

## 2017-2018 ASG Candidates

### **Ignacio Hernandez Valverde, President and Student Trustee**



My name is Ignacio Hernandez Valverde, though I go by Nacho, and I am uniquely qualified to become 2017-2018's San Diego City College Associated Student Government's President. I currently serve as the Senate President of the SDCC ASG's. I started off as a Senator back in the beginning of the Spring 2016 semester. I had attended City College for three semesters then and really wanted to be involved in the college I attended. I inquired about the many different positions the ASG has and became interested in the Senator position. I then became the senate

secretary within a month and became familiar with the Senate President did. Being a senator, I was able to enhance my leadership role and learn more about advocating for City College's student body. Through events, surveys, classroom presentations, meetings, student conferences, and retreats I have been able to continue on advocating and representing my constituents. Becoming the President of the ASG I will effectively bring students together by allying the various diverse clubs, organizations, services, and departments that San Diego City College provides. SD City College' ASG really needs a President, student leader, who will have enough time to give its student government organization members to be trained in their designated position and know what their responsibilities are, a President who will be out on campus speaking to constituents in classes and around campus and then taking their input and reaching out to the administration, SDCCD district, Student Senate for California Community Colleges, and the national American Student Association of Community Colleges. Having ample time to do all these goals and more to come, I will lead the Student Government in a more professional way, an organization that will help it's students succeed their college education and thrive in life, an organization that will unite all that San Diego City College services, departments, organizations, and clubs unite for its college mission of student learning and achievement. This is why I am uniquely qualified for this position.

### **Janessa Forney, Vice President**



I believe that having the chance to help others is what makes humanity great. Everyone needs help sometimes and anyone can lend a helping hand. In ASG, I've had the opportunity to represent and advocate for the entire student body's interests and concerns as a Senator as well as Executive Secretary. My major is Political Science and someday I hope to be a U.S. Senator. I want to invoke serious change at City College and advocate for my constituent's concerns and interests in an accurate and honest way. I spent last semester advocating for policies to better the lives of students on campus. I had the opportunity

to travel to Sacramento to vote on policies and procedures in the Student Senate for California Community Colleges. As a Senator, I surveyed students about their desired changes and helped bring new events to City. I've been part of various committees including the AS Scholarship Committee, the ASG Newsletter Committee, and I chair the Senate Event Planning Committee. While being part of the AS Scholarship Committee, I advocated for scholarships pertaining to homeless and non-citizen students. I'm proud to say that both scholarships successfully passed and were available before the Spring deadline. Being part of the Executive Board is a considerable time commitment and a responsibility that I take seriously. I understand the responsibilities and I'm dedicated to helping make our school better for everyone.

### **Ivonne Arriaga, Secretary**



As your ASG Secretary, I plan and make events run smoothly with the help of my ASG colleagues. I will ensure that all communications are accurate and timely in an effort to maintain transparency in the ASG. I will develop way in which the ASG can best communicate with students and outside sources to fulfill students' needs in our campus community.

### **Azalea Ramirez, Webmaster**



Hello everyone! My name is Azalea Ramirez. I am excited to be running for Associated Student Government Webmaster. Prior to this semester, I have never held any office. During high school, I was too shy to run in any election. I was more comfortable as a background worker modifying website color schemes, changing the layouts, updating overall information, along with minimal graphic manipulations. Gratefully, I have come a long way since my shy days. I believe in taking risks now, not thinking small. I believe we are all a valuable part of City College and I aim to represent the student body in all of its uniqueness. If elected, I plan to improve how we oversee all event announcements, allowing students

to become more involved with their campus. I will make campus and ASG resources easily accessible to all students. As well as keeping the student body fully updated on all the improvements we are making to keep our campus fun and safe for everyone.

### **Valeria Ibanez, Public Relations Officer**



My name is Valeria Ibanez, I am part of the Price Scholarship Program and the Associated Students Government where I serve as Public Relations Administrator. My job is to keep the students updated with incoming information and create events to unite them. In this position, I have gained different sets of skills that allow me to become more agile and accomplish my duties. My current position has been honorable but now I want become the Public Relations Officer so I can expand on certain areas such as being the chair of the outreach awareness committee and the Newsletter committee. It would imply more work and

commitment but I am ready to take in new challenges.

### **Susana Molina Bibian, Senator**



My name is Susana Molina Bibian, this is my second year running for Senator of the Associated Students Government here at San Diego City College. I am an activist for my community and school, and chair the Survey Committee for ASG. I am a part of “Umoja,” which is a club at San Diego City College and “Pillars of the Community,” a nonprofit organization outside of school. The reason I joined ASG is because I am the type of person who stands up for others. Since joining ASG I have dedicated my time to making changes on our campus. For example, I have participated in conducting “water bottle refilling station” surveys, which will help bring filtered water bottle stations to our

more popular buildings, like the MS and AH. Another contribution I have partaken in is working on bringing new food options to our campus. This year I submitted a resolution to the Student Senate for California Community Colleges in order to create a welcoming space for our immigrant students, who feel the need to drop out of college. If elected as senator for the upcoming year of 2017-2018, I will do my best to continue improving our campus and advocating for students.

### **Sophia Garcia, Senator**



I am a first year student attending San Diego City College and have recently become more aware of the concerns surrounding my community and college and have decided to become actively involved in bringing about change. I am currently a senator for the Associated Students Government where I have the opportunity to serve the needs of students in order to improve the quality of the campus experience. My role as senator for the students of City College is to advocate on their behalf in order to bring about improvements that will create a positive change. I am passionate about my role as a representative of ASG because I know that I have a lot to contribute to help

and serve the underrepresented and marginalized students on campus. It is a responsibility to contribute to the advancement of every student on this campus, something that I am able to exercise here in ASG.

### **Ariel Navarro-Nunez, Senator**



I was a student at City from 2013-2015. I left for a year and a half but I'm back now to serve the student body. I'm all about community, support and giving back. I see the whole student body as my Familia and I'm always happy to speak with any of you so please come up to me if you see me and have any questions about the campus, college, transferring, ASG and/or all of the above. I feel grateful for being a part of the ASG once again this Spring 2017 semester and I'm looking forward to being here another year or so. My educational goal is to transfer to a four year university, study Political

Economy and get a law degree to become an immigration lawyer. I'm a huge advocate for social justice, human rights and immigrant rights. As a member of the ASG I will do the best I can to speak up for those whose voices aren't heard or paid attention to. I want to empower as many students as I can to believe in their ability to succeed and finish their education. As a student of color who grew up by the border in a working class community, my work will mostly focus on PoC (people of color) but I will gladly represent and help everyone and anyone. I love City for its diversity, age-wise and culturally, and our level of maturity as a community.

### **Biancca Rivera, Senator**



Hello my name is Biancca Rivera and I am running as Senate Secretary of ASG for the 2017-2018 Academic year. I am on my second year here in San Diego City College and I am majoring in Kinesiology. As Senate Secretary, I vow to fulfill all duties and responsibilities that come to this position with the best of my ability. All opinions towards the improvement of the campus and student life shall be heard and will be brought into consideration. Though, opinions not having anything to do with the campus or student body shall be otherwise ignored. I know that City College has the potential to be better and with your help, I know we can improve this campus. I am specially qualified for the position of

Senate Secretary since I have past experience. Back in High School, I was once a Secretary for a Japanese Culture Club. Then in the following year, I became the

president and the co-dance coordinator of that same club, while initiating fundraisers and performances for the organization. This position can help me further my skills and wisdom as I develop into a better person as I manage all my academics.