

Deciding to attend UC Merced was the first impactful, yet unpredictable decision I had to make in my adult career. The last was declaring my candidacy for the ASUCM Senate last semester, in the hopes of giving back to the community that first opened its arms to me over a year ago. After having ran and won the special election held last semester, it is my opinion that I have facilitated real and everlasting change on campus while serving my term as a Senator of the School of Engineering. During my term, I have made it my mantra to serve as the voice of the ignored and disenfranchised, regardless of major; I have achieved this through my work serving on the ASUCM Budget Call panel providing organizations on campus funding for the following academic year, working within the Academic Affairs Committee in order to provide funding for student research projects, operating as an information liaison between students and faculty surrounding opportunities, concerns, and issues pertaining to campus unity and cohesion, and various other positions in conjunction with providing for the general operation of ASUCM senate. Therefore, should I be re-elected, I would like to continue my role as a community coordinator. As a community coordinator, I plan on promoting the Student Senate and fostering closer ties between the elected and their constituents through dialogue and compromise. It is my belief that fostering student engagement is the most important and equally most fulfilling role expected of this position, and through it, we will be able to organize a thriving community of impassioned scholars who, through cooperation and collaboration, will elevate UC Merced to newer and brighter heights.

Personally, I have leadership experience serving as the current President of Mock Trial and Vice-President of Model UN, both clubs in which I have assisted in teaching students useful knowledge about the law, questioning techniques, critical thinking, writing, research, and oral advocacy skills. My desire as the community coordinator is to facilitate the participation in activities and interests on campus, both curricular and extracurricular. Additionally, I wish to represent the students of UC Merced and take into account their opinions in order to ensure that inclusion on campus is at an all time high. Overcoming barriers can sometimes be scary, however, I choose to embrace the struggle via personally bridging the connection between the Student Senate and the student body. This personal statement represents only a small portion of who I am and I would love to further display my potential and perseverance by serving as your community coordinator in the Student Senate, thank you.