

VOTER GUIDE

2023 – 2024



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VOTING PROCEDURES



VOTER GUIDE:

USE THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA VOTER GUIDE TO GET TO KNOW ALL OF THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR MISSIONS BETTER. MEET THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE RUNNING FOR THE DISTRICT WIDE STUDENT TRUSTEE AND ASCOA SENATOR POSITIONS, AS WELL AS REVIEW NEW PROPOSITIONS.

HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE:

Online voting will begin on **Tuesday, April 11th** and end on **Wednesday, April 12th**. The website link will be posted on the College of Alameda's student election page alameda.edu/ascoa-elections/.

Students may not vote on behalf of other students, and a student ID number is required for voting.

Elections results will be posted by Monday, April 17th.

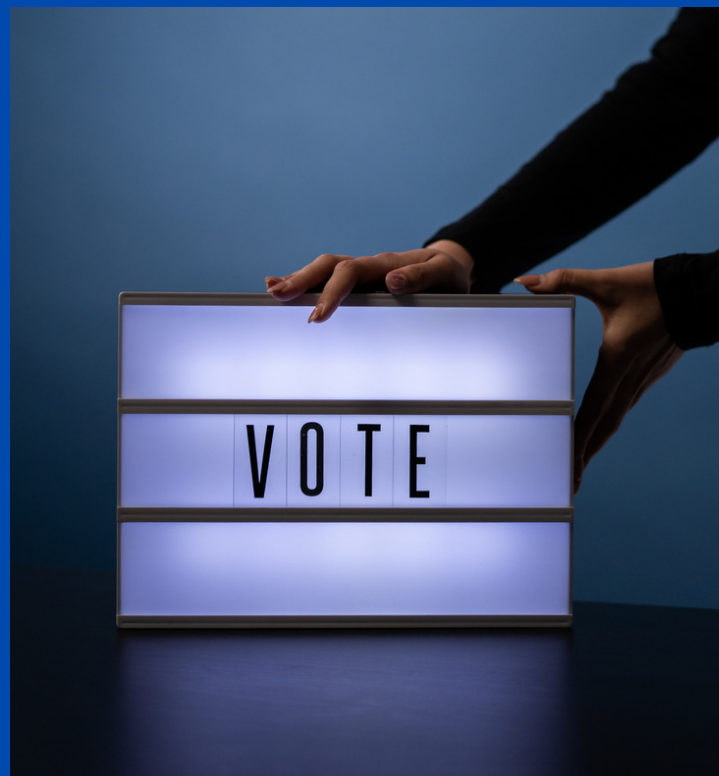
MEET THE CANDIDATES

SENATORS

- ERSON PAYOPAY
- JUNHAO (JAY) MA
- NATAY MYERS
- SEMEON THOMSON

STUDENT TRUSTEES

- NATASHA MASAND



CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: ERSON PAYOPAY



Hi everyone!

My name is Erson Payopay. I am a College of Alameda student and I am grateful for this opportunity to represent my fellow peers and their wishes.

Coming back from the pandemic has been a confusing and difficult ride for many, myself included. Especially as a relatively new student, just coming to understand the college system itself and its resources has been quite daunting.

As senator, I wish to aid in this transition to help students better understand the opportunities available to them through proper communication and events. I hope to use the leadership experience I've had, serving in my high school's Red Cross club as Vice President, to help organize events and ultimately give back to the community.

As someone who has gone through the same difficulties as other students, I am confident that I can bring valuable perspectives to the role. I also believe that my experiences make me well-suited, and I am eager to use them to ensure that everyone is given the resources needed to succeed.

In addition to my relevant experience, I am a highly motivated and dedicated individual. I am committed to working collaboratively with others to achieve common goals and fostering an environment of inclusivity and diversity. I am also open to learning and growing in the role to help better address other issues that may not be so apparent.

If elected to the role, I would be honored to serve the Associated Student government and work towards its mission and goals, but most importantly to represent the students.



CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: JUNHAO (JAY) MA

Greetings fellow College Of Alameda peers. I am Junhao Ma, and I declare interest in the ASCOA for the year of 2023. In my two years at COA, I have been delighted to see the campus reopen and return to its former vibrancy, but also to see the daunting challenges our students are facing, especially since many international students like me are missing out on opportunities to get help during the pandemic because of a lack of attention.

During the pandemic, I joined the ASCOA family as a Senator. From the joy of planning and attending the various student-led events, to finding new connections and colleagues—my experience here at COA only serves to be positive. Thus to give back and also to help build our community, I have dedicated my time and effort to working with the Peralta student organizations—such as working as the Intern Officer position of the International Students Connection Clubs, and as the Business officer of the International Student Mentorship Program, and also serving as the Treasurer of ASCOA. With these

responsibilities, I have demonstrated my ability to work effectively in this field, as well as my commitment and involvement in our community.

These experiences have given me a good understanding of our community and how I can better serve it, and I look forward to working with my team in the future to make COA one of the best communities around

CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: NATAY MYERS



Hello everyone, my name is Natay Myers. I have had the pleasure of being your ASCOA Student Body President this last and current semester. I am currently running for Student Senator for Fall of 2023. I have learned so much being apart of College of Alameda Student government and I am always ready to learn more.

Being apart of College of Alameda student body government has allowed me to engage with students, professors and faculty throughout our campus. I would like to continue to help building and make changes on our campus as College of Alameda continues to grow. Being able to interact, listen, and speak up for other students who feel they don't have a voice, makes me want to continue fighting for the positive changes within our campus.

College of Alameda is a campus who believes in their students, and fights for the rights of everyone who attends, and I want to continue to stand with our campus as one of the Student Senators. What we used to lack in quantity, we have always had in quality.



CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: SEMEON THOMSON

Hello. My name is Semeon Thomson and I'm running as a senator for the Associated Students of COA. I hope to aid the betterment of campus life as much as I can during my time here.

Last Fall Semester, I was fortunate enough to serve as a Senator and represent the students of COA. I hope to continue serving as an ASCOA Senator to help where I can and make other students feel welcome. My goal is to make the college campus more active and enjoyable cause I hope for students to have many memorable experiences during their enrollment.

It is important for a student's voice to be heard if changes are ever to be made, otherwise improvements can't be made efficiently or effectively. As a Senator, I'll listen for anything students have to share whether it's direct or trivial so no student's needs goes without the advocacy and assistance they are entitled to. I've seen how much

the Associated Student government cares for the students they represent and hope to help strengthen their support and widen their reach.

CANDIDATE FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE: NATASHA MASAND



Hello Everybody!

My name is Natasha Masand, I'm a full-time student at Berkeley City College pursuing the role of Student Trustee in this 2023-24 student government election. It would be a privilege to represent the perspective of Alameda College, Laney College, Berkeley City College, and Merritt College students to the Board of Peralta.

My current campus positions as a Student Ambassador and Vice President for The Economics (TTA) and Sustainable Business Club, allow me to interact with students every day. As an Ambassador, I regularly converse with students while assisting them throughout the enrollment process, issuing them their student IDs, distributing free lunches and groceries, and more. These encounters have made me knowledgeable on current student opinions and concerns that I intend to present in District Board meetings. Additionally, in my role as

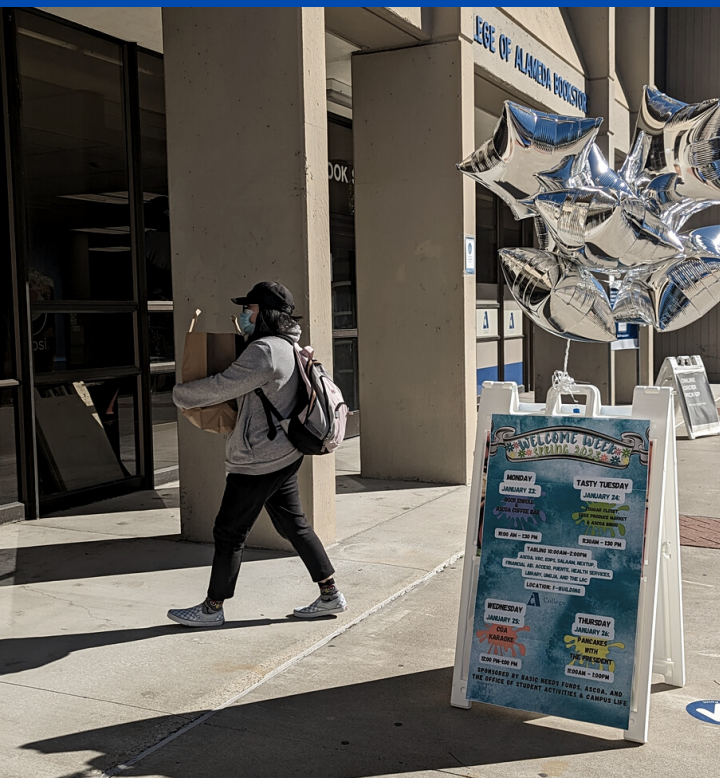
Vice President of the TTA and Sustainable Business clubs, I've worked collaboratively to plan events and hold meetings to strengthen the vibrancy of student life on campus. From this, I've learned how to navigate school policies to benefit students. My combined experience as a Student Ambassador and Club Officer have prepared me to accurately speak on student values and frontline change on campus.

As a Student Trustee, I plan for my involvement on campus to continue and adjust according to the needs of the student body I represent. Holding office hours and being available through email are just a few of the ways I intend to establish a simple channel of communication between myself and students. I will always be willing to meet with you to discuss your ideas and am looking forward to the change we can make together.

Thank you :)

PROPOSITIONS

THERE ARE NO
PROPOSITIONS
ON THE BALLOT



ELECTIONS COMMITTEE



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- PATRICE RANKIN
 - MACARENA VALENZUELA
 - (JULIE) PICH HATHADEAP



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