LACCD Student Trustee & WLAC Local ASO Government Candidate Forum

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JOSE RIVERA: CANDIDATE FOR WLAC ASO PRESIDENT

My purpose for seeking the WLAC ASO President’s office is that I enjoy helping my community in a proactive way. I would like the opportunity to enhance the advancement of West LA and improve student welfare. I have worked in student government at UC Merced and in student government in High School. I also have Leadership experience from being a captain at Dorsey Police Academy. I can enhance and contribute to West LA by applying a digital bridge that connects West LA to students and focus on expanding clubs.

FRANLY RIVERA: CANDIDATE FOR WLAC ASO PRESIDENT

I feel morally motivated to be the student body representative because I want to take actions to unify us during times of hardships and adversity through my own life experiences with these tough matters. I am considered an honest person and coming from a diverse family and culture, I am able to grasp and relate to others’ backgrounds as well. I have a strong willingness to learn and grow in order to overcome whatever challenges may lie ahead as we, a whole, are in this together.

I want to foster opportunities for the student body to express their unique individualities and reassure them that their efforts, accomplishments, and voices matter. I want to also hone within myself and others how self-perseverance and initiative can take us further than we have ever envisioned. Being part of the ASO team and working together to make a difference in what our student body needs as a whole, is what I aspire for. I hope to build on my leadership skills to propel ideas forward and give the student body and ASO the opportunities to do so as well.
Candidate Statements

Stevie Carpenter

To the students of LACCD,

Being the first person in my family to go to college, I've had difficulty navigating through the educational system. Becoming part of the Associated Student Government (LACC) for two years, has granted me with the knowledge necessary to navigate through the educational system with proficiency. As current Vice President of LACC and your future student trustee, I will dedicate my time to truly helping the students with the needs that are prominent within their area. Each college within LACCD has different needs and cultures, and I want to work with each college to find ways to compensate for those needs and understand the unique culture of each college. Knowing the problems that students go through during their educational journey is important, but taking a step toward shrinking that hardship is more important. My name is Stevie Carpenter and I’m willing to take the steps to close this gap completely, vote for me and let’s change our environment on our own terms. My name is Stevie Carpenter, vote for me as your trustee and let’s make a difference together.
My name is Elias Geronimo and I am a full time AB540 student. Most of my classes this semester and the following year are prerequisites for my Associate Degree in Biology, a step towards my dream of becoming a medical doctor one day. In my two years of community college, I have been committed in representing and advocating for students from all backgrounds by being senator and executive of finance of the Associated Student Government at LACC.

I have decided to run for the Student Trustee position because I want to represent and advocate for students in all nine colleges in the district and have their voices heard. My involvement in the community has led me to acquire experiences and knowledge on parliamentary procedures for legislative meetings. As a community college student, I have gone through many difficult times and I know how it feels like having to struggle with housing and food insecurity, and many other issues affecting the minority groups.

I have been involved in many volunteering projects such as the Food Bank, LA Kitchen, City Plants, and the Let’s Volunteer LA. I have also served in the Associated Student Government at LACC for two years as a Senator and Executive of Finance. Being involved in all these projects helps me acquire more knowledge on the resources available for the community.

As a first-generation college student, I want to leave a message to all the young people struggling to get a higher education that it is possible to get to the goal by being an active student and not being afraid of the challenges imposed on us. I also want our authorities to acknowledge the hard work of immigrants who dream of a better future for their families and the development of our community.

I, Elias Geronimo, humbly ask you for an opportunity to represent you by voting for me. If you want to know more about me, follow my Instagram account @elias_geronimo_
My name is Milagro Jones. I'm a full-time student at Los Angeles Trade Technical College. I am pursuing my Associate of the Arts Degree in Digital Media Audio/Video Production. I hope to transfer to a four-year institution to major in English. I have been attending an LACCD College since the summer semester of 2019.

I wish to run for Student Trustee because I want to prioritize the needs of the students and share the insight and wisdom I've gained through personal experience. I am a formerly homeless single parent who earned a GED in a correctional institution. Education has transformed my life in a positive way and I want to represent all LACCD students. I truly understand the importance of community college. I am an AmeriCorps Alumni. I served as a PublicAlly in 2015/2016. I served as a General Forum Member of the National Youth Forum on Homelessness from 2016 to 2018. I worked as Community Outreach Coordinator in City Government and as a Program Assistant for Youth Services at a Non-Profit Organization. I have volunteered locally and worked alongside state and federal partners to end youth homelessness. I will use my experience to represent the needs of all students.
I am a third year student at West LA college and the current student body president. I came here to cultivate a home for growth and change. Specifically the ideals of what is deemed acceptable to students, faculty, and administration. I challenge what is possible and push myself beyond limits. I am here to show the district and students alike that we need unity among all nine campuses, functional student resources, support from the admin and most importantly challenge what we think is possible as people. I was one of four students selected from the district to travel to Sacramento to represent our students and lobby for legislation. I stood face to face with our state senators and told them how they need to help us students. I strive to work hand and hand with everyone. I want to pull us students to the forefront of every decision our district makes. I love quotes and one that drives me everyday is this, “Do not downgrade your dreams to fit your reality, but rather upgrade your convictions to match your destiny.” The time to wait is over, let’s go take over the world together.
To the Student Population,

My name is Jaden Ledkins and I’m running for Student Trustee for the 2020-2021 school year. I’ve served as ASO President at LACC and worked on several community outreach programs. Being a day and night student, I’m running because our diverse student population needs a champion who knows the hardships of student life firsthand.

A recent LACCD report showed that half of our student population is homeless or at risk of being homeless. Some students are dreamers attempting to carve out their futures through academic achievement. Many students work multiple jobs and live paycheck to paycheck. I see an opportunity to improve on our campus by bolstering available resources that would serve our diverse and hardworking student body.

I used to be a homeless student myself. It was a lesson in humility, hard work and discipline that will stick with me forever. I aim to represent those who haven’t found a place in their community, who may feel their voice is not represented in politics or for those who simply worry about tomorrow. I am one of your champions.

My dream is your dream.

Help me, help us. Vote for a champion who sees you, vote for Jaden Ledkins.
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2. LACCD Standards of Student Conduct will apply throughout the duration of the candidate forum (Standards of Student Conduct)

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4. Participants may use the Chat function if they wish to communicate during the forum.

5. Each candidate has 3-5 minutes for opening statements.

6. After opening statements are concluded the floor will be open for Q and A.

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