

# LANEY COLLEGE 2024-2025

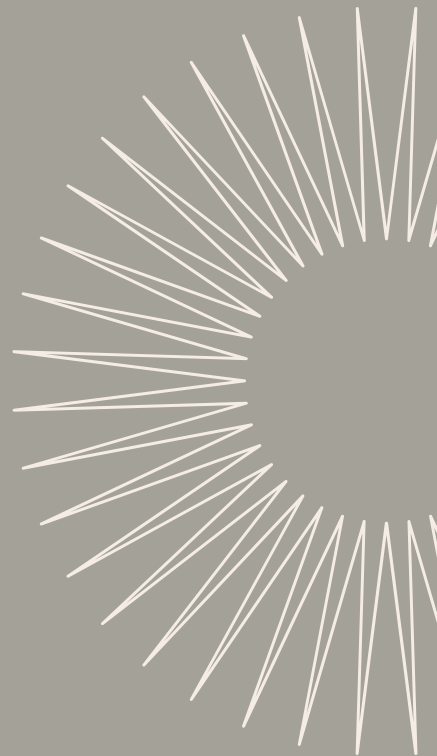


## VOTER'S GUIDE

STUDENT VOICE MATTERS!

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# VOTER GUIDE

## VOTING PROCEDURES

### VOTER'S GUIDE:

Use The Laney College's Voter's Guide to get to know all candidate's missions better and meet the candidates who are running for the ASLC positions.

### HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE:

Online voting will begin on Tuesday, April 9th, and end on Wednesday, April 10th. The website link will be posted on the ASLC, Associated Student of Laney College Election Page and ASLC & Laney College Social Media platforms. Students may not vote on behalf of other students, and a student ID is required.

# MEET YOUR 2024-2025 CANDIDATES



# VICE PRESIDENT

**Ayla Madrid**



My name is Ayla Madrid, and I'm thrilled to throw my hat in the ring for the position of Vice President of the Associated Students of Laney College for the upcoming 2024-25 academic year. Having previously served as the Internal Secretary to ASLC during the 2022-23 academic year, I've had the privilege to witness firsthand the intricacies of student governance and the importance of fostering an inclusive campus community.

I, Ayla Madrid, am eager to step up and vie for the role of Vice President within the Associated Students of Laney College for the forthcoming 2024-25 academic term. With my prior experience as the Internal Secretary to ASLC during the 2022-23 academic year, I've developed a profound understanding of the inner workings of our student body's administration and the significance of cultivating an environment where everyone feels valued and supported.

# TREASURER

## Kamorie Smith



Hello! My name is Kamorie “Kam” Smith and I am running for ASLC Treasurer because I recognize the importance and value of communicating Laney College’s activities to students in the classroom. I am a finance major who is working to become a Certified Financial Planner so that I may provide access to and assist people with managing and investing their money. Financial planning is important to me because it equips me with the knowledge to live a fuller life, whilst also allowing me to share the information with others. With that, becoming treasurer aligns with my path because it gives me the platform to update students in real-time on what is taking place on their campus and across community colleges in California. ASLC is an opportunity for me to give back to the campus that has supported me in my educational and professional endeavors. A chance to give thanks to Laney College for being a wealth of knowledge and opportunities for me and students from all walks of life. Becoming ASLC treasurer is my moment to implement what I have learned from the Peralta district colleges and its faculty and to push myself beyond what I ever imagined. In conclusion, thank you for reading my blurb and putting your trust in me to serve as ASLC Treasurer.

# EXTERNAL SECRETARY

## Nafisa Lubaba



Hi, I am Nafisa Lubaba, currently majoring in Architecture at Laney. Quite recently I immigrated from Bangladesh to California. As a member of the student government, I advocate for progress and positive change within our college community, Laney College is a place of creativity, diversity, and learning, and to keep up with that we have to make sure every voice is heard and every perspective is valued. As your elected senator, I pledge to be an advocate for the student body and increase campus life activities so we can all come together and enjoy the community college experience. We can address pressing issues such as campus safety, mental health resources, sustainability initiatives, and academic support services. We can implement meaningful solutions that enhance the overall student experience by collaborating with faculty, staff, and fellow students. When I first joined college, I felt alone in this huge campus, it was almost as if there was nothing to do other than classes. Upon talking to other students I realized a lot of people have similar experiences. Community College brings together people from all different walks of life, ages, and backgrounds, to build a sense of community we need more social opportunities like clubs, festive events, or even discussions. I believe in the power of unity and collective action. Let us unite as one community to shape a brighter future for ourselves and generations to come. Your vote is not just a choice; it is a voice for positive change.

Thank you for considering me as your senator. Together, we can make a difference.

# INTERNAL SECRETARY

**Elisa Rojas**







# SENATOR

## Giovanni Jordan



Hello, my name is Giovanni! I am running to be a Senator for the Associated Students of Laney College (ASLC), which is your representing the student body at Laney! As a student majoring in Political Science, I find this to be an opportunity to spread my wings into the realm of public affairs and shape my effectiveness in advocating for what I believe is beneficial to my constituents! But more than that, I am a person who has always been enthralled to engage in civic service and I hope that you can instill your trust in me to represent your interests! Being a senator, I will be engaged in hearing the opinions of the community and ensuring that our student body focuses on the issues that matter most to you! I want to be aware of issues you want to see addressed as well as any actions you believe would be beneficial if implemented! We all know that Laney (and the Peralta district) can be described with a laundry list of issues. Student retention and resource funding, for example, are serious concerns for us all! If you want these issues to be addressed, and if you want to see your interests sincerely represented by a fellow peer, then support me in this upcoming election!



# SENATOR

## Sarah Simmons



I'm running for ASLC Senator because I'm passionate about making Laney College the best experience it can be for all students.

### My Goals:

- **Increased Transparency:** I believe clear communication is key. I want to hold regular town halls and office hours to ensure everyone has a voice and feels informed about decisions affecting them.
- **Focus on Mental Health:** The academic journey can be stressful. I want to advocate for expanded mental health resources and create events that promote student well-being.
- **Enhancing Campus Life:** Laney should be more than just classes. I'll work to create a vibrant campus by supporting clubs, organizing engaging events, and improving our facilities.

### My Interests:

- **Supporting Student Success:** I'm passionate about helping others succeed. This means advocating for strong tutoring services across multiple subjects, so every student has the resources they need to thrive. But success isn't just about grades; I also want to create a supportive environment where students feel comfortable reaching out for help, whether it's academic or personal. Let's build a community where we're all there for each other!
- **Sustainability:** I'm committed to promoting eco-friendly initiatives on campus, such as waste reduction programs and green spaces.

I believe students should have a strong voice in shaping their college experience. I'm a team player with strong communication skills and a genuine desire to represent the needs of my fellow students. I'm eager to hear from you! Let's work together to make Laney College an exceptional place to learn, grow, and thrive.



# SENATOR

## Mason Young



My candidacy for ASLC is fueled by a commitment to enhancing communication within the ASLC, student senate for California community colleges and across the college community. I'm passionate about fostering collaboration and ensuring that student voices are heard at all levels. Let's work together to create a more transparent, inclusive, and effective student government.

# STUDENT TRUSTEE

## Natasha Masand



Hello Everyone!

My name is Natasha Masand, I'm a full-time student at Berkeley City College pursuing the role of Student Trustee in this 2024-25 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 Assistant in the Career & Transfer Center, Co-President of The Economics (TTA) Club, and President of Sustainable Business Club, allow me to interact with students every day. As a Student Assistant, I regularly converse with students while advising them on transfer options, applying to jobs, connecting them with support programs, 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 President of Sustainable Business and TTA 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 Assistant 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.

# STUDENT TRUSTEE

## Sophia Parmigiani (BCC)



Hello everyone! My name is Sophia Parmigiani, and I'm running for Student Trustee! As your representative on the Peralta District School Board, I will be a vocal advocate for your needs as a fellow student, ensuring that our student body's most critical interests and pressing concerns are addressed at council meetings. If elected, my primary focus will be:

- Transparent communication with students by advocating on your behalf.
- Enhancing accessibility to resources
- Cultivating a supportive learning environment where we can flourish together.

Above all, I believe that awareness and knowledge of the available resources within our community are key to our collective success. I desire to hear your thoughts, take in and share information from the board meetings, and bring opportunities and ideas back to you. Additionally, I will work to strengthen the systems through which these resources are communicated. My priority will be given to maintaining and improving affordability and accessibility on our campus. Presently, I serve as Vice President of BCC's Women's Leadership Club, where we provide resources to empower women through initiatives such as career panels, workshops, and presentations. For instance, I collaborated with the BART Chief Communications Director last semester to host a presentation and discussion on combating sexual harassment on public transport. I also hold a position on the student government ASBCC board and strive to learn more about the school systems to better serve the community. Lastly, I aim to create an inviting learning environment with attractive spaces where you can readily receive support within your classes. Let's build a stronger community by uplifting our student voice! Feel free to approach me with your concerns or ideas! Vote Sophia for Student Trustee!

# INTERESTED IN JOINING ASLC?



It's not too late to join ASLC!

Student Government at Laney College handles the distribution of funding to the student body through special activities such as Clubs, Scholarships, and improvement of student resources.

**Once the elections cycle is complete the ASLC Student Government page will be updated with the official list of open ASLC positions!**

Use the Application link or QR code below to apply & for more information about the next steps!

[tinyurl.com/JoinASLC2024-25](https://tinyurl.com/JoinASLC2024-25)

or Scan QR Cod below



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