

President Tara Allegra



Tara Allegra is a second-semester student with intentions in majoring Business Administration. She has been involved in many clubs and programs at DVC, including Finance Club as Research Analyst, Phi Beta Lambda, Earth club as Inter-Club Council, Circle K and recently the Associated Students (ASDVC) as Senate. Outside of school, she has founded her own non-profit, Streetizens, an organization dedicated to making education accessible to children living in poverty. Tara has constantly pushed herself out of her comfort zone because she believes that is how she is able to grow as an individual. Her closest friends would describe her as an assertive, resilient, and committed team player, and those are characteristics Tara believes a great president should possess. Tara Allegra is extremely passionate about equal opportunity and hopes to become the President of ASDVC as this would enable her to serve the needs of the Diablo Valley College student body. In her free time, Tara loves to thrift shop and learn new languages.

President

Yuvia Ana Mendoza



Hi DVC Students! Yuvia Mendoza is a second year Business Administration student who is running for ASDVC President. Her hobbies include piano, graphic design, and learning new languages. Many people in DVC feel that the student government does nothing for the school and many do not even know that there is a student government. Yuvia is running for ASDVC President in hopes to change that perspective and to get more students from all walks of life involved on campus. She believes that if she puts in the work for students, and they start to see the types of changes a student government can make then perhaps she can inspire others to do the same. Below are a couple of the programs she wants to start and what she feels are her qualifications.

Goals/Programs she wants to start:

- **Overnight Parking for Homeless Student**
 - Nearly half of all Community College students say they are either food insecure, or homeless which is why the Overnight Parking for Homeless Students program is needed on campus. Currently students who live out of their car must sleep in parking lots at grocery stores or in the mall parking lot etc, but these places can be very dangerous and temporary. The Overnight Parking program would allow students who live out of their car to park and sleep without the fear of danger in the DVC parking lot overnight at no cost to the college.
- **Club and Student Activity Funding Improvements, Streamlined Process:**
 - Create a tiered system of funding so that clubs/students can request more faster

Qualifications:

- **Current Position in ASDVC: Inter-Club-Council Chair**
 - As ICC chair Yuvia was able to add 20 thousand dollars to the ICC budget
 - Doubled the amount of money a club can request per event
- **Learned how to make Agendas, Minutes, and how to Chair meetings with an executive board**
A member of the Board of Directors for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) as the Legislative Affairs Director for Region 3

Vice President of Executive Affairs

Nicholas Butun



Hello fellow DVC student! I'm Nicholas Butun, a DVC international student, majoring in Food science. In my current, second, semester of being in DVC, I'm confident to be a good addition in the Executive Board of ASDVC. I'm aware of the responsibilities of being the Vice President of Executive Affairs as I have been accustomed to working as the student body government of my high school and recently as the Vice Chair of the Building Committee ASDVC, a member of ASDVC Public Relations Committee, ASDVC Technology Committee and ASDVC Activities Committee. My involvement as an officer in UNICEF club, Earth club and my active participation in Leo club also provided me with the experience I need, in preparing myself for this position.

As leaders, we all aim to "make a change"; and though I live by this terminology, I also believe that small changes add up to huge results. I understand the issue concerning the previous election, which may have damaged the trust the student build with ASDVC. Regarding this matter, I will be responsible **in ensuring that the election I will oversee undergo smoothly and unchaotic.** I'm also committed to **represent the student's voice, in accordance to their diversity, in upcoming meetings and conferences.** Finally, I am willing to work alongside the President in **improving the students' learning experience, the students' health (mentally and physically), and the students' safety in campus.**

Vice President of Executive Affairs

Jiayang Xing



Hello everyone! My name is Jiayang Xing, and I am the international student from China. My major is Sociology and I am working hard to transfer to Berkeley. My goal in ASDVC is to help you express the voices of the students, solve the existing problems in DVC, and carry out more activities to help you better to achieve your dreams. This is my second semester of DVC.

Through these two semesters, I have volunteered for more than 60 hours, became a note taker, participated in three Berkeley projects, became an international volunteer, and taught children in poverty-stricken areas in Thailand. Participate in more than seven competitions and created a club with my friend. Also I am working on being the math tutor in this summer. Through my resources, I hope that DVC students will have more resources to make their lives more colorful and allow DVC to have more opportunities and activities. Choose me, Jiayang Xing, as your next Vice President of Executive Affairs.

Vice President of Executive Affairs Yifan Zhang



Yifan is an Economic major who is taking his fourth semester in Diablo Valley College, and it is his third semester as a board member of ASDVC. With his experience, he believes he is the best candidate for VP Executives and his goal is to make ASDVC a diverse place that everyone from different backgrounds can voice their opinion freely.
Vote for him and let him be your voice!

Vice President of Legislative Affairs

Ellena Aldisa



"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best." – St. Jerome

Good day, my fellow students at DVC, my name is **Ellena Aldisa**. I am majoring in Actuarial Science, and this is my second semester at DVC. I am an international student from Indonesia. This semester I have been given a chance to be in the running as your **Vice President of Legislative Affairs**. I am a **hard-working** person and I will do my duties to the best of my abilities. I am here to **listen** to your opinion, your struggles, and yours problems that you face at DVC. I believe that **all opinions and feedbacks are essential** for our community to develop as a whole.

I want to be able to **voice out your opinions**. I want to **stand for your ideas that can improve the campus**. I want to be able to **implement changes that can help everyone**. I want to **make DVC an even greater college with a better learning environment**. I want to **make DVC a place where all people of all races feel welcomed and safe**. I want to **ensure the success of my fellow DVC's students educational goal**.

Goals:

- Advocate the students' opinions
- Improve campus environment by placing more water bottle refill stations to reduce plastic bottle waste
- Improve the student's security by setting up Surveillance Cameras

Qualifications:

- ASDVC Senator since Spring 2019
- ASDVC Legislative Committee Vice-Chair since Spring 2019
- ASDVC Rules Committee Member since Spring 2019
- ASDVC Student Union Committee Member since Spring 2019
- DVC Earth Club Treasurer since Spring 2019 and an active member since Fall 2018
- Member of the Vocal competition committee for the biggest event in my high school, The Premier

Vice President of Legislative Affairs Peter Aleman



My name is Peter Aleman and I'm running for VP of legislative affairs. In this position I will be able to represent the whole student population at SSCCC; which is the association that lobbies the state government in favor of community college students. The reality is many people unfortunately do not participate in general governance let alone at the community college level. I find it appealing that many of our students must work full time in order to fulfill their educational necessities. I will work in all my capacity to see that the peoples voice be heard. For too long have people in these positions sat idle as their constituency continues to struggle. This is why I'm running. To support and aid you the people.

Controller

Jiacheng (Howard) Li



Co-Founder & Managing Partner - Ignite Partners Consulting
VP of External Affairs - DVC Finance
Community Service Head - DVC PBL

I am not a politician; I focus only on the solution. I am an entrepreneur! Born to solve problems.
Major: Business

Campaign Slogan: YES WE CAN!

Policy: The NEW DEALS - New Communication, New Inclusion, New VOICE

#Vote for Howard #YES WE CAN #The NEW DEALS

New Communication: Currently there is a problem with the bureaucracy of clubs requesting for resources, I would like to tackle this problem by changing our system so that it's easier for clubs to request funds. How? Leverage Technology, that's what I am good at.

New Inclusion: Currently there is a problem at ASDVC where the majority of the senators were only composed of singularity group. I would tackle this problem by having professors giving extra credits to students who come to our meetings and most importantly, recruit more students from different groups.

New VOICE: Currently about 90% of our ASDVC meeting we are talking about money or stuff not related to student's primary concern on the campus. I want to tackle this problem by offering a lunch corner Q&A session during lunchtime at the cafeteria to **allow anyone to ask our officers questions to create a channel for communication.**

Controller

Carissa Tantonio



Carissa Tantonio is a creative and passionate goal seeker and leader in event organizing, business field, and development from Indonesia. She is majoring in Business Administration. This is her second semester here in Diablo Valley College and first semester being Senator in Associated Student of Diablo Valley College. Carissa decided to run as your Controller because she would like to manage the creation of the financial administration to become more responsible and accountable, also as a person who is having the knowledge about finance and bookkeeping, she would like to dedicate herself to represent the student voices through this field.

The goal that Carissa wants to achieve is maximizing the financial of ASDVC to support the welfare of the student in order to develop the students' contribution on campus and operating the financial of ASDVC to become transparent. She has been an active member of Phi Beta Lambda, ASDVC Activities Committee Member and Legislative Committee Member. Furthermore, for the experiences, back then in her hometown, Carissa used to be the treasurer in her young-adult communities in Church that manage out the influx of money, also in her high school, Carissa was in charged to be the Organization and Logistics Committee Head that allowed her to develop my leadership skills and represent her school in different types of events.

Carissa is a type of person who opens for constructive criticism, because for her, life is a two-way process, we all learn from each other. Carissa will also set certain goals to contribute and bring value to Diablo Valley College through innovation and collaboration within the team.

Parliamentarian

Stefanie Belinda Senjaya



Hello there. My name is **Stefanie Belinda Senjaya** and I am an intended Nuclear Engineering and Chemical Engineering major, and a math lab tutor at DVC. After spending four years of high school in Taiwan, I have been exposed to various countries' regulations and am now fluent in three languages; English, Chinese, and Indonesian, my native language. I had served as my high school dormitory's Resident Assistant, and was a student ambassador for the 2016's International Children's Games. As an ASDVC senator since spring 2019, I serve as the Vice Chair of the Rules Committee, as well as a member of the Building Committee and the Workforce Development Committee. Throughout my life I have been active in several clubs—notably Wushu, Judo, music band, debate club—and have occasionally volunteered with Circle K.

Aided with my past experiences, I am confident that as a parliamentarian, I would be able to make a difference in our beloved college. I **strive to be open minded to all the public opinions, all while maintaining transparency and honesty throughout the whole process** – to listen and to handle all feedbacks, and if necessary, amend the bylaws to **ensure the quality of students' learning and college-living experience as well as to safeguard the smoothness of the studying progress in DVC**.

I live by this saying of Dante: *“My course is set for an uncharted sea.”* Rules should not serve as a prison where the dreamers are bounded. They, instead, should be guidelines—a path for success. When it was evident that John Lackland, king of England, was misconducting his sovereignty, the old rules were broken down and the *Magna Carta* was established. A parliamentarian **shouldn't be someone who persistently stick to the rules**. A parliamentarian should be someone **who is willing to review, amend, and to some extent, reconstruct the rules** for the better of society—in this case, DVC, both as an educational institution and as a second home for us students.

Secretary Allya Lazuardi



My name is Allya Lazuardi and I am majoring in Business. I am an international student and I believe that making this school “home” for all of us is utmost important. Every student’s voice matters and every one of us deserves to be heard. I have always been interested in making the school a better community where we respond to student’s needs and fulfilling them, and especially making students feel safe and accepted in school despite of their race and ethnicity. I want to be able to take part in students’ success and help them to achieve their future goals and bring the most potential out of them. I hope running for this election gives me the chance to reach my goals and improve DVC as a whole, not just the community but also the school facilities and strengthen the communication between students and all the other faculty staffs in school. I am looking forward to engaging with every one of you and let’s make a change!

Vote Allya Lazuardi as your next Secretary

“Leaders become great, not because of their power, but because of their ability to empower others.”

Secretary Nicole Tan



Hello! My name is Nicole Tan and I would love to represent you as secretary of ASDVC. As secretary, I will ensure that all DVC students are represented and treated equally on campus. I have lots of experience with the duties of secretary, as I was secretary of my high school's Feminism Club. Vote for me!

Director of Public Relations

Stanley Tikando



Hey there fellow DVC students! My name is Stanley Tikando, I am an international student from Indonesia, majoring in Business Administration. This is my second semester in DVC and I believe there are a lot of improvements should be made by ASDVC especially in public relations part. I am an affable, confident, and helpful individual who is passionate to make a difference in the community. My goal since I was a kid is to be able to reach everyone, make a no-racism and diversified society. I am able to deliver satisfactory work because of the principles that I held high. If I were to be elected as the Public Relations Director, my goal would be to implement changes that would be beneficial to the student body. For instance, easier access to information about ASDVC, continuous of the ASDVC programs, easy-to-approach officers, and easier for the ASDVC scholarship programs. I am also committed to strengthens relationships amongst students with the committee and provide good communication among DVC clubs as well. I hope by running for public relations in ASDVC, will give me the actual chance to make it happen and with my goals I hope it makes me the ideal candidate for a public relations position in ASDVC. My promise to you is that, your voices, suggestions and feedbacks will be heard and take action for it.

Vote me – Stanley Tikando as your next Public Relations Director.

“Next to doing the right thing, the most important thing is to let people know you are doing the right thing. ”

Director of Public Relations Wentao (Leon) Zheng



“Leon is a second-year student with intentions in majoring in Business. He is the senator in Associated Students (ASDVC), and he has a high passion for helping students and provides some solution for that. At the same time, he is also a piano teacher and Chinese teacher for the younger students, as a different character, he learns how to think in different angles. Recently, Leon has more experience about how to deal with the people who have different situations on their life, he found this out when he working in the Employment Development Department (EDD) as a YEOP Specialist. For this reason, he will usually meet with different teenagers who have different problems, and it also trains Leon as a very good problem solver. Leon enjoys playing music with different instructions, badminton, and swimming.”

Director of Activities

John Michaelson



John Michaelson

Students Rights Coalition

I believe it is the most important job of the Student government to represent students in shared governance and make sure they are treated fairly, I intend to put my full force into making sure that happens. There will be unprecedented representation for the students and I will be accessible to any who need my help for their issue for their department or group. I will move obstacles out of the way of student groups so that there can be a thriving student life regardless of regulations.

Goals

- Ease the difficulties of student groups and clubs to access funds
- Develop a free transit pass program to help ease parking lot
- Develop new programs to benefit a wide array of student interests including Student Athletes, DSS, EOPS, CalWORKs, and ISC students
- Promote Cross-cultural understanding and bridging the gap between people of different backgrounds, including international and domestic

Qualification

- Former Legislative Affairs Director and former Governance and Internal Policy Senator with Student Senate for California Community Colleges official representative of the 2.3 Million Students in the California Community Colleges
- Member of the National Association of Parliamentarians demonstrating extensive knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order in passing the entrance exam
- Former ASDVC Parliamentarian, experience on advising presiding officer on orders of the day, deep knowledge of codes of ICC as well as ASDVC
- Former ICC Chair, experience chairing meetings of various sizes
- ASDVC Controller, Managed budget of hundreds of thousands of dollars

Activities Coordinator

Sharon Suhartono



Sharon Suhartono is a hardworking and spirited student who is majoring in Food Science. As an international student and part of the minority, she understands how it feels to be unrecognized. To make her voice heard, she becomes active in campus, such as getting involved with clubs and ASDVC.

Since the start of Spring 2019, she became a senator in ASDVC and took the **Vice Chair** position in the **Activities Committee**, which familiarized her with the work of the Activities Coordinator. Moreover, she cares not only about the DVC campuses, but also about all of the students in DVC, which is why she believes that everyone has equal rights. Standing by the quote “Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world” by Roald Dahl, she is planning to make a change slowly but surely, through **increasing scholarship opportunities, improving campus safety, and helping fellow students in accessing basic needs.**

One of her main goals is to **promote more diversity** in campus through events that she would organize with the Diversity Affairs Committee. Not only that, she is also planning to **improve students’ involvement** by organizing eye-catching events. As she is **experienced** in organizing events, she could ensure that her goals would be achieved if she is given the opportunity to be the Activities Coordinator.

Diversity Affairs Officer

Dorothy Holmes



I am running to be re-elected as Diversity Affairs Officer. I have been serving since mid-February of this semester. I am taking classes to get certificates in Small Business Management and Spanish.

The needs of the students need more attention! 1 in 3 college students use Pell Grant money to go to school. The amount of money is not enough. High rents and low-wage jobs keep students houseless and starving. 1 in 7 community college students experience homelessness at some point during their school career. 50% of students on Diablo Valley College (DVC) campus face food insecurity. Over the next three years, Assembly bill 1809 changes will result in a 7 million dollars loss for DVC! We can't afford such a draconian cut!

As the current Diversity Affairs Officer I spoke at the first Solidarity Circle. I spoke to the students to not only push for their demands at our weekly Tuesday meetings of ASDVC, but also to join the Diversity Affairs Committee to put the \$8,000 dollar budget to work for the students.

The Student Representation Fee gave me the opportunity to meet with our Congressmen to speak about Pell Grants. I advocated for increasing the Pell Grant and that grant increases be tied to inflation. Pell Grant dollars need to be able to pay for the high non-tuition costs that burden all community college students. Even higher than that of tuition itself!

We need more promotion and accessibility. In my role on our Public Relations and Technology committee, I put forth the proposal to create food bags that put DVC Food Pantry times on them!

As a candidate, I am running on the platform that we need:

- Protecting student rights by increasing resources for students to participate
- Push our elected body of the Board of Governors to push the state to push the Congress to increase Pell Grant awards and tie increases to the current rate of inflation.

Thank for your time and attention. I hope to win your vote to continue this great work for and with students.

Diversity Affairs Officer

Joanne Samantha



Greetings to my fellow DVC students! My name is **Joanne Samantha**, and this is my second semester at Diablo Valley College. I intended in majoring in Actuarial Science. This is my first semester as a senator in ASDVC; however, I have been interested in being part of ASDVC since my first semester. I believe that I am competent to deliver satisfactory work and I am confident that I am able to work well together as a team. My homeland, Indonesia, is a very diverse country with thousands of islands with various languages, races, cultural backgrounds, and ethnics. I stand by its national motto “Bhinneka Tunggal Ika” which translates to “Unity in Diversity.” If I were to be elected as the Diversity Affairs Officer, my goal is to set up a **Culture Day** where representatives from different countries will set up a booth to promote their culture. By setting up this festival, the students and faculty members of the campus will be **more aware of other countries cultural background** in the hope that they will be more accustomed and more respectful with the different cultures. Furthermore, I will provide a welcoming environment for the diverse student population and conduct several workshops to address discrimination, bias, misconceptions, and stereotypes. I can assure you that **your voice will be heard and your opinions will be taken to account**. I am committed to put my time and effort to be your next Diversity Affairs Officer.

Environmental Affairs Officer Gerardo (Panda) De La Torre



My name is Gerardo, but everyone knows me by my nickname, “Panda” \Panda?. I am the current incumbent for the office of Executive of Environmental Affairs within the Associated Students of Diablo Valley College. I am seeking re-election this year for the term of 2019-2020. My major is Computer Engineering. I am passionate about experiencing the Universe & protecting Humanity. My favorites things to do include picking up garbage around campus and discovering new ideas that can help our campus become more self-sustainable, as well as hearing new ideas and suggestions from others that may have never occurred to me. Life is

ASDVC Sustainability Committee
2018-2019 Initiatives



DVC Health Center



Reducing “Trash” Footprint



Transportation Amenities & Alternatives



24-Hour Study Center



Earth Day 2019 Celebration

Study!

My experience includes:

- **Executive of Environmental Affairs**
ASDVC: Fall 2018 – Present
- **President of the Kendo Club**
Spring 2018 – Present
- **Math Club Vice President**
Spring 2018 – Present
- **Student Worker for the Office of Student Life**
Spring 2018 – Present

These are the initiatives that have been under taken thus far since I have been given responsibility of the ASDVC Sustainability Committee by you, the students. These projects require commitment and dedication throughout more than just a single year to see them to fruition. *It is paramount that I fulfill my duties and responsibilities to my constituents. I'll make every sacrifice possible to make them a reality.*

I can't forget that we aren't the only college within our district, or even our remote satellite, **San Ramon**. Their voices are just as important and valuable as ours. Their dreams and aspirations as precious as ours. It is my goal to establish better communication, relations & have conversations. Sharing our ideas and dreams. **DVC is a leader in California, it should be a leader in its own community.**

Charity begins at home. DVC needs things to be better, so we can do better. I need your help for that. **All you need to do is give me your support and trust. You have mine.**

Environmental Affairs Officer

Christofer Kurniawan



Christofer Kurniawan is a second-semester student with intentions in majoring Agriculture. He has a deep passion for the environment and hopes to spread his consciousness on environmental issues that are affecting Diablo Valley College today. He believes he has the drive to encourage others to establish their conscious about the environment by that way people start to understand more about what they have done until now, and therefore he has decided to run for Environmental Sustainability Affairs officer of ASDVC. Growing up, he has always been told he was gifted with motherly instincts and is naturally a caregiver for the people around him. This is what he believes to be one of the most important attributes for a successful and good environmental sustainability officer, He promises to put out his best using his skills he has learned from his experience as an encouragement to make people move their heart. It would difficult to make him back down as he stands on his own feet with his passions. Christofer also loves gardening and love to cook traditional food from many countries.