## 2013-2014 Student Senate Election Candidates

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# Candidates for **Student Trustee**

#### **SCOTT LIETZOW**

My name is Scott Lietzow, I would like to be Harper College's next Student Trustee. I am 24 years old, a Marine Corps Veteran, and 3 semester veteran of Student Senate. I believe my experience as a Marine Corps team leader, has prepared me for the challenge of representing the students at the Board of Trustees meetings. I am the founding member



of Young Americans for Liberty. My organization has won a national activism award for our charity event. I led YAL from being a fledging organization to a top chapter in the nation. YAL National has noticed my leadership skills and has recently appointed me the State Chair of Illinois. My leadership can be a vital asset to the success of our student senate. I believe that leadership is key when representing students. I believe that good leaders can achieve anything if they don't mind who takes the credit. Motivating others to achieve greatness is how we achieve greatness. If you elect me as Student Trustee I will do my best to keep tuition low, ensure that MAP grant funding is not taken away, and I will work to make the everyday life of students an overall better experience.

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# Candidates for Student Trustee (continued)

#### A.J. DE VILLA

I would like to serve as student trustee on campus to better represent my fellow students at the fine establishment that Harper College is. In terms of qualifications and related experience, I have served as Campus Activities Board President, Student senate secretary, Honors Society President over the past two years. As student trustee I hope to implement



lasting and meaningful change on campus for the betterment of the student body as a whole. Overall my experiences with student senate over the past two years through various capacities have well prepared me for this endeavor I am about to embark upon. After everything that Harper College has provided for me I would like to give back to Harper by serving as student trustee.

#### **COLIN WEBER**

The role of Student Trustee involves being the active voice of the students at the Board meetings. Harper is an affordable choice for working students, like me, who want this option to continue to be available. I believe I can represent Harper students through my attention to detail, dedication to the task at hand, hardworking spirit, communication, open-mindedness, and ability to inspire others.



My campus involvement includes earning All-American honors as a member of Harper's cross country and track & field teams, Phi Theta Kappa, Kappa Beta Delta, and Mu Alpha Theta honor societies, as well as Campus Activities Board, Environmental Club, and Harper Society of Engineers. I also help promote student success as a math and chemistry student tutor. These activities allow me to interact with a variety of students and reach out to learn about the issues. I will be accessible and fair to all groups. I will look forward to hearing your ideas and concerns for the future of Harper. I ran races as an individual but I won championships as a member of a team.

Currently, I am pursuing an Associate's in engineering and plan to transfer to a four-year university. Let me be your voice!

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#### Candidates for Student Senate President

#### **DEVARSHI PATEL**

My name is Devarshi Patel and I would like to be your new Student Senate President. I am a Pre-law student and I have vast experience in student government. I have been an influential leader on the Campus Activities Board (CAB), where I served as Vice-President. For the past year in CAB I have organized many events here at



Harper. These events help promote a sense of community on campus and have spotlighted Harper as a place for community entertainment. The leadership skills that I have developed from CAB and as a Senator on Student Senate will be beneficial to the office of Student Senate President. I will work hard to keep students tuition low, and I will be a strong voice to represent the views of the students to the Harper Administration. I will do what it takes to ensure students continue to receive MAP grant funding, and I will work to make Harper a more enjoyable place to go to school. If you vote for me I will ensure that Student Government will represent the students, and not be the same politics as usual that we have seen on the prior Senate Executive Board.

#### **CLARA MORAVEC**

Coach Vincent Lombardi once said, "Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." It is this individual commitment I wish to dedicate to the student body here at Harper College. During my time as the Student Trustee, I have



learned what it means to successfully represent students. Leadership here at Harper is about acting on behalf of the students, not one's self. It means understanding that the decisions made directly impact those at the college.

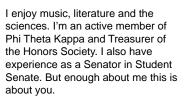
Having played volleyball through high school and now at Harper, I know what it means to commit myself to a greater cause for a greater purpose. My passion and team spirit is evident, and this will be a great learning opportunity while giving back to the students. As the current Student Trustee, I understand the level of commitment required to effectively voice student's opinions, and if elected Student Senate President, I will continue to ensure the student's concerns are heard.

Currently, I am a pre-medicine major, planning to transfer to San Diego State University. As I seek the Harper College Student Senate Presidency, I ask for your support. Thank you.

#### Candidates for Student Senate President (continued)

#### RAUL PEDRO AGUIRRE

Blah, blah, blah, I'm not about to sit here and bore you to death with a long sappy story. Sorry but I will not promise free puppies or cookies.





We first need to understand what Student Senate is all about. It is the formation of students gathering to discuss issues of the college. Issues and concerns that students may have regarding; policy, tuition, and enrollment, to name a few.

It seems as if Student Senate has transitioned into senate members being told what to do, as well as what issues are important. (Not saying that some of those issues aren't critical or come without amazing guidance). The students generally listen in order to win an award.

Well I already have a Student Senate award, and don't need another one. Instead I plan to reinstall the true meaning of Student Senate. Let's make a positive difference, vote Raul Pedro Aguirre. Any questions, aguirreraul77@yahoo.com.

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### Candidate for Student Senate Executive Vice-President

#### **CINDY VARGAS**

For a year now I have been a part of student senate as a senator for career programs. Because of my experience, I understand the necessary characteristics in order to be an effective Vice President. The best interest of the students of Harper College is incredibly important to me and as a Vice President I will fulfill my duty to get their voices heard.



I understand the importance of an executive board member and I will go above and beyond the expectations. I will make sure to get my opinion heard in order to help create an organized and effective Student Senate. As a leader, I have always understood the importance to also be a follower and for this position it will be no different.

# Candidate for Student Senate Treasurer

#### MOHENA KAUR

My name is Mohena Kaur and I would like to be the next Treasurer of the Student Senate. I have been very active at Harper College through various organizations like Young Americans for Liberty (YAL) and Campus Activities Board (CAB). As an officer in YAL, I was directly responsible for budgeting our various campus events, marketing, and displays. This experience has given me the necessary leadership



skills and account balancing experience, to effectively run a Student Senate budget. I am proud to say that YAL has become a top chapter in the nation, and we have not once gone into a negative budget promoting our events. If I am elected I will work hard to make sure student activity fees go directly to benefiting the students, instead of being swallowed by breakfasts, senate T-shirts, and other perks that our current Student Senate Executive Board has advocated for. If you elect me as your next Treasurer I promise to stop the spending that only benefits the Executive Board, and start spending where it really matters, helping the students succeed.

# Candidate for Student Senate Secretary

#### **CHLOIE KUCIAK**

My name is Chloie Kuciak. I am finishing my first year at Harper, and I am so grateful for the opportunities Harper has granted me. I am running for secretary because this is the best way to give back to my school. As an event director for Campus Activities Board (CAB), I have been responsible for planning and executing many events



on campus. I am well organized and great at taking notes, these are the qualities a Secretary should have. Through my experience with CAB I have socialized with many students. I have learned what problems the students face and I am ready to take on the challenge of being a member of the Student Senate Executive Board. I will work hard to ensure that the students come first, and I will do what it takes to ensure that the Executive Board represents the students and make sure every voice is heard. If you elect me as your Secretary I will strive to make sure the student senate runs smoothly and I will work on fixing the problems created by the present Executive Board.



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