

SGA Academic Representative Candidate - Business and Technology
SHIANA GARG

How did you become interested in running for office?

It will add to my experience.

What are some of the principles that guide you as a leader?

Treat everyone equally. Never run from my responsibility. I will do my work with honesty.

If elected, what is one issue that is important to students and how do you plan to address it in your role?

If I get elected, I would be happier. I have to manage both studies and my job.

Why should a student vote for you to represent them?

I will try to solve their problems and be patient with them.

SGA Academic Representative Candidate - Business and Technology
ELSAR KRAJA

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How did you become interested in running for office?

I have participated in many academic activities and been a leader or project manager in most of them. For example, I once gathered my friends in LaGuardia to create a new club. One day I was talking with a very close friend of mine in school who was working as a treasurer in the SGA. He was actually the one who proposed I should run for this office. According to him, I was the kind of guy they needed. He explained to me about the roles and responsibilities and I loved it. I felt that in this job I could get the skills and experience I needed for my academic and professional career, but it was a great opportunity to serve my peers and fight for better education and conditions for all of us. LaGuardia is a great school and it is going to become greater only if we take care and develop it. For this reason, the SGA is important and it is significant that it has competent members.

What are some of the principles that guide you as a leader?

Some main principles that guide me as a leader is self-discipline, always stick to my goals until achieving them, to be a good listener, loyal, and proactive. Once, in high school I was chosen president of my class. We had some problems regarding a few lessons because they were not conducted in the proper way. Therefore, I gathered my classmates and we signed a petition asking for a better quality of education. We later sent that to our principles and our demands were fulfilled within the school year.

If elected, what is one issue that is important to students and how do you plan to address it in your role?

One big and main problem in LaGuardia is bureaucracy and this is not a new phenomenon. Fortunately, the rate of that has lowered throughout the years, but I believe we should work on lowering it even more so to make our college more efficient. This is no easy task but as part of the SGA, since we would regularly meet with high level directors and the President of LaGuardia, we should talk about decentralizing parts of our college which would make our institution more efficient.

Why should a student vote for you to represent them?

I, myself, do not just study at LaGuardia Community College, but I also work there. I am a member of the President's Society, Honor's Program and ASAP. I know our college in and out with its strengths and weaknesses. I have a broad network not just with students whom I would represent but with faculty members as well, and I will use this network to get things done. Along with my knowledge and experience I can assist in the development of this institution we call LaGuardia.

SGA Academic Representative Candidate - Humanities
DARLENE MALAVE

How did you become interested in running for office?

When I achieved a 4.0 GPA while caring for my 2 sons, I knew I could be an example for others to come to for help and advice to reach their academic goals.

What are some of the principles that guide you as a leader?

Listen to your colleagues because there is always something to learn from everyone. Punctuality is important and works well in creating good relationships with your team or associates.

If elected, what is one issue that is important to students and how do you plan to address it in your role?

During these difficult times, it is more important than ever to support students with skills that can help them maintain their academic goals such as time management, stress management, financial education, resume/job search support and organizing food and hygienic products for all students.

Why should a student vote for you to represent them?

Students should consider voting for me because I have software engineering knowledge and support that can create tools to help students taking online classes. I also have 2 children and work very hard to maintain my GPA, so I can represent a support for my fellow students going through this extraordinarily difficult time. This has given my empathy and knowledge of how to survive through challenging times, and still succeed. I can help and I want to actually be a support for LaGuardia students. Nothing is impossible. Together, we can work together and

provoke change on the issues that matter to us, the students and the future of New York's workforce. Please, vote for me. Thank you.