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Class Government

President, Class of 2020
Juston Forte

Hi 2020! I’m running to be your Class President because I want to make our last year here memorable. As your president, my main goal would be to foster better relationships by offering more social venues for the Class of 2020. As your Treasurer, I organized pizza study breaks, designed gear, and reserved Small World for you. Next year, I’d like to conduct more events that are geared toward building friendships and lasting connections. I’m committed to ensuring that our class has diverse speakers for Commencement and Class Day, and I understand how much responsibility and work goes into planning Commencement. I believe my prior experience has prepared me for this job. I’d be honored to serve as your President, and would love to hear from you at jforte@princeton.edu if you have any thoughts, questions, or ideas!

Treasurer, Class of 2020
Alaa Ghoneim

My name is Alaa and I am running for Class Treasurer! I had the honor of serving as our Class President this year, working to bring you class-wide events, like the Dinners on Nassau, Caffeine Study Breaks, Stress Relieving study breaks like Massages and Painting, free giveaways. Next year as Treasurer, I will continue to deliver you similar events while bringing new ideas to life! As seniors, we will face different challenges as we focus on our next steps after Princeton. I will work on bringing you networking events, workshops, speakers, and Alumni Meets and Greets with our Parent and Grandparent classes. I am committed to providing you high-quality events and fully subsidized gear that are accessible to all of us. Additionally, I will work on improving communication with you to offer you more say on events and class gear. So 2020–vote Alaa for Class Treasurer!
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Secretary, Class of 2020

Ben Musoke-Lubega

Hey 2020! It's been an honor to serve on 2020 Class Gov for the past three years and I'd love to further promote class unity as your Secretary this upcoming year. I want to continue providing you all with the coolest gear, most fun study breaks, while also introducing more events with alumni, and some lit pub nights. Thanks for the last three years, looking forward to the next/best? Feel free to reach out to me with any questions!

Social Chair, Class of 2020

Jackson Caputo

I have served on class government the past 2 years and look forward to serving as your social chair again next year.
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**President, Class of 2021**

Jaren McKinnie

One word: community. That’s what I will foster if you allow me to be your President. With everyone as busy as they currently are and the lack of free time that presently exists, the pace will only quicken as junior year approaches. Within all of our work, we must find the time to remain connected, as well as the time to make new connections. I will make the great Class of 2021 a more cohesive entity, one that we will be able to count on for years to come. Please join me in this mission, and together, we will be more united than ever before.

Emma Parish

Hey 2021! It has been my pleasure to serve as Class President for the past year, and I am excited to run for re-election. This year our class has come together at events from the Ice Cream Crawl on Nassau to the Soph Soiree to ’21 in the Town. We’ve had meetups with alumni during Reunions, She Roars, and Alumni Day. Looking to the future, I plan to expand alumni relations, connecting students with alumni in their field of interest. I aim to organize events from Late Meal study breaks to class trips to the beach. Next year, there will be even more classmate-designed, fully subsidized gear. Read more about what I’ve accomplished and what I still hope to achieve at emmaparish.wixsite.com/vote. It would be an honor to once again serve as Class President and continue to represent the Great Class of 2021. No Dilemma! Vote for Emma.
Hey 2021! It has been my absolute honor and pleasure to have been able to serve alongside my fellow class officers to represent you for the past two years. I truly hope that our snazzy gear, athletic events, study breaks, alumni events, and other opportunities for class bonding have helped instill in you more 2021 pride! I am truly looking forward for us to become closer as a class over the next year (and for more gear as well!)

Hi friends! I'm Kavya and I'm running for class treasurer! I had the honor of being class secretary for the past year, and it was an incredible experience that entailed planning events for our class (like Soph Soiree and Oscars Watch Party), coordinating our class gear (2021 sweaters AND pajamas?!), and trying to get @princeton2021 verified on Instagram. My favorite part was getting to meet even more kind and wonderful members of our class, and my goal for next year is continuing to create opportunities for us to get to know each other. This means more of ‘21 on the Town, where small groups eat on Nassau, and study breaks to help us thrive during junior year. I’m also looking forward to meaningfully connecting more of our class with our truly amazing grandparent and parent alumni classes. I’m excited to get to know more of you and hear your ideas!
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Secretary, Class of 2021

Arielle Mindel

It's been an honor serving as one of your class officers the past two years and I'm super excited to be shifting into the secretarial role! My goal this year is to hear your voices-- I'd love to chat with anyone who has requests or suggestions about gear and study breaks in the coming year :)

Social Chair, Class of 2021

Phoebe Park

This past term as Class Social Chair has been such a blessing. This past year, I and the other four class government officers had the opportunity to work as a cohesive team to bring to you Pizza and Pajamas, a beach bus this reading period, Declaration Date celebrations, affordable class sweaters that were half the price of previous years, and ice cream on Nassau. Additionally, I have been in charge of the fire playlists that have been playing during our events, and I hope to commit to creating good vibes within our class and opportunities to connect with new students. #partywithpark
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President, Class of 2022

Nikolas Aguilar

Hello Class of 2022! My name is Nikolas Aguilar and I’m from London, United Kingdom. I’m running for the position of USG Class of 2022 President and asking for your support! This is my first time running for a position on the USG, nevertheless I have strived to shape the class culture as a member of the community. Throughout this past year, I have kept myself busy on-campus through several activities. I currently serve as Social Chair of Black Arts Company (BAC) Dance and I am an active member which has taught me how to organize events that are LIT which I know all of you want. Through my on-campus job at the Office of Annual Giving as a TigerCaller, I have already engaged with alumni across the USA and World and I would love the opportunity to represent our class further as your President!

Santi Guiran

It was an absolute pleasure being your Class Officer this year. As President, I am hoping to continue serving you with just as much passion and excitement. If elected, my goals are to optimize the Cross-Generational Mentorship Program in order to foster alumni relationships and provide internship and guidance opportunities, in addition to increasing accessibility to information regarding Eating Clubs, Co-Ops, and Independent options as we embark on our Sophomore Year. I am also looking forward to sending the occasional e-mail with an iconic vine reference, as well as planning Sophomore Formal, Major Declaration Day, and gear distributions. As elections begin, feel free to approach me with any questions and concerns, I am hoping to serve you once more.
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Vice President, Class of 2022

Gabe Lebeau

I’m Gabe Lebeau and I’m excited to be running for Vice President of our class! I’ve served as a Class Officer on our Class Government this past year, and I’m proud of what we were able to accomplish, such as giving our class a greater say in selecting our gear and launching the Mentorship Program with our Grandparent Class. If elected Vice President, I would look forward to better developing our Mentorship Program to foster a greater sense of pride in our class and to improve accessibility to Class Government in general. More specifically related to Sophomore year, I hope to improve accessibility to information surrounding Eating Clubs, being independent, and Co-Ops. Additionally, I am excited by the opportunity to plan our Sophomore Formal and our Major Declaration Day! I look forward to continue meeting more of you, and please reach out to me with any questions about my campaign!

Treasurer, Class of 2022

Mansi Totwani

I am so excited to be running for the Class of 2022 Treasurer! I’ve loved getting to know our class and planning events this year and I hope to continue doing this if elected. Thanks to the resources here at Princeton, there is a lot that can be accomplished with the budget that each class is given for USG. My hope is to maximize the spending on high quality gear and study breaks that more students can attend. This year, I have learned a lot about what works and what doesn’t in terms of efficiency, distributing gear, and keeping you informed about the events relating to our class. My number one priority is to make sure members of our class are having the best possible experience. I would love to talk in person more about my goals or your ideas/ suggestions for making sophomore year as great as possible :)
Hey everyone! My name is Wells Carson, and I'm running to be the Secretary for the Class of 2022! Through work with various clubs and groups here at Princeton, I've come to value inclusion and initiative. From forming alumni connections for our class, to making sure everyone has their voice heard, and helping keep the student government a cohesive unit, I hope to center my work around the values I've learned. On campus, I'm involved in the Honor Committee, Whitman College Council, PSRJ, and Club Swimming. While I am incredibly passionate about all of these, I also want to be able to work directly with the students of '22 and do my best to represent all of you. It would be an honor to be able to serve this amazing class, and please reach out if you have any questions at all!

My name is Mariah Crawford like Mariah Carey, I can sing but dancing is my thing. You'll find me dancing at the Frist theatre with the diSiac dance company. I'm also studying engineering in the B.S.E. degree program, and I am involved in SWE and the E-Club. During high school, I was a Student Council officer and I helped organize events and fundraisers for the student body to get involved in. I would love to be the Secretary for the Class of 2022 because I have so much love for this school and excitement for how we can make our time at Princeton our own. I am ready to take on this role, and I am well versed in many areas such as promotions, communications, and organizing & planning events. Also, I can aid in coordinating events on and off campus, and develop our class's relationship with Princeton alums.
Hello! My name is Anika Khakoo, and I'm running to represent the Class of 2022 as Social Chair! This past semester, I was one of our class’s USG Class Councilors, and this position made me realize how passionate I am about community. I’m running for Social Chair because I want to tackle isolationism at Princeton, bring our class closer together, and make every member of ’22 feel at home at Princeton. As Social Chair, I want to plan events which break down borders within our class. It doesn’t matter what extracurriculars you participate in: everyone should feel like they belong. Two ideas I have had are study breaks with other class years and an ongoing program which pairs members of ’22 together for coffee! It would be an absolute honor to serve the Class of 2022 once again. Please don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions. Sending much love!
Hello! My name is Henry Barrett, and I am excited to run for U-Councilor. After filling a vacancy on the U-Council back in February, I hope to continue working for the student body this coming year. Currently as a part of the USG taskforce on transportation, I have already started to work on bringing electric scooters to campus, improving the Saturday Shopper for independents, and opening up parking permits to more students. Additionally, I hope to team up with fellow members of USG to deliver a 5% subsidy for textbooks from Labyrinth Books by creating a Taskforce on Affordable Textbooks. As the only freshman on the U-Council, I have worked to provide important insights on how to improve the transition to college life. I am honored to have served as a U-Councilor these past few months, and if elected, I plan to continue bettering Princeton for all students! Go Tigers!

Hey Tigers! My name is Matthew Bomparola and I’m running to be reelected to serve as one of your U-Councilors for another year. Some of my accomplishments from my previous year in this role include organizing this year’s USG Wintersession alongside Isabella Faccone, campaigning for non-denominational prayer spaces in the E-Quad and south campus alongside Yousef Elzalabany, and making headway on my own project concerning student dissatisfaction with the current state of the Pequod printing services. A little bit about me: I come from sunny North Florida, I’m a member of the Club Tennis and Robotics teams, and I hope to one day work at the intersection of Cybersecurity and Public Policy. I’d love to be able to continue to represent Princeton in the Senate and CPUC, and to continue to work on making Princeton a better place for all its students, Vote Bomparola!
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Gab Duguay, 2021

I have a passion for change-making. That’s why I want to be your representative on the Senate! My name is Gab and I’m a member of the Great Class of 2022. I have experience working in student government, serving on USG Projects Board and as head of my High School student government, I raised $30,000 for charity and reformed mental health policy. I bring three unique perspectives: I am an entrepreneur, work for the Office of Sustainability, and an international student. I bring my expertise in these areas to represent broad campus interests. If elected, I will push Senate to get OIT to restore PUwireless—Eduroam does not meet the needs of campus. Second, I will also prioritize access to feminine hygiene products at McCosh and in restrooms, ASAP! Third, I will push CPS to offer more long-term counselling. Fourth, I will work on bringing grocery to campus for Independents.

Isabella Faccone, 2021

My name is Isabella Faccone and I am running for U-Councilor again this year because I believe Princeton is an amazing place that can continue to grow with the needs of the student body. I am an ORFE major and in addition to representing you on the U-Council last year, I am a member of the rock climbing and belly dancing teams. As your U-Councilor, I would continue offering a greater representation of B.S.E. majors in the U-Council ensuring that no issues are forgotten. I plan to increase the U-Council’s accessibility and facilitate student engagement in the CPUC. On the USG Senate, I would work towards improving transportation options (i.e. exploring on-campus scooters and ride sharing to/from airports), dealing with issues such as loneliness on campus, incorporating more interactive events/services within campus recreation, and developing stronger avenues for student feedback to campus services including dining, campus rec, and student health.
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Katya Kopach, 2022

Hey, Princeton! My name is Katya Kopach and I am thrilled to be running for the position of U-Councilor! As the end of the year approaches, I am reminded of all of the amazing experiences I have had as a result of USG’s efforts to enhance each student’s time at Princeton. I’m running because I would love to be a part of YOUR student government and continue to contribute to the wonderful initiatives put forth by the U-Council. As a member of several organizations, I have grown in my ability to communicate my ideas effectively while also genuinely listening to the ideas of others. These skills will allow me to contribute to Senate discussions in a thorough and deliberate way. Most importantly, I want to listen to YOU! If I were to be elected, I promise that YOUR voices would be represented in every decision. KOPACH HAS YOUR BACK

JJ Lopez Haddad, 2022

Hey Princeton! My name is Juan José Lopez, JJ for short. I’m a freshman from Caracas, Venezuela, and I’m excited to run for the post of U-Councilor! As an international student, I’ve decided to run with a special focus on other International Representation, hoping to foster a stronger community, broaden career opportunities through CPT, and offer services to help non-native English speakers! As many of you may know, I love theater and the arts, and I believe Princeton can expand opportunities for student groups on campus to acquire spaces to perform and create! And I will advocate for it. Last but not least, I am committed to represent the interests of all my fellow students, especially by continuing the expansion of counseling services and other resources for mental and physical health on campus. Stay tuned for more details, don’t hesitate to approach me around campus, and don’t forget to vote!
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Rachel Hazan, 2021

Hi! I’m Rachel Hazan and I’m a sophomore from Bethesda, Maryland. I’m excited to run to represent you again on U-Council! As U-Councillor this past year I served as USG Representative to Projects Board (the main funding body for student groups), on the Sustainability and Financial Reform Task Forces, and worked hard to ensure the student body has been represented well at all of our Senate meetings. This upcoming year I’ll be serving as Projects Board Co-Chair and hope to continue working on financial reform to streamline and bring great transparency to funding processes across campus. I also want to encourage collaboration among groups to make our campus stronger. I’d love to hear suggestions of new projects you’d like to see USG tackle in the next year (rshazan@princeton.edu). I’d be honored to represent you as U-Councilor next year!

Sarah Lee, 2022

Hi Tigers! I’m Sarah Lee, a first year Forbesian and intended Sociology concentrator hailing from Adams, Tennessee. This past year I served as a 2022 Class Officer, planning events (OBB, Bonfire, First Year Formal, gear distributions/study breaks) alongside the 2019/2020/2021 class governments, working closely with ODUS, and creating a class wide alumni mentorship program. As your U-Councilor, I plan on focusing on 3 main areas:

1. Tackling Issues of EQUITY - For students on financial aid:
   - Subsidized Summer Storage
   - Reforming the Break Dhall Meal Plans (2 → 3 meals)

2. Greater TRANSPARENCY and COMMUNICATION
   - Question submission page to ask at CPUC meetings chaired by Eisgruber
   - UCouncil Instagram Page (weekly updates)
   - Infographic with summaries of current USG task forces and points of contact

3. Working with CAREER SERVICES
   - Increased Prelaw Advising and Resources
   - Partnering with Class Government for a school wide Alumni Mentorship Program

Princeton, I’m ALL IN for you! Vote #LEE4USG
Allen Liu, 2022

Hello, Princeton! My name is Allen Liu, and I’m a Whitmanite and proud member of the class of 2022. I’m running for U-Council because I want to be your advocate in the Senate and Council of the Princeton University Community (CPUC) and create a Princeton that works for everyone. As a U-Councilor, I want to continue the past administration’s work on mental health and push for off-campus mental health providers to cover students on the Student Health Plan who need long-term care. Now that we have a longer Wintersession in 2021, I also want to work with Career Services to leverage our alumni network and create more internship and shadowing opportunities. Finally, I want to collect student input on the university’s plan to reach its emissions goals. I am excited to hear your ideas about how to make Princeton a place that works for everyone. Please vote Liu for U-Council!

Ben Press, 2020

I’m Ben, and I’m running to serve as your U-Councilor again this coming year. Having served as a U-Councilor for two years, including as U-Council Chair this year, I’ve been able to work on issues that matter to students. From leading the initiative to expand mental health training to getting Honor System reform implemented, I’ve tried my best to use my experience on USG to bring positive change for all Princeton students. However, there is more work to do over the coming year, including reforming leaves of absence, following through on academic integrity reform, and empowering deeper connections between the student body and USG. I’d be honored if you’d consider voting for me and hope you’ll allow me to be a voice for you on the Senate and the Council of the Princeton University Community!
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Adhitya Raghavan, 2020

Hello Princeton! I am Adhitya Raghavan and am looking for your support to represent the student body in the U-Council. Currently, in the U-Council there are no International students, no Student Athletes and only a few engineers. As a student athlete in the Squash Team from India studying Mechanical Engineering, I would like to provide the U-Council with some much-needed diversity and truly represent the whole student population. The initiatives I am most passionate about are: making the sustainable energy efforts of the university more accessible to the general student population. Did you know the Lewis Art Center runs on Geothermal energy? Highlighting the struggles of International students finding internships, dealing with OPT and finding a community during the short breaks. Integrating sports events as a central part of Campus culture. Please vote for me and help me bring a different set of perspectives to the table!

Claire Wayner, 2022

Since arriving on campus this year, I’ve become active in Princeton’s environmental community but have been disappointed to find that the passion for immediate action on climate change that many of my peers possess is not reflected in administrative priorities. For instance, Princeton’s goal to reach carbon neutrality by 2046 is years behind many of our peer institutions’ climate goals. If elected U-Councilor, I would work with USG’s Sustainability Task Force to work toward accelerated climate action, including more campus renewable energy. My role as an EcoRep in the Office of Sustainability, as well as my work with the Princeton Student Climate Initiative sponsoring this spring’s Referendum Question 1 (which calls on Princeton to take stronger climate action), make me a very experienced candidate, able to get the work done if elected into office. A vote for me is a vote for a Princeton ready to tackle climate change.