



*Associated Students of College of Alameda*

# SPECIAL ELECTION

# VOTER GUIDE

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2024 - 2025



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# VOTING PROCEDURES



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## VOTER GUIDE:

USE THE COLLEGE OF ALAMEDA VOTER GUIDE TO GET TO KNOW ALL OF THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR MISSIONS.

## HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE:

Online voting will begin on **Tuesday, October 1st** and end on **Wednesday, October 2nd**. The website link will be posted on the College of Alameda's student election page [alameda.edu/ascoa-elections/](https://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 Thursday, October 3rd, 2024.

# MEET THE CANDIDATES

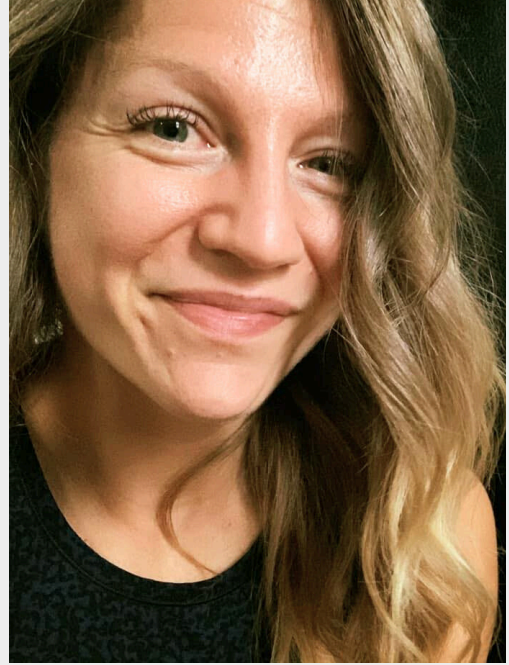
## SENATORS

- ALITA CARLENE BECK
- PICH HATHA DEAP (JULIE)
- CRISTIANA GOMEZ
- ANNE GORMLEY
- SHEMICKA JOHNSON
- JUBILEE LEW
- JANE OUTLAW
- ERSON PAYOPAY
- ABIGAIL YU
- KHADIGA ZAABAL





# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: ALITA CARLENE BECK



Hello fellow College of Alameda Students. My name is Carlene Beck and I am a later in life return to college student after failing out of Purdue University at 18 years of age. It took me 20 years to return to college because I'd convinced myself I wasn't smart enough to do it. I wouldn't be here, running for student council if it weren't for the tremendous use of resources available to me and it's my desire to expand upon these student resources and to enlighten our student body to engage in services in the ways that suite them whether that be in a work study, donations of time or services or using what's available to you.

With the tremendous support of the resources here at COA I've been able to maintain a GPA above 3.5 while attending school full time as a working adult. This has often meant utilizing Tasty Tuesday for a free lunch, the Market for free food, the Wellness

Center for therapy and basic health needs and Work Study to assist in college costs.

I know what it's like to feel the burden of life impeding on academic progress and I've never felt as supported as I do at College Alameda as a Psychology major hoping to get into a UC one day and I want to participate in your success on the ground level, too. In addition to my relevant experience I am an EMT and hopeful Firefighter candidate with 20 years physical fitness experience that I think offers some insight on my work ethic and commitment to my communities.

It would be a true honor to represent this student body in listening to your plights and working with my peers and institution to enhance your academic AND social experience here at College of Alameda.



# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: PICH HATHA DEAP (JULIE)

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Hello Everyone! My name is Pich Hatha Deap. I am a full-time student of the College of Alameda and have an opportunity to be a candidate for the Associated Students of CoA. The fall semester of 2022, was my first semester ever as a college student and I experienced challenges being so new to the school system, having limited English, and financial challenges. I acknowledge that ASCOA is a safe place for students to participate as senators for voting to improve and to benefit students and the campus.

Because I want to provide a great experience in the academic journey to students, I am currently working as a federal student worker at the Welcome Center/Counseling Department assisting students with empathy and respect.

The College of Alameda is a small and diverse community. I have had opportunities to be around and close to students who look for support.

As a person who uses time for kindness activities, I have volunteered my free time from studying and work at Alameda Foodbank and a cultural event in Oakland named Dia De Los Muertos Festival. From both volunteering experiences, I found myself having an open and growing mindset that will allow me to bring advantages and improvements to my collegemates. I appreciate people who believe in me to be a candidate and in the future be a senator of the ASCOA after the election. I hope to contribute to students of COA the necessary support to fit their needs with equality and access.

# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: CRISTIANA GOMEZ



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Hi! My name is Cristiana Gomez and I'm currently in my second year of college. A couple reasons you should consider me for ASCOA senate is I've done ASB for three years in high school, I was red cross club president in high school, I did AS during my time at Sonoma State University, and I was commissioner of the community outreach committee at Alameda High School.

**CRISTIANA GOMEZ IS  
RUNNING AS A  
WRITE-IN CANDIDATE**



# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: ANNE GORMLEY

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My name is Anne Gormley, and I have the honor and privilege of running for the Associated Students of College of Alameda Senate. Coming back to school has been full of challenges, but the faculty and staff here at Alameda have been gracious and patient with me learning to adapt to the new dynamic of hybrid education. Their help has been invaluable. It would be a joy for me to be able to give back to my COA community by serving my fellow students, helping them navigate the academic process in the same way that I have been helped.

I am an excellent candidate because I have experience serving on boards beginning when I was in high school. Currently, I serve locally in Alameda in my faith community, and Alameda Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT), and in Oakland on my Credit Union's Local Advisory Board. At my previous school I worked as a TA in the

learning skills classroom, working 1-to-1 with students and classmates, and leading projects on how to study, how to tutor someone with learning differences, and how to design a vision board.

Dear to my heart is equal and inclusive access to educational and financial literacy for underserved populations. It is my hope that we will develop our current and/or more programs here at COA to support the students that are struggling for whatever reason so that everyone here at COA is an academic success. Hopefully, that success is transferred to success in their work, and in their life. Together, as Alameda Cougars, we BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, and SUCCEED.



# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: SHEMICKA JOHNSON



I am Shemicka Johnson, also known as Meeka Starr, "Your Favorite Stylist." I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for Senate of the Associated Students of College of Alameda. As a high honors student with a GPA of 3.73, I am proud to be a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. I completed my AA in Apparel Design and Merchandising in Spring 2024 and am now pursuing a second degree in Business Administration at College of Alameda, with plans to transfer to San Francisco State University or the Academy of Art University.

With a passion for fashion, I work as a fashion stylist and designer, collaborating with Bay Area companies such as San Francisco Week, Fashion Community, and The Next Bay Area Runway Show. My work extends to movies and TV series sets, and I also serve as a business manager for a local recording artist signed to Empire.

I am deeply involved in the LGBTQ+

community and contribute to charitable causes through fundraising events. Recently, I was honored to be crowned Princess of Reign 33 for The Royal Grand Ducal Council of Alameda/Contra Costa Counties, a nonprofit dedicated to supporting local charities. As a committee member of the Lakeshore LGBTQ Cultural District, I helped organize a successful drag show and fashion event at Lake Chalet in Oakland, which also marked the debut of my brand, X Lab3lles. We raised funds to place flags throughout the district to increase awareness.

I am also working towards becoming a board member of the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center and serve as an ambassador for Black Lesbian Link-Up, a professional network creating safe spaces for Black lesbians.

With my experience, passion, and dedication, I am committed to representing the College of Alameda and being a reliable voice for our community. Go Cougars!





# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: JUBILEE LEW

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Hi everyone my name is Jubilee Lew. This will be my second year at College of Alameda and I'm running to become senator for ASCOA!

As I enter my second year at COA, I'm determined to help the community that has supported me in my academic journey. Throughout high school, my involvement in clubs and sports has helped me realize the importance of teamwork, leadership, and community building. Over time, these experiences developed into a passion and taught me the value of dedication, collaboration, and willingness to help out when needed!

I believe in creating an environment where students feel supported, heard, and valued. Running for senator is an opportunity for me to expand on this passion and give back to my peers. Whether through organizing events,

advocating for necessary resources, or ensuring that everyone's voices are represented in decision-making, I am committed to creating a positive impact.

College of Alameda has provided me with a sense of belonging and growth, and now I want to be able to pass this on to its future students. As a senator, I will aim to bring energy and compassion. I'm looking forward to working with students, the facility, and professors to address both our challenges and opportunities. Together as a team, we can work on creating a stronger and more inclusive community.

# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: JANE OUTLAW



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Jane outlaw Advocacy!  
Dedication! Attention! Consciousness!

Hello COA Vote for me for Senate!  
We need to make sure our voices are heard in the Peralta district! I am dedicated to taking the time to make sure we have the college experience that supports the lives we have, and the lives we want.

COA students are not just students, we are employees, parents, children, adults, and ourselves. We have to honor all parts of our lives, so finding ways COA can support us is important. Senators have the capacity to advocate for our needs directly with Peralta. Keeping our college experience enriching, as well as fun is important. From enriching campus events, to job connectivity and guidance, to material resources like food and wellness products. Part of my job as a Senator will be to make sure Peralta is

supporting those needs as best they can.

I've made my needs heard before, and I stay aware of my community's needs as well. Voting for me is voting for your own advocacy.

I want to make a surer difference through governance. I take student ideas and concerns willingly. I hope to hear from you all about ways we can keep working together for our betterment.

I'm a passionate sociology major. I'm interested in the betterment of society and learning the ways we govern our lives, so that we can make them work best for us.



# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: ERSON PAYOPAY

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Hi everyone, my name is Erson Payopay. This year will be my third year at College of Alameda and second year on ASCOA. I am currently running for Student Senate for Fall of 2024.

During my time both as a College of Alameda student and as the previous ASCOA Secretary, I've run and managed events, volunteered and helped out at the school, and finally discussed/voted on important issues that are currently impacting students. I've made friends and have gotten to know all the amazing faculty and staff that help make the school as welcoming as it is. Being at this school and being a part of ASCOA has not only taught me a lot, but helped me grow as a person.

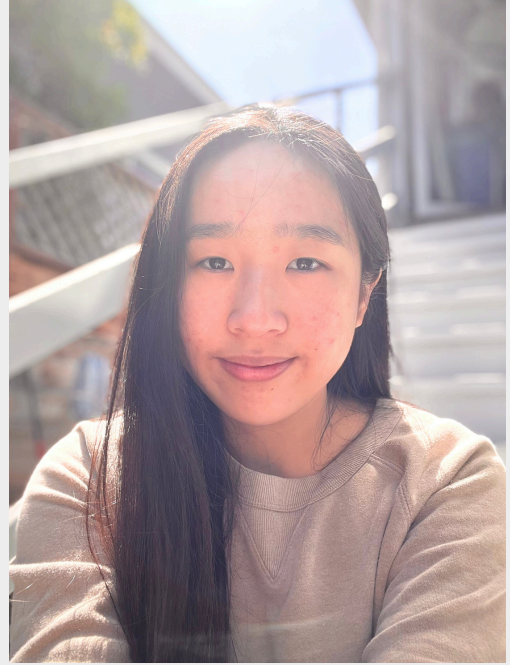
The point I'm trying to make is - College of Alameda has shown me what a truly caring community looks like - and through being a part of ASCOA I want to give back to that community.

How I plan to do that is by putting an emphasis on you, the students. Being a part of ASCOA I will make sure you will be properly represented and ensure that your voice is heard, whether this be through the issues that you face or in the various events that we'll hold. Second, I wish to create a more active and lively campus. I plan to do this by holding different events not only for students' enjoyment, but to really make people feel welcomed at our school. I've also been in talks with some of the faculty about what we can do for the campus, some ideas include adding a new mural or possibly reopening the under-utilized 2nd floor of the F building.

Overall, I just want to give back to a community that has given so much to me.

Thank you.

# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: ABIGAIL YU



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Hello everyone, my name is Abigail Yu. I am a second-year student at College Alameda, and I am currently running to become a senator for ASCOA (Associated Students of College of Alameda) for Fall of 2024.

As a second-year student at COA, I had the experience of exploring what the campus has to offer. I saw the struggles of fellow peers in their freshman year in navigating student resources and where to get support. As a senator, I hope to make the transition from high school to college easier and will be delighted to show students the opportunities and events the school offers. One of my goals in joining ASCOA is to become a pillar of support where students can find support and get their questions and concerns addressed.

As a COA student, I find it of the utmost importance for students' voices to be heard and to be informed of important information about what is currently happening on campus. I want to continue to give students a positive college experience. I want to advocate and fight for student voices, rights, and concerns to improve the overall student experience.

If I am chosen to become one of the senators for ASCOA, I would be honored to represent the students' voices, working with fellow senators towards our ASCOA's missions and goals to improve our community and student experience.





# CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR: KHADIGA ZAABAL

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Hi I'm Khadiga Zaabal, and I'm a candidate for ASCOA. I'm so excited to begin working with you guys this semester and I'm looking to explore and learn. Generally in my free time I like creating poems in Arabic, drawing, cooking and finally playing tennis.

Something about me is that I always liked being part of groups similar to ASCOA in my community ever since I was in middle school and I always liked engaging in activities as I'm really active and social and I like making friends and make people happy once talking to me! I'm really excited to begin this journey with you guys!  
Thank you.



# ELECTIONS COMMITTEE



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  - CHACELINE (KEMI) ZANNOU
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