



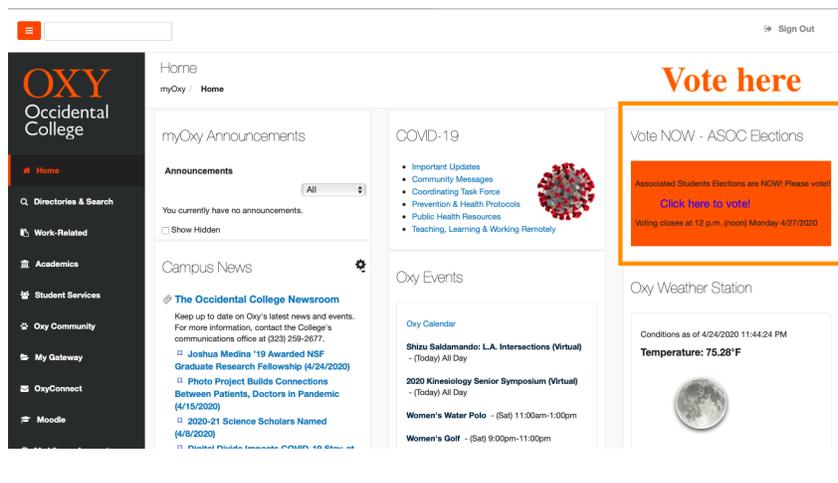
[Asoc-announcements-l] Time to Vote!

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The online ballot can be accessed through the [myOxy](#) homepage.
Voting closes next Monday noon (12:00 pm), Apr. 27.
Election results will be announced around 12:30 pm, Apr. 27



Candidate Platforms

Below are the positions in this election, and the number of candidates running for those positions in brackets. The candidate platforms below are organized by position, and within positions, organized by last name alphabetically.

- 2x Sophomore Class Senators (2 candidates)
- 2x Junior Class Senators (4)

- 2x Senior Class Senators (3)
- VP of Financial Affairs (1)
- VP of Internal Affairs (1)
- VP of External Affairs (1)
- VP of Policies (1)
- VP of Academic Affairs (1)
- 4x Honor Board Jurors (4)
- ASOC President (1)

Sophomore Class Senators

Sophiya Rafi

Hello everyone, my name is Sophiya Rafi and I am running for your sophomore class senator. If elected, I plan, firstly, clarify the role of ASOC to all students and help them understand how ASOC can help them meet their needs. Secondly, being an international student, I understand the issues many of us are facing, especially considering the move to virtual learning and will advocate for those issues amongst others. Thirdly, I hope to represent, and work for, each and every student of the class of 2023. Lastly, I aim to be accessible to anyone and help them to the best of my abilities. Thank you!

Lena Sullivan

Hello everyone! My name is Lena Sullivan, I use she/her/hers pronouns, and I'm running to be a 2023 class senator again. I've really enjoyed being on Senate this semester: I served as Senate's DEB liaison, implemented regular office hours with the other 2023 senator, advocated for increased accessibility of Senate and horizontal leadership, and represented and supported the first year class. Next year I hope to continue 1. working to make Senate more visible and accessible through more established office hours, putting ASOC in orientation/CSPs/i-fairs, and advertising elections through multiple formats; 2. pushing for horizontal leadership between branches by supporting Constitutional changes and including other branches in Senate discussions before those go into effect; 3. continuing to advocate for the now sophomore (!) class through COVID-19 and any other challenges; and 4. hopefully serving as the Senate Director of Sustainability to connect Senate and RESF and improve the college. I'm really excited to take what I learned this semester and be a better Senator next year! Please always reach out to me at sullivanl@oxy.edu if you ever need anything.

Junior Class Senators

Eduardo Garcia

Over my past two years as a student at Oxy I've always felt that the community of color's voice was never present in ASOC. It felt almost as if though we were left out of many decisions and conversations. For this reason I hope to bring my voice to the decision making table to guide ASOC's decisions from a much more holistic perspective that includes not only white community members but also our beautiful community of color. Additionally, I wish to strengthen the relationship between ASOC and the student body through open dialogue and critique of the work that ASOC does.

Stephanie Oyolu

Jason Park

My name is Jason Park, a prospective Politics major and Economics and History double minor at Occidental College in Los Angeles. I am currently a sophomore who is positive, diligent and hard-working, and a proactive listener.

I am running for ASOC Senator for the Class of 2022. As a candidate, I entered this race with strong, high-caliber experiences and strengths in public service, community-building, and grassroots organizing. A vote for Jason Park is a vote for leadership that you can trust: a former member of U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign, former intern for the U.S. House of Representatives, former intern of the Santa Clara Democratic Party, and current Secretary of Occidental College Democrats. Being active in student life is an intricate part of me: I deeply enjoy being involved with Oxy Democrats, Intervarsity Fellowship, History Society of Occidental, Korean-American Student Association. My desire is to harness all of my cumulative experiences, skills, and talents in service to you and your ideas and voice...

For full platform, visit [here](#).

Odelia Zuckerman

Hi! My name is Odelia Zuckerman (she/her/hers), I'm a Politics major Philosophy minor, running for junior senator. As your senator, I hope to ensure your welfare to the greatest degree possible through not only pushing for transparency from the administration as well as ASOC, but by providing a voice for student concerns, and not just my own, through listening to all student perspectives. Oxy's mission statement preaches diversity and equity, yet the administration consistently displays their refusal to promote such promises through its perpetual mishandling of situations, including the recent losses this semester as well as the lack of fully independent departmental status of the Black Studies program. While Oxy presents itself on values of diversity and equity, it has failed to address these issues and uphold those values for its students, which is something that must change. The pandemic has exacerbated the disparities of privilege on campus. It is imperative that the health, safety, and wellbeing (physical, mental, and academic) of each and every student is prioritized at Oxy, especially in these unknown times. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns! You can reach me at [@ozuckerman@oxy.edu](mailto:ozuckerman@oxy.edu) !
Peace and Love, Odelia

Senior Class Senators**Collin Mazeika**

Hey! I'm Collin Mazeika (He/Him/His), a rising-senior Politics and Philosophy double major, with a minor in Black Studies. As Senior Senator, I have three goals: (i) advocating for students' best interests in light of the COVID-19 crisis; my preliminary goals include: ensuring credit/no-credit remains an option should Fall 2020 go online, advocating for students struggling with online classes, and ensuring that students with learning differences and inequitable access to online classes are given pathways to academic success. I understand, however, that credit/no-credit remains an inequitable solution -- I'm fully supportive of all students receiving As to ensure academic equity. (ii) Advocating for the addition of Urban Education as a major at Occidental, as

well as support for the Black Studies Department resulting from the perpetual anti-blackness of the Occidental Administration. (iii) Ensuring equity within ASOC, and within the student body. As Senior Senator, my sole purpose is to advocate for the interests of the student body. I'm running as a communist -- I commit myself to non-hierarchical action and total equity. I believe in constant and open communication with my peers, regardless of circumstance. My email is cmazeika@oxy.edu, and my phone number is +1 (703) 870 - 8952. Stay safe, and enjoy the rest of your semester!

Caroline Parker

My name is Caroline (she/her) and I am a Politics major and Spanish and Sociology double minor. I am running for Senior Class Senator because I want to work collaboratively with all the members of the senior class to ensure that equitable and fair decisions are made, especially given the unique circumstances of our senior year. I know that the transition back to Oxy after Covid-19 will not be easy, and I want to listen to the diverse needs and concerns of the student body in order to prioritize mental health and equity. As a programming assistant for Project S.A.F.E., I have unique experience listening to students and working together to find creative solutions. I also hope to bring my experiences in government, as a legislative assistant, to this role.

Jesus Gonzalez-Saucedo

Hello everyone! My name is Jesus Gonzalez-Saucedo and I am a rising-senior Politics major, with a double minor in Gender, Women, Sexualities Studies and Latinx Latin American Studies. My intentions and goals as Senior Senator are centered on addressing and mitigating the unexpected consequences of the current health pandemic. This includes advocating for policies that minimize the academic burden brought forth by these trying times, highlighting and voicing the unique challenges of first generation low-income students on campus, and working with different departments to help facilitate the transition of incoming first years who hold marginalized identities. While it is true that my last goal does not directly affect the class of 2021, it is still a salient issue that cannot be ignored or overlooked. The viability of an on-campus Fall semester and the Multicultural Summer Program are unknown, but I am determined and ready to advocate for equitable and creative solutions to this potential reality.

VP of Financial Affairs

Catlin Hedeman

Hi! I'm Catlin Hedeman, I'm a rising senior, an economics major, history and gender, women, and sexuality studies minors, and I use she/her/hers. On campus this semester I've been involved with Womxn's Rugby, Club Volleyball, Oxy Dems, and O.S.C.A.R. (the compost club), and I was just abroad at the University of Melbourne last semester where I also played rugby. I'm running for VP of Finance because I want to help every Oxy student know where their student fees go and how to access them. Having been the treasurer and fundraising chair for the Womxn's Rugby team and the treasurer of Oxy Dems, I know how challenging it can be to raise money to fund club events, activities, and even basic things like equipment. We all pay the ASOC student body fee, and that money should be going back to help you with your goals outside the classroom. It should also help bring you to conferences (one day when we get to have large group gatherings again) and help with your organization's projects and events. Let me help bring your money back to you!

VP of Internal Affairs

Stephi Howard

VP of External Affairs

Julia Eubanks

My name is Julia Eubanks and I am running for Vice President of External Affairs on a platform of transparency, accessibility, and dissolving the "Oxy Bubble." I have experience in ASOC as I served as a First-Year class senator and Vice President of External Affairs last year. I would like to continue to reform my position to look at the impact that Oxy has on our surrounding community on behalf of the students and think of ways we can work together better. Given the college's effect on the neighborhood, I think it is important that we increase our effort to offset gentrification. I would like to continue working with the Eagle Rock and Highland Park Neighborhood Councils and gather ideas for projects that would help make Occidental feel more part of L.A. It would be an honor to continue to serve as the liaison between ASOC and the administration, advocating for our needs and suggestions. We have a stake in this institution and community and should have it tailored to us to get the most out of our resources. I will push for allocating resources towards the unheard voices of our student body. I aim not to speak for others but rather to serve as a platform for everyone to speak their issues.

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VP of Policies

Kyler Parris

Right now, we are grieving--for lost friends, maybe lost family, certainly for a hurting, tragically unfair world, for a loss of daily routine and campus life. As much as I continue to hope that everything will be fine by August, I'm not too blinded by optimism to think that the next year of "new normal" will be easy or straightforward. ASOC, as the student union, must step up and rise to these challenges: we will center equity in each discussion; provide vital communications links between students and the College; build relationships of trust across campus; and fight endlessly for outcomes that are fair, effective, and put our most vulnerable peers first...

For full platform, visit [here](#).

VP of Academic Affairs

Oli Vorster

My name is Oli Vorster and I am running for Vice President of Academic Affairs on a platform of student advocacy, inclusion of minority voices on campus, equitable academic and mental health resources, and increased student involvement in administrative decisions. The empowerment of student voices and access to equitable academic resources are vital to holding the administration accountable and promoting the academic success of all Oxy

students regardless of the identities they hold...

For full platform, visit [here](#).

Honor Board Jurors

Lauren Di Lella

Melekete Gebremichale

My name is Melekete Gebremichale, I am a first-year DWA major and I will be running for Honor Board Juror. The Student Code of Conduct, Academic Ethic's policy, and Honor Principal are foundational documents of Occidental College, and if elected I will do my best to voice students' concerns in cases concerning alleged violations of these documents. I strongly believe in and hope to uphold the "No student shall take unfair advantage of another student or member of the Occidental community" mission statement of the Honor Board.

Adrian Manhey

Miles Smith

I am running to be a Juror on the Honor Board to support the mental, physical, and academic well-being of all students. It's important students feel they have a voice and an outlet to confront serious issues between peers and faculty. And as a seasoned member of Occidental's student body with lots of experience on the Board of Trustees, I understand the stakes for students and faculty and the necessity to protect the hard-working students here. I want to be there for students in need of support, who have been wronged by a peer or faculty member, and I want to sustain Occidental's reputation of excellence and community. We are strongest together, and I aim to be a contributor to our strength.

ASOC President

Kitty Lu

In case you haven't seen my emails about getting money, I am Kitty Lu, the current VP of Finance, and I am running for ASOC President. I want to start by thanking everyone who has helped me and believed in me every time I run for office. This semester has been a tremendous opportunity for me to grow and give back to the community that has supported me. I am going to be a senior this fall and throughout my time here at Oxy, I've learned one key thing about the people and organizations here. We all have goals. Most of the time, they align with someone else's goal in some shape or form. I want to help you reach those goals. I want to support every student and ensure all of your successes. That is why I am running for President.

Throughout this semester, I have built relationships with many administrators. I've had difficult conversations with them and pushed them to understand the perspective of a student. I believe I can continue to collaborate with them to best support us.

If you have any questions regarding voting, campaign, or the election in general, feel free to contact the elections chair, Alex Lin, at ylin3@oxy.edu

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