

2022 STUDENT GOVERNMENT FIRST-YEAR ELECTIONS CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Adriel Bustillos

Hi I am Adriel Bustillos. I am running to represent every single voice in the Class of 2026. I will fight for the 3 I's: Inclusivity, Improvement, and Investment. I will focus on making every one of your voices matter in Student Government. I will fight to improve the quality of life for students by getting events in the student body's interest and advocating for a decrease in student fees. Also, invest for the betterment of students. Investing in student growth will be a priority for me. Follow me on Instagram @adrielfor26 to stay updated!

Michael De La Garza

What's up, fellow Longhorns?! My name is Michael De La Garza, and I want to be your First Year Representative! Every student deserves to be heard, and I believe that I can do that for you. I am passionate about the wellness of our class, and I strive to promote a state of equality and unity. I want to hear your voices, your opinions, and your optimism- to really implement what is best for us. I believe we all have the chance to improve things around us and hope to make this year an amazing one. We are longhorns (... students of the best university), so it is up to us to uphold that reputation. You know what they say, "What starts here changes the world!" Follow to see more about my campaign: @michaelforut26 on Instagram! #hook'em

Cosmo Miyahara

Hey! My name is Cosmo, and I'm a freshman majoring in physics. As a Japanese-Canadian who moved to Austin three years ago, I believe that I can bring a new international perspective to our student body. By voting for me as your first-year representative, I will first and foremost prioritize your demands and suggestions concerning changes at UT. As for my mission, I support the promotion of the internationalization of our campus in order for students to be able to interact with other college students who are out of state, out of the country, and even beyond our continent! I also believe in promoting the networking of freshmen to upper-classmen, who can wisely guide us to a better college experience. Finally, I encourage the organization of events connecting students from different majors and colleges, which will create opportunities to learn more about other students who you might not meet often.

Kelvin Nguyen

No Candidate Statement

Alyssa Gilman

Howdy! I'm a first-year Government major looking to provide quality representation to fellow new Longhorns. I have experience in local government and have volunteered with a number of initiatives in my hometown to assist students both on and off campus. I will advocate for and amplify the voice of our part of the student body and endeavor that first-year concerns and values are given full consideration. This includes a safe campus environment and available support for students adjusting to the campus or university setting. Find out more at <https://alyrosepaint.wixsite.com/alyssa-gilman>.

Aditi Kumar

Hello Longhorns, my name is Aditi Kumar, and I am running to serve as your First-Year Representative. I am majoring in Biology with a minor in Business, in hopes to become a practicing Physician, serving to help those in need. Throughout my high school years, I have actively been an Officer in Student Council and served on campus committees and various

clubs. I aspire to continue making those personal connections and differences going into college with my platform:

- Help promote transparency throughout Student Government and UT students.
- Increase campus-wide communication regarding upcoming events.
- Increase participation in Student Organizations and across/with Student Government.
- Work to increase funds and resources for UT.
- Continually bring student concerns to the Senate for action.

I hope you consider giving me the opportunity to continually work with the UT Student Government so that I can work towards accomplishing our goals.

Thank you,

Aditi Kumar

Francesco Payan

No Candidate Statement

Maryella Diaz

Hello fellow longhorns! I, Maryella Diaz, am running to be your first-year representative. Like many others, I was promised that college would feel like home, that I would find a close-knit community, and that my voice would matter if I wanted it to. After nearly a month, I notice we still lack some of these things, so let me help make those promises a reality. My campaign will focus on improvements that do matter, such as mental health and stability as we transition into college life, equal representation for all students, not just the majority, and using the ideas that all bright UT students have to create a change on campus. With your vote you can help me help you, let me be the person who you can reach out to, let me be a friend to all. I want to have the honor of being your first-year representative.

Precious Maku

No Candidate Statement

Andrew McKiernan

No Candidate Statement

Alex Zuniga

As a low-income first-gen student on campus I know the struggles it comes with having to live up to certain standards or expectations and not feeling that you belong. That's why I want to be the voice for those who are afraid to speak up, I want to be the voice that can make changes that will benefit all on campus. I will be the voice of all no matter your background or situation. My leadership experience from high school has given me a lot of experience in being a leader. When looking for someone who is going to represent you they should have experience in that field to make sure your voices get heard when making decisions on campus.

Amy DonJuan

A representative's duty is to advocate for the people, especially the underrepresented students whose voices are continuously suppressed. Many students have already expressed concerns over the need for assistance to help pay for course-related work and org membership dues, bicycle theft, holding UT accountable for transparency and safety, and the need for better representation and outreach resources for low-income and minority students! My ultimate goal

is to execute the change that you deserve and long for, which is why I created a survey to listen to your concerns! The link to the form is <https://forms.gle/gAhGE5tReVDFp6xa8>. Please visit my Instagram at amy.donjuan where you can find more information about my campaign! Feel free to reach out with any questions! Remember this is run by you, and for you! Let's work together to create a great first year for us and for future generations of longhorns to come!

Kevin Nguyen

The JoyBoy of UT Austin has arrived! I'm your Vietnamese, first generation, scrawny kid named Kevin Nguyen! I'm here to provide UT Austin with fresh solutions to unique problems, such as underrepresentation of first generations, ethnicities, and mostly mental health. I will work alongside Student Government to assist in providing a voice for those who are unable or those who believe they are weak. Mental health and anxiety have always been an issue and will always snuggle its place in the brain. I want to provide an open environment where mental health should be talked about, where you're respected for expressing your own culture, where your life matters. As they keep repeating to us every day, it's time to make Your Texas, OUR Texas! It's TIME to provide a smile on everybody's faces! #JoyBoy :) @dangit.kevin

Matthew Dombchik

No Candidate Statement