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# Student Government Advisors



**Dr. Heather Stevens**



**Dr. Renée Callan**



**President**  
Roy Carillo Zamora



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**Treasurer**  
Zoe Mutombo



**Chief of Staff**  
Nik Howell



**Director of Academic Affairs**  
Ian Lee



**Director of Communications**  
Lauren Ferrer



**Director of DEI**  
Alexis Owens



**Director of Int. Affairs**  
Rachael Leong Poi



**Director of Outreach**  
Michael Robinson



**Director of University Affairs**  
Branden Logatto



**Speaker of the Senate**  
Katrina Hernandez



**Speaker Pro Tempore**  
Alexei Darling



**Chief Justice**  
Tim Rocca



**Elections Commission Chair**  
DeAngela Higgs



**Category5 Chair**  
Zander Samarasinghe



**ECO Agency Chair**  
Ryan McMullen



**WMTU Chair**  
Griffin Mason

# Meet the Executive Board



# Letter from the President

Dear Canes,

Leading Student Government has been the biggest privilege of my undergraduate career. To have done it at the turn of our century with the most talented group of student leaders I have had the honor to work with, surpasses my wildest dreams. The “Stand Forever” Administration started as the determination that SG was the most important entity on campus for student advocacy and that it should live up to that ideal. Today, I can confidently say that we have made good on that promise.

I am proud to have led an exceptional Executive Board that was proactive in anticipating student concerns and needs. One of our most valuable tools was our weekly “Campus Climate Check-in,” where all members got to share what was happening on campus and what the Board should be focusing on. These spaces allowed us to be ahead of multiple issues, from the need for more resources at football games to student sentiment around election season. Our open conversations and decisive actions made it so that students felt heard and supported by SG. We also engaged with the local community with service events and by hosting leaders from Broward College student government at one of our meetings. This year’s Board was extraordinary and set a new standard of productivity and advocacy that I hope continues to characterize SG into our next century.

My reflection on the year would not be complete without mentioning my role as Student Trustee, which raised the impact of SG to new heights. I would not have been an effective conveyer of the student perspective if not for my conversations with SG members who represented students from every corner of this University. As Trustee, I participated in the presidential search and voted in our President Joe Echevarria, brought up the issue of low Black enrollment and its effect on the student experience at the October 2024 full board meeting, participated in the ongoing provost search, and advocated for continued student involvement in decision-making around diversity, equity, and inclusion and UM’s culture of belonging at the February 2025 full board meeting. Having this role and Presidency was no small challenge, but being supported by my Executive Board and incredible advisors made it possible to thrive in both.

Student Government is nothing without our incredible advisors. We are blessed to have two dedicated higher education professionals making sure that we are effective as an organization and living up to our mission. This academic year marked milestones for both: Dr. Reneé Callan 30 years of service to the University and Dr. Heather Stevens 10 years as SG advisor. They both played a vital role in my growth during my presidency and knowing that they will continue to do the same for the next SG leaders to come keeps me confident that this amazing organization is here to stay.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to highlight our amazing members. From liaisons, to senators, to justices, to representatives, to chairs, to commissioners, it takes an army for Student Government to have the wide impact it has. We are lucky to attract the very best student leaders that the University has to offer. Leading such a group is a privilege few people can experience, and I am grateful to have been given the opportunity to do so. Each part of SG accomplished so much this year and I am so proud to see it all displayed so professionally in this annual report thanks to Lauren and our exceptional Board of Communications.

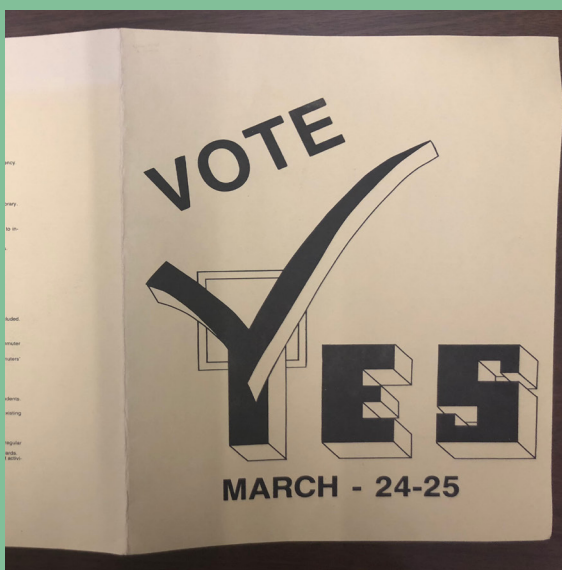
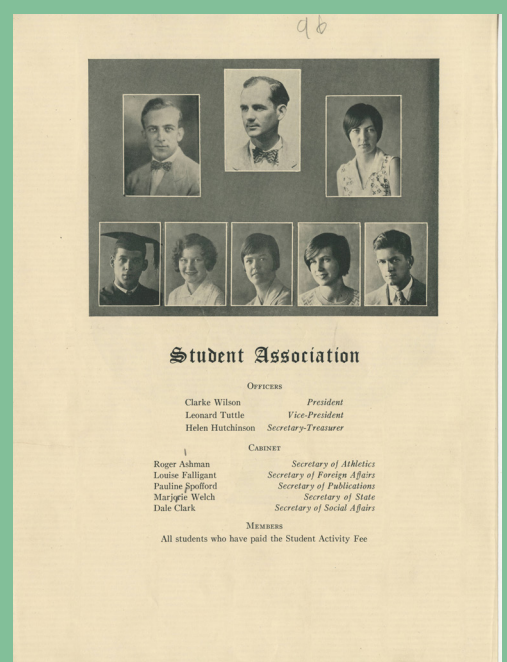
Thank you for trusting me to lead Student Government and represent students at the highest bodies in this University. Thank you to Josh and Zoe for being amazing partners in this crazy project we had. I am hopeful for the future knowing that my friend Ivana Liberatore will take the baton. I am confident in the incoming administration to continue making SG shine as the ultimate advocate for students and fostering a welcoming environment for all.

Best regards,

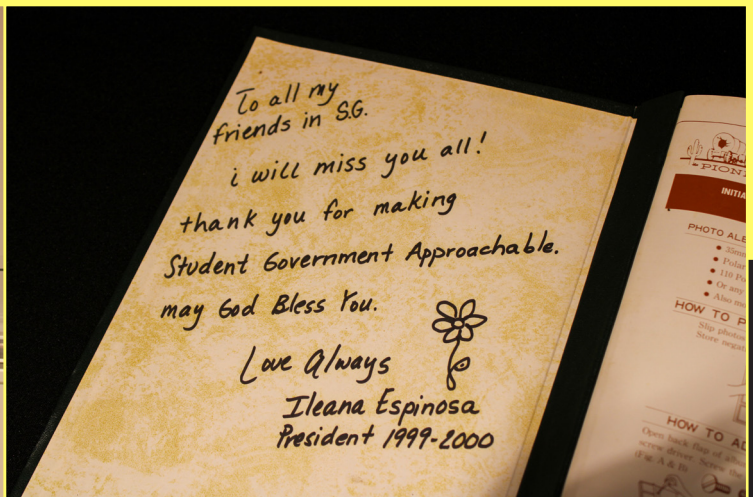
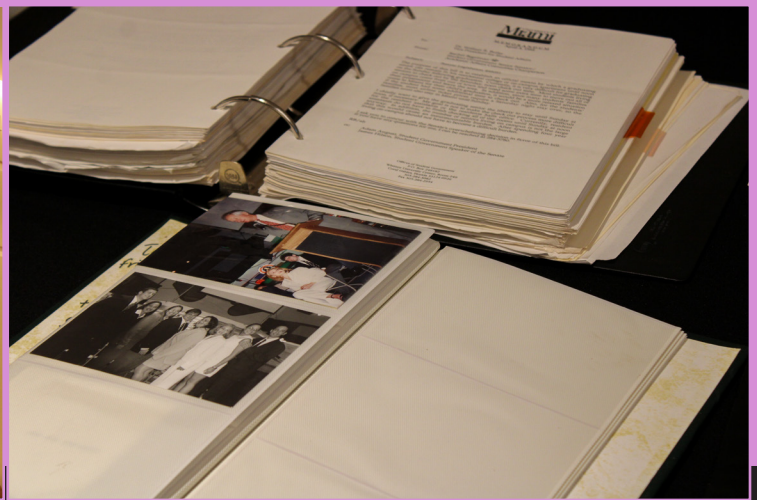
Roy Carrillo Zamora

# 100 Years of SG

On March 19, Student Government gathered at the Kislak Center to celebrate 100 years of our organization. In a presentation by SG advisor, Dr. Heather Stevens, and remarks by Briana Hathaway, the first Black female SG president, the most pivotal moments in Student Government's history were explored. From the founding of the organization to monumental initiatives, bills, and advocacy, Student Government has been a driving force for student voices, shaping campus life, championing student needs, and leaving a lasting impact on the University of Miami community.







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# Senate



The Senate is SG's legislative branch of governance, made up of over 50 student senators representing students by their areas of study, class, residency and much more. Through the leadership of the Speaker, Speaker Pro Tempore and the Council of Chairs, the legislative branch uses different methods like bill writing, advocacy to administration and tabling to give voice to the concerns of students.

# This year Senate...

#1



Provided co-sponsorship funding for 18 events, including Homecoming, AASA's Lantern Festival and Lunar year Celebration, ASU's Taste of Africa, Relay for Life, and FEC's Week of Cuban Culture

#2



The PR committee tabled around different areas of campus 6 times, gathering student feedback and ideas while handing out giveaways

#3



Created student surveys and passed various bills expressing the student body's concerns and needs covering things like campus security and mobility to the academic experience



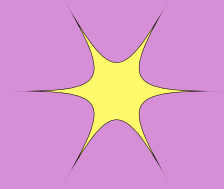
# Supreme Court

The Supreme Court is SG's judicial branch. It consists of one Chief Justice, eight Associate Justices and a Clerk of the Court. It addresses cases and appeals pertaining to SG and upholds the provisions and powers of the Student Government Constitution and Statutes. Its main focus is ensuring ethical and unbiased conduct between all.

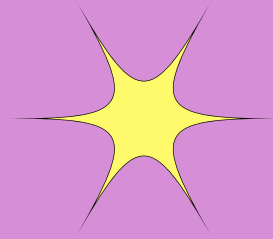




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Senate

# Academic Liaison Council



The Academic Liaison Council (ALC) is composed of 15 students from all of the undergraduate schools, colleges and other departments at the University of Miami. The liaisons serve as points of contact between different academic areas and Student Government. They work to facilitate and coordinate an overall understanding of all the current academic projects and initiatives within SG.

### **School of Architecture**

A material recycling project is in progress

### **School of Communication**

Secured more workspaces for students. The computer lab is back open with private rooms available

### **College of Arts and Sciences**

Created the College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Council (CASAC) in collaboration with the Deans to host more organized social and networking events

### **Pre-Law**

Launched the Pre-Law mentorship series including: LSAT Prep, Coffee X Grad Student Mixer, and a Q & A panel with over 5 visiting law schools

### **School of Education and Human Development**

Made EPS 371, which was originally exclusive for DAISY students, available for Foote Fellows

### **College of Engineering**

Collaborated with CLC to secure food trucks between Cox and McArthur

### **Center for Academic Navigation and Success**


Created the Advising Liaison role to have a more direct student input in the three different priority groups made by the Advising team

# Campus Liaison Council

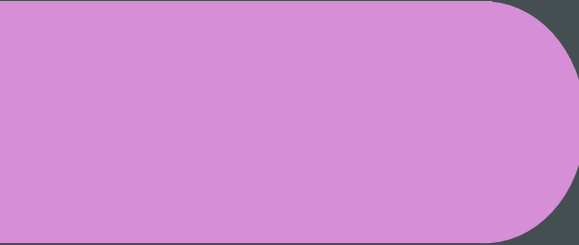


The Campus Liaison Council (CLC) fosters communication between various areas of campus and SG. Student liaisons regularly collaborate with respective administrative departments to have SG projects and initiatives come to life and serve as the student body representative to those departments. The areas that the Council works with are: Auxiliary and Dining Services, Housing and Facilities, Safety and Security, Health and Wellness, Library and Information Technology, Student Employment and Parking and Transportation





Made personal study rooms available on the weekends for students studying for the LSAT




Worked with Parking and Transportation to gather student feedback for the expansion of Freebee's services



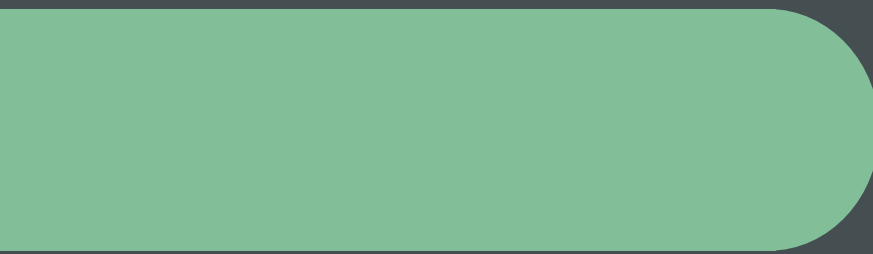
Added feminine hygiene dispensers to Cox, Merrick, Murphy Design and the UC Breezeway



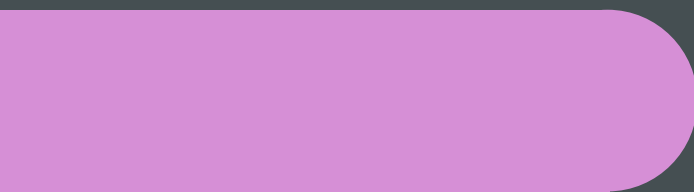
Added a cold plunge, improved saunas and utilized Occu Space at the Wellness Center



Made facilities aware of the lack of hooks in Centennial Village accessible bathrooms and the poor traction on the stairs in University Village



Added a weekly food truck near the School of Engineering



Adjusted the Lakeside Village volleyball court light timer to cater to IM volleyball practices

# Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council



The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Council was an initiative rooted in the intention to better foster a climate of empathy and belonging for SG. Through innovative programming, diversity training, collaborative initiatives and cultural barometer surveys, the DEI Council creates infrastructure to better enrich the experiences of all students, particularly those of underserved and marginalized communities.

# This year the DEI Council...

#1



Revamped DEI Fest by including University departments, performances, and interactive activities in addition to student org tabling

#2



Developed Fresh On the Block, in collaboration with UBS, to introduce multicultural first year students to multicultural organizations and resources

#3



Hosted a roundtable to directly discuss students' grievances, ideas, or concerns

#4



Successfully brought back the Rice Festival, collaborating with other organizations to bring together different rice dishes for students to try

#5



Certified all DEI Council members through MSA's Champions for Change program

# First-Year Leadership Council



The First-Year Leadership Council offers a unique and enriching experience for 27 first-year students eager to dive deep into the dynamics of student leadership, providing an extensive framework for both personal and professional growth both on and off-campus



Redesigned the FLC program curriculum to prepare students for leadership roles across campus and to be used as a case study by Dr. Heather Stevens



FLC members participated in workshops covering a wide range of topics, including understanding leadership styles, student programming 101, navigating failure, and the power of mentorship



All students were placed in one of four subcommittees (Logistics, Sponsorship & Finance, Marketing & Outreach, Hospitality & Assessment) to put on the annual LAUNCH Leadership Summit—applying all soft skills acquired throughout the year into practice



Students did everything from learning how to create a budget; work in teams; navigate conflicts; reach out for sponsorships; develop a brand guide; market an event; create a survey; create a run of show; create a staffing sheet, and so much more that are essential characteristics of student leadership



Participated in immersive and educational activities led by Dr. Heather Stevens, Dr. Renée Callan, Dr. Patricia Whitely, Drew Goheen, SG President Roy Carrillo Zamora, Sara Ebrahimi, Hurricane Productions, the Toppel Career Center

# Outreach Committee



The goal of Outreach is to support students, collaborate with organizations and reach out to the student body through campus-wide programs. Each semester Outreach leads #SGDidThat Week, a week of events centered around interacting with students and working with other agencies and organizations such as ECO, Category 5, and COISO. Other Outreach events include Get to S'Know Us, Donut Forget To Vote, and Study Break.

# This year Outreach...

#1



Hosted Get to S'Know Us **6** times, partnering with other branches of SG and other student organizations

#2



Partnered with the Office of the Provost for "Pizza with Prado" to distribute over **100** boxes of pizza and snacks to students

#3



Organized a **sold-out** Sunset Yoga event led by SG VP Josh Abel and Ava Shah and gave out Playa Bowls to all participating students

#4



Partnered with Eco Agency, PERIOD, and 100 Strong to maintain the garden next to the business school, package over **400** peanut butter and jelly sandwich meals, and assemble **80** period packages, all of which were delivered to the Miami Rescue Mission.

#5



Organized the largest De-Stress Fest to date in collaboration with AGLO and COPE, with additional partnerships. The event featured free sweatshirts, Playa Bowls, Chipotle, pizza, a photo booth and various giveaways.



# Board of Communications

The Board of Communications oversees all external communications for SG, ensuring students stay informed about SG initiatives, administrative actions and campus events. The board's mission is to enhance transparency, foster student engagement and strengthen the connection between the student body and SG.



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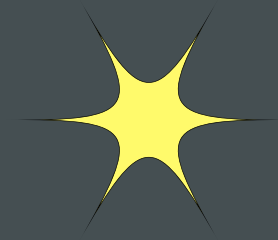
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Giveaway reveal



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Government  
events, programs  
and initiatives



Released

**4**

statements on  
Instagram ad-  
dressing student  
concerns and  
current events on  
campus



# Elections Commission



The Elections Commission (EC) runs Student Government elections, reviewing applications, enforcing codes, and handling violations. EC also organizes events like presidential debates and Do-nut Forget to Vote to engage students. This year, election season was violation-free!



in the **FALL** elections

**587**

students voted

in the **SPRING** elections

**1,088**

students voted



# ECO Agency

The Environment and Conservation Organization (ECO) Agency creates and implements environmental initiatives on-campus to create positive change for the present and the future. ECO continues to be the leading force of environmentalism and sustainability on campus to better the University of Miami as a whole and our environment. ECO's vision is to build an environmentally friendly campus, promote green habits and engage with the greater South Florida community on important environmental issues.

# This year ECO...

**#1**

**World Recycling Day:** An interactive and education-based tabling event to teach students how to use the aluminum can recycling machine located in the food court

**#2**

**Butterfly Garden Maintenance:** Removed non-native pollinators from Eco's garden near Knight Physics building and replaced them with native varieties that would better support pollinators

**#3**

**Business School Canal Trail Maintenance:** in partnership with Outreach's Day of Service and in preparation for mangrove planting and the installation of a solar bench, ECO re-mulched and weeded the green space near the business school canal and added new pollinator plants

**#4**

The Eco Reps installed a Generation Conscious Laundry Sheet dispenser in the InstaMart next to Starbucks. This sheet offers free laundry sheets for students which are a more environmentally friendly alternative to traditional detergent options

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**1,051**

checkouts at the food pantry

ECO participated in

**3**

Homecoming Events

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**#5**

Hosted the first ever Conserve Competition, hosted by ECO reps, challenged students living on campus to download the Get-Green app and make sustainable choices to earn their team points

**#6**

Planted and continues to maintain the growing walls in the library, 2nd floor of Ungar, and Whitten UC. These exhibits attract and educate students on hydroponics and indoor gardening

**#7**

Hosted environment themed trivia at the Rathskeller and gave away utensil kits, aluminum cups and recycled plastic tote bags

**#8**

ECO has monitored instances of birds striking windows on campus through its voluntary reporting network (dbird.com) to implement bird-safe infrastructure in upcoming semesters



# What Matters to U



What Matters to U (WMTU) is designed for students to explore and engage in topics not necessarily discussed in the classroom. By bringing influential leaders, public figures, change-makers and disruptors to speak to students, WMTU hopes to inspire conversation and action among students here at the U.



a conversation with...

# Ross Lynch

Tuesday, April 22  
8:00 p.m.  
Shalala Ballroom

# Category 5



Category 5 (Cat5) is the official spirit board for UM athletics, enhancing traditions and game-day experiences. As the bridge between students and athletics, Cat5 fosters pride, unity and school spirit through dynamic events and programming.

# This year Category 5...

#1



## **OSports**

Hosted 6 events and had 240 giveaways

#2



## **Baseball**

Participated in Homecoming and places 1st in Most Spirited and 2nd in Spirit Tree

#3



## **Basketball**

Gave out 200 items to students at games

#4



## **Football**

Fan Zone had over 3,000 participants and included food, giveaways, and a DJ and had 5 giveaways including a crewneck, shirts and fanny packs

#5



**Won the Taco Bell Live Mas Student section of the Year Award: Best Traditions**



# Student Government 2024-2025

## Executive Board

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Alexis Owens  
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Katrina Hernandez  
Alexei Darling  
Tim Rocca  
DeAngela Higgs  
Zander Samarasinghe  
Ryan McMullen  
Griffin Mason

## FLC

Drake Johnson  
Jensen Ring  
Jana Faour  
Alex Barrowclough  
Aidan Stokes  
Ava Rannazzisi  
Caden Psaras  
Catherine Arnold  
Catherine Rodriguez  
Cellina Rabolli  
Claire Coco  
Claire Mellin  
Emma Adams  
Eva Free  
Ishna Tickoo  
Jake Chisholm  
Kaye Smith  
Krish Miller  
Lyanette Balmaseda  
Madison Gaynor  
Marizú Weller  
Mel Tenkoff  
Ross Kluger  
Roxio Ortiz  
Sky Philpott  
Trisha Sakamuri  
Zach Haverty

## DEI Council

Isabella Feijoo  
Kylia Brown  
Taveion Neasman  
Ashwini Prasanna  
Kendall Baines  
Morgan Welliver

Anais Moyal  
Sara Isabella Hernandez Ramirez

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Ashwini Prasanna  
Kendall Baines  
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Anais Moyal  
Sara Isabella Hernandez Ramirez

## Outreach Committee

Sidra Alktaish  
Anita Perera  
Anthony Ponzio  
Norel Reyes  
Brythanie Joseph  
Naline Pierre  
Victoria Loredan  
Jaell-Ann Auguste  
Jadia Johnson  
Joshua Rollins  
Tatiana Llanso  
Tyler Armstrong  
Taylor Perkins  
Alex Jiang  
Michael Callanan  
Alvin Baranov

## Academic Liaison Council

Kate Crandall  
Sahil Vaswani  
Damian Gomez  
Vivee Barry  
Erika Liu  
Margaret (Marge) Todd  
Messiah Majid  
Athena Amancio-Alsobrook  
Simone Ben-Levy  
Samantha Weissman  
Alexa Mazzamuto  
Ivana Liberatore  
Fernando Sepulveda Sagaseta  
Gabrielle Geller  
Frankie Ottimo

## Campus Liaison Council

Thomas Potts  
Maria Kaber  
Aaron Gonzales  
Arthur Frayzond  
Samuel Quinnild  
Lily Kudzdal  
Andres Hernandez

Emily Cleary  
Layla Hilmi  
Daniel Perez  
Javier Carrillo  
Abdul Ahad Ahmad  
Zachary Cooper  
Nicholas Gavin  
Rosalie Smullen

## Elections Commission

Madison Graham  
Alexa Baranko  
Sebastian Gonzalez  
Carjae Duncombe  
Isabela Bobe  
Billy Joinville  
Kayla T Robertson  
Tamiyah DeVoe  
Amaya Thomas

## Internal Committee

Mel Tenkoff  
Trisha Sakamuri  
Ishna Tickoo  
Jake Chisholm  
Anais Moyal  
Morgan Welliver  
Messiah Majid  
Aaron Gonzales  
Dominique Thomas  
Trinity Vodovoz  
Nolan Dietz Velarde  
Michal Niemirski

## Supreme Court

Ashley Zagame  
Nolan Dietz Velarde  
Rylan Chandler  
Michal Niemirski  
Jayden Cohen  
Miranda Calver  
Adela Gerstmann  
Kylie Quintana  
Tim Rocca  
Sofia Saba

## What Matters to U

Taveion Neasman  
Victoria Fondeur  
Mackenzie Sands  
Kylia Brown  
Amanda Klayman  
Justin Yang  
Bhavya Sharma  
Sofi Estrada

**Board of Communications**

Jiya Arora  
Jaden Cavazos  
Preston Chazulle  
Sophia Berk  
Ashley Sewall  
Sebastian Gonzalez  
Remi Turner  
Obehi Aigbedion  
Hedy Portillo  
Ziara Pichardo  
Vasco Andrade

**ECO Agency**

Ryan Chafee  
Tommy Potts  
Zach Hopkins  
Leanna Navo  
Marge Todd  
Peter Kellogg  
Carlos Aragon  
Zahra Faghihi  
Rajan Rao  
Sarah Faestel  
Maria Mastrando  
Avery Bethurum  
Isabel Munda  
Lila Zacks  
Sara Ajmi  
Sophia Picciotta  
Caleb Lambert  
Gabrielle Geller  
Sidney Blumenfeld  
Dakota Williams  
Lauren Aguirre Medina  
Reid Jansen  
Tom Ren  
Ulyana Pogibelnaya  
Ziara Pichardo  
Prateek Gupta  
Riley Schneider  
Tyler Cahill  
Addison Becker  
Arianna Helmer  
Bilal Raza  
Kathya Aguilar  
Jaden Cavazos  
Joi Christensen  
Kassidy Fishman  
Sophia Berk  
Karishma Maragh  
Rachel Petrovich  
Thomas Matos  
Alexa Mazzamuto  
Claire Heiser  
Fifeoluwa Akande  
Katie Schuman  
Maya Ciminello

**Category 5**

Julian Sabina  
Gates Fox  
Abbey Rosenberg  
Sofia Gonzalez  
Jim Kravec  
Joy Jones  
Harrison Wilmot  
Jaewon Choi  
Gianna Gammarati  
Sawyer Bland  
Mia Summa  
Myles Kaye  
Jenny Rivas  
Matthew Justin  
Julian Ramos  
Eva Escandon  
Madison Praxl  
Emily Cruz  
Zaviay Bashay  
Hunter Shouse  
Lara Felsmann  
Ava Hunt  
Melissa Neglio  
David Kuper  
Augie Franck  
Max Butterfass  
Eli Gold  
Denali Cintron  
Giovanni Perri  
Samantha Bonomi  
Kevin McDonough  
Ryan Cameron  
Eli Weiss  
Gabby Biondi  
Jackson Brewer  
Alex Slaggie  
Ainsley Heinz  
Brendan King  
Brendan Coslow  
Peyton Coslow  
Victoria Moreau  
Luke Cohen  
Brian Kanzer  
Reese Putnam  
Nora Kent  
Gabriel Lovell  
Ethan Dosa  
Alex Winokur  
Muburak Ware  
Ava Shah  
Julia Campbell  
Hailey Turtz  
Heather Saurez  
Derek Hart  
Olivia Estoppey

**Senate**

Branden Damus  
Sharvika Natra  
Camila Garcia  
Sarah Maiorano  
Keshav Govindarajan  
Miranda Dunbar  
Stephron Allyson  
Shon Ginzburg  
Dominique Thomas  
Lucia Moglia  
Maximiliano Quiceno  
Alfredo Briceno  
Sofia Gonzalez  
Thomas Espinoza  
Jacob Thacker  
McKenzie Eason  
Rafael Gonzalez-Acosta  
Mia Farnesi  
Jake Sperling  
Janice Darkwah  
Alexa Natalizio  
Amina Bilalova  
Armon Grays  
Eliezer Rosado  
Isa Romanov  
Grady Knox  
Enrique Lara  
Shreya Gopeesingh  
Yanesi Gonzalez  
Aaliyah Rincon  
Vaughn Vogel  
Togan Makzume  
Jett Vanderhorst  
Tua Okay  
Zhamila Karim  
Matthew Thomas  
Daniel Baran  
Ju An Chen  
Marc Anthony Rodriguez  
Trinity Vodovoz  
Kalina Padron  
Cecilia Llamas  
Erin Lee  
Megan Miantsoke  
Hailey Alston  
Bhavya Sharma  
Liza Houraney

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