Thrive

The Thrive Slate is committed to bold, student-informed action that has a tangible effect on every student's life on campus. Our combined experience with Student Government, political activism, and student organizations, along with our passion for change, will continue this year's positive momentum in SG's efficacy and focus on directly improving the lives of students, staff, and community members on campus and beyond.

We will support and implement policies that further inclusivity and equity, such as support for survivors, students with disabilities, international students, and FGLI students. We care about reforming the academic calendar, setting a standard for student input in University policymaking, and mediating a successful return to campus following the COVID-19 pandemic. Most importantly, our slate will be centered around listening to our communities. Because we are student representatives first and foremost, our platform is a breathing document that seeks collaboration from students and organizations. We've begun meeting with student groups to integrate our vision for a campus culture with others' expertise and ideas. With our leadership and student input on sexual violence, policing, mental health, and more, we strive to create policy with and for the people we serve. To see more about the conversations we've had and will have—and learn more about our platform—check out our website: https://www.thriveatuchicago.com.

As a Slate, we want to use our proximity to administration and our platform to amplify the work of students. With an SG reorganization on the horizon, we will seize this opportunity to create a strong, collaborative Student Government that will connect SG members and student organizers, advocate for student interests, and create substantive change in the College for years to come.

Running for President is Parul Kumar (she/her, Class of 2022). Parul has been involved in Student Government since her second year as one of the Chairs of Communications. She has also been involved with the Community Service Fund and in leadership positions for Phoenix Survivors Alliance and Southside Scribblers. She is excited to run for President to connect everyone in the upcoming school year and make UChicago a fun and genuinely supportive community for everyone! She wants to expand the Emergency Fund to help pay for survivor legal fees, host weekly office hours with fresh-baked goods, and make Student Government an accessible space for students to be not only represented, but heard!

Running for Vice President of Administration is Murphy DePompei (she/her, Class of 2022), a newcomer to Student Government, having joined her first SG committee this year to help tackle the COVID-19 pandemic on campus. She is heavily involved with the arts scene and University Theater, the UChicago Orientation Team, and other student groups. In her time outside of school,
Murphy has worked toward education equity with Tennessee nonprofits and toward improving Illinois immigration policy with the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. She is excited to implement effective and progressive policy, while also encouraging a culture of kindness and fun as we all reconnect after so much time apart!

Running for Vice President of Student Affairs is Natalie Wang (she/her, Class of 2022), who has served as the Community and Government Liaison & Community Service Fund Chair for two years. Recently, she helped lead an expansion of the Maroon Dollars program with College Council, and she is passionate about using SG's power to advocate for students, staff, and community members. As Vice President of Student Affairs, she will push for increased resources for first-generation, low-income students and disabled students. She looks forward to helping create a more welcoming culture in Student Government and across the broader UChicago campus!