Nolan Buss

Third Year— Major: Marketing Analytics & Spanish

In the 64th Senate session, I worked diligently to represent students' voices from every corner of the university by co-authoring resolutions and co-chairing the Housing Accountability Committee. If I am elected again, I will continue to do similar work, taking into mind concerns held by the student body.

ON CAMPUS STUDENT SENATOR CANDIDATES



Josh Holness

2nd Year - Major: Biology, Pre-Med

Hi, I'm Josh Holness, and want to be one your next Student Senators! A major reason why I want to become your next student senator is to guarantee that every student has a space to feel comfortable and welcomed on campus and create that environment by whatever means necessary. Not only will I advocate for you, but I want to get to know what you want to see in the future in terms of providing equitable opportunities, sustainable resources, and a positive campus!



Elizabeth TenBerge

Freshman - Comprehensive Political Science (Legal Studies), Ethics Certificate, Chinese Certificate

I am running for an On-Campus Student Senator position to be able to work with both students and faculty of diverse backgrounds to solve problems on our campus. My involvement on campus as a member of RHA, Judicial Board, Hall Council, Blugold Fellows, and a Vice Chair of the Academic Affairs Commission would give me the experience necessary to meet the future needs of students. Specifically, I am passionate about making sure that housing is safe and equitable for all students, on and off campus, and that UW Eau Claire continues to create new academic opportunities while still supporting existing ones. While these are my personal interests, I am dedicated to the student body at large. This includes the need for strong communication between administration and students. I would strive to ensure that our voices as students are heard when decisions affecting students are being made.



Alicia Long, Milton, WI

Freshman—Major: Chemistry Minor: Spanish

Currently I'm one of the Late-Night Chairs for the University Activities Commission, a representative for RHA, and a member of Women in Stem club. During my free time you'll most likely find me outside with my friends or exploring new areas of the city. I'm running for senate to be directly involved in helping our campus and community.

Additional On Campus Candidates:

Rossellin Gaitan



Chance Green

First Year —Major: Exercise Science

I am running for Student Senate because I want to help make a difference here on campus. There are so many social issues on our campus, and I want to be able to have a direct and positive impact on these issues. I want people to be able to come to me and voice their concerns, so I can help them achieve the result they would like. UWEC campus should be a place where our students feel heard and safe, and I want to be a part of that positive change.



Brett Farmer—Antigo , WI

Freshman – Major: ISC-Public Relations, Minors: Spanish & Political Science

In only my first year on campus, I have become involved in so many different groups on campus (including the varsity swim team, Campus Ambassadors, student research, hall council, University Activities Commission, etc.), and as a member of all of the communities that I am, I am hoping to become a Senator to be a voice not only for them, but for every student organization, campus community, and student that is a part of UW-Eau Claire. I believe that we have such an incredible and diverse campus community here at UWEC, and I am willing to do everything in my power as an on-campus Student Senator to listen, fight for, and elevate the voices of all Blugolds.



Rachel Hamele -

Major: Secondary Broadfield Social Studies Education, Concentrations in History and Political Science

Certificate: Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

As a prospective On-Campus Student Senator, I hope to facilitate stronger communication between different groups on campus. I worked actively in the 64th session to better represent our community and create a more equitable and diverse climate here at UWEC. I strongly believe in leading through listening and amplifying others' voices to create a more empathic and progressive community.



Anakah Denison -

Major: Ecology & Environmental Biology

I am running for this position to enact sustainable, positive change with other motivated students and faculty and have my fellow students' and my voices heard. I am highly involved on campus, which has strengthened my leadership and public speaking skills, and allowed me to learn about the University workings behind-the-scenes. I am a Campus Ambassador Exec Board member, a Director of Education for the Honors Student Steering Committee, a Vice Chair of the Academic Affairs Commission, and have advocated for the student body while participating in Rally for Excellence and authored legislation this semester. My experiences as a student employee and a member of the Academic Affairs Commission have impassioned me to act on student issues that I did not previously think I could impact, like equitable off-campus housing, building sustainability, class accessibility, and EDI initiatives. My experience in the Student Office of Sustainability and as an Eco-Rep on Bridgman Hall Council as well as a lifetime of growing up in the Northwoods has inspired me to educate myself and others on the environmental crises we face, and subvert climate helplessness by taking action as students. As a woman in STEM, and a student invested in educating myself and my communities, awareness of and action in EDI initiatives as an ally are very important to me. I want to ensure that our campus continues to move forward as a community, and that requires direct involvement and input from all our students. Through Student Senate, I aim to continue to make UWEC a campus we can be proud to attend.



Adler Kranich—Chippewa Falls , WI

Sophomore- Major: Comprehensive Computer Science

While it is true that in each day, hour, and moment we choose the kind of person we want to be, our choices are influenced by other factors. Our identities, our health, and our past are all masks that stick our faces and cannot be removed. Divisions occur when we judge each other's masks and fail to see the ones we wear. To truly connect we must not pretend we aren't wearing masks, or say we don't care about anyone else's, but instead admire the beauty of what others wear on their faces and allow

them to wear their masks freely and without fear.

Tanessa Krysheski—Shawno, WI



Freshman- Major: Chemistry with Business Emphasis

As a first-year student I wanted to get involved as much as possible. I believe this will allow me to gain experience in learning and communicating with students, faculty, and people of UWEC. Being a freshman, this will be my first time running for student senate, but that does not hold me back from achieving a dream of mine. I am enthusiastic and can get the job done. Besides that, I am an animal lover, huge eater, and I dabble in video games. As a new student I can bring in new and creative projects to the senate. I am looking forward to speaking the minds of UWEC students on campus. My goal is to advocate for students that feel unsupported and

uneasy about topics dealt with around campus. As a campus we are all a family and I believe we need to all be connected and joined as one while supporting individuality



Sydney McGuine

Freshman

I am a freshman on campus and on the swim and dive team I am running for Student Senate because I would like to become a voice for students on campus and in this community. I want to be able to bring people's concerns somewhere where it can make a difference. Student Senate also just seems like a fun way to become involved and get to know people around campus."



Rosa Gómez

Sophomore- Major: Political Science & Journalism Minor: Spanish

I'm running as on-campus student senator to be an advocate for the student body. Being a first-generation student in combination with being a queer person of color on campus, I have been presented with a myriad of challenges. I want to use my voice to ensure that other students can be successful and pursue opportunities without having to shoulder the weight of being a minority student. I currently serve on the executive board for the student organization, Leaders Igniting Transformation and am also a staff writer with The Spectator! I'm passionate about social justice and as a senator, I want to work to represent diverse students

and create sustainable and equitable change.



Nick Johnson — Plymouth, MN

First Year — Major: Political Science

I am running for Student Senate because I am passionate about improving the experiences of UW- Eau Claire students both on and off campus. My experiences on the Residence Hall Association, Judicial Board, Housing Accountability Committee, and Finance Commission have all shown me how valuable it is to be involved in your community, and how valuable it is to have your ideas heard when progress is within reach. My hope

as that as a Student Senator, I can continue to advocate for the interests of my fellow Blugolds, and to leave this campus a better place than it was when I arrived.



Stuart Scamehorn -

Sophomore— Major: Computer Science & History

I am running for Student Senate because I have had a lot of opportunities to write well-rounded legislation through the Residence Hall Association as a member of the Initiatives and Improvements Committee the past two years, and through my role as the Secretary of the Academic Affairs Commission this past year, and would like to use that experience to help the student body as a whole. I would also like to see more transparency and communication between University Administration and the Student Body, especially surrounding EDI issues and the supporting of hurting programs and majors, and would also like to continue to fight to make UWEC a welcom-

ing and safe environment for everyone.



Sterling Kleist - Richland Center, WI

Junior – Major: Comprehensive Materials Science

You'll probably find me running around campus fixing 3D printers or attending all sorts of meetings, though I can guarantee you'll hear my carrying voice before you do! I'm a huge fan of all sorts of games from Scythe to Civ and Uncharted to Minecraft, and I tinker with 3D printing and metalworking in my free time. Currently, I'm working on printing a full-color version of Catan on my

printer (once I finally get my printer to work with multiple colors of filament). I'm running for Senate for the first time, and I'm doing so because I believe in the strength of our voices as students to continue to have a hand in improving our university and especially our vibrant and diverse student community!



Paul Agbashi - Nigeria

Major: Biology (pre-med) Minor: Pre-Professional Health

Being an international student from Nigeria and also a person of color on-campus I really want to impact and make a change for students like myself by serving as a representation for them and also contributing to the equity and diversity on campus in general for minority groups in anyway I can.