

Special announcement from the SGA Election Commission

Dear Billikens,

On behalf of SGA, we are excited to announce the slate of candidates for the 2014 general elections! Below you will find a list of candidates and their biographies. Please take a moment to get to know these students who are running to represent you in the 2014-2015 academic year. Be sure to attend the executive board debate on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00 pm, and to cast your vote on Election Day, Tuesday, February 25th. More information about the debate and elections will be forthcoming from the Election Commission. Please contact commissioner Beth Alberty with any questions: ebert1@slu.edu.

Sincerely,
The SGA Election Commission

PRESIDENT

Ann Knezetic

My name is Ann Knezetic. I am a junior here at SLU majoring in Elementary Education. I decided to come to SLU because of the Jesuit mission. I grew up on a Jesuit campus, since my dad worked at one, so the Jesuit mission has been instilled into me since I was a little girl. Once I arrived at SLU I jumped into many activities. I came in as a Micah. I also joined SGA my freshman year and continued that every year. I am currently on the Executive Board as the VP of Academic Affairs. I am also currently in a Spiritual Learning Community, SLC, as well as a lector at mass. I have also participated in spring break out trips. My passion for service comes through the activities I engage in.

My roots are in Omaha, Nebraska. I have three sisters, Emily, Barbara, and Elizabeth. My eldest sister Emily, is married, and has a little girl named Alexis. Whenever I am home almost all of my time is spent with Alexis, who is now two. Barbara is a Physical Therapy major here at SLU in her sixth, and final, year. My younger sister Elizabeth is a freshman at Saint Joseph's University. She is also studying Education. My sisters are a huge part of my life. If I am not talking to them I am hanging out with friends, reading a book, playing Frisbee, or baking something delicious!

VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Drew Roznowski

Hey, Billikens! My name is Drew Roznowski, and I am a Junior here at SLU. I am studying Economics in the Business School, and I also work in their IT Department. Since coming to SLU, I have had the opportunity to partake in many great organizations that SLU offers to students. I am an active member in Delta Sigma Pi, which is a professional business fraternity on campus. I am also a Billiken Buddy, a lector for College Church, and I am currently an SGA John Cook School of Business Senator.

On a more personal level, I am originally from a small town in central Wisconsin, but my family and I moved to Rockford, Illinois when I was 12. I have one brother, Damon, who is a sophomore at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois (a suburb of Chicago). I also have a pet dog – a 9 year-old beagle named Brandy.

When I am not busy attending meetings or doing schoolwork, I love to travel around the city (you can usually find me at a coffee shop or restaurant in the Central West End). Pappy's and Pastaria are by far my favorite restaurants, and there is a good chance you will bump into me at one of these great places during the weekend. I also love hanging out with friends, watching movies, and cheering on the Billiken basketball team at Chaifetz!

VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE

Jaisel Patel

My name is Jaisel Patel and I am a junior in the John Cook School of Business here at Saint Louis University. I am currently perusing a degree in Leadership and Change Management with a supporting area in Supply Chain Management. I was born and raised in the Saint Louis area along with my two other siblings. Aside from Student Government Association, I am involved in the Service Leadership Program and the Indian Student Association. One non-profit organization that I have continuously strived to raise awareness about for the last seven years is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. In my free time I enjoy watching several TV shows including White Collar, Suits, and the Amazing Race. Overall, I enjoy staying busy with different organizations and events year around.

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**Nicole Kim**

Hello everyone! My name is Nicole Kim and I am a junior here at Saint Louis University studying public health with a minor in biology. These past few years at SLU have been some of the best years of my life, especially immersing myself by getting involved with a variety of great organizations. Some of my involvement includes Oriflamme, Upper Room Praise and Worship, Global Brigades, and Greek Life. I have been in the amazing Oriflamme organization for the past two years and sadly approaching my final year. In addition, I play piano for Upper Room Praise and Worship, which is a time to come together for reflection and worship. On the other hand, my main involvement on campus is with Greek Life. I am a member of Kappa Delta sorority and I am also the Internal Vice President for the Panhellenic Executive Council.

My hometown is Los Angeles, California; however, I was born in Philadelphia and moved to thirteen different places before making Los Angeles my home around the age of six. I have a younger sister and two younger brothers, making me the oldest out of four children. Additionally, I am a first-generation student and the first to attend college in my family.

Outside of my academic life, I love to do numerous things such as going for a run, reading a book, playing the piano and oboe, and attending events hosted by different student organizations. Some of my favorite places are Forest Park, the loop, and the City Museum. In addition, I love going out to eat with my friends and having a great time (my favorite place is definitely the fountain). Nevertheless, I am proud to be part of the SLU community and all the extraordinary things that take place on our campus. Go Billikens!

VICE PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**Dorien Villafranco**

"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." This quote by Arthur Ashe is a neat parallel of my life story. My name is Dorien Villafranco and I am a junior in the Parks College of Engineering, Aviation, and Technology majoring in Aerospace Engineering. I am from the small, but beautiful country of Belize. It was here that I found my starting position, and many people have questioned my intents for leaving the warm climate of the tropics for the wayward and subzero temperatures of St. Louis. It's quite simple actually – I wanted to be an Aerospace Engineer.

I transferred to SLU in the fall of 2010, and since then I have loved every minute of it! Apart from learning about all things aerospace over at Parks, I've become involved on campus in other areas. I joined the International Student Ambassador program, served as a Transfer Mentor for Fall Welcome 2013, and currently serve as a senator for International Students in SGA. I enjoy playing flight simulator, watching movies, attending Billiken basketball games, eating out, and listening to music.

SLU has become my home away from home. I cherish every moment I've spent here, as I've tried to make full use of what has been given to me. Serving in the Student Government Association, I believe, is the next step that will allow me to do what I can to make Saint Louis University a better home away from home for those yet to come.

VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Tommy English

Hey SLU, my name is Tommy English. I am a freshman from Kentucky majoring in Public Health and pursuing a career as a physician. I am privileged to have the opportunity to be a Medical Scholar here at SLU and be a member of the faith and social justice learning community – Micah. I am also a member of AED, Lions Club, and Students United for Africa. In addition to these activities, I am a first-year Senator in SGA.

Service aimed at social justice is something that I am passionate about, and it's one of the main reasons why I love SLU so much. The greatest experiences of my life so far have taken place in Ghana. I have had the privilege to teach and be taught, while making incredible friends and spreading hope in this incredible country. It is a huge part of my life, and I am glad SLU provides me with opportunities to continue this type of service.

When I am not doing homework, I am usually beating everyone on my floor in Super Smash Brothers or listening to large volumes of jazz music – a habit I picked up while playing in my high school jazz band. I love jazz music, and I love trying to “spread the love.” I have often been told that I look like Josh Hutcherson, so if you see a student who you think belongs in the Hunger Games, it is probably me. I will probably be wearing a ridiculous looking plaid jacket, so feel free to talk to me so that I can get to know you!

VICE PRESIDENT OF DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mika Romo

My name is Mika Romo. I am a sophomore transfer student here at SLU and am majoring in Elementary Education. I transferred from a small liberal arts college in Baltimore called Goucher College. My older sister Amelia is a junior here at SLU and on a visit to see her last Spring, I fell in love with the campus and SLU's unique Jesuit Mission. Since becoming a Billiken, I quickly wanted to immerse myself into campus life and joined Micah's Learning Community, Student Government Association, and the Diversity Leadership Cabinet. My passion for emphasizing diversity and social justice here on SLU's campus come from my Hispanic upbringing and the various activities in which I am involved.

I was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas and I have three sisters, and one brother: Amelia, Victoria, Gabriella, and Dominic. My eldest sister is Amelia Romo who is a junior here at SLU. My sister Victoria is currently a senior in high school and is expected to join the Billiken community in the Fall of 2014. My family is a big part of my life and being so far away from them is hard, but I feel as if I have a great family here at SLU too! I really love traveling and my favorite season is anything but snowy and cold. My favorite food is Lo Mein, and I love football. I am so excited to meet as many of my fellow Bills as possible and am ready to positively represent Student Government on and off campus!

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES SENATORS (4 seats available)

Liz Stark

I have been involved in SGA for the entire time I have been at SLU. My freshman year I was on the Student Relations Committee and this past year I was a Senator for DeMattias Hall first semester and Arts & Science the second semester. Student Government is something that I am very passionate about. I believe it is absolutely vital for senators to be the voice of their constituents, so I always love to hear about students ideas and concerns. SGA gives the student body an opportunity to take the initiative to make changes on our campus that are truly important to us. I believe that given this opportunity, we need to take complete advantage of our senate to make our voices heard. I know that with my experience, involvement on campus, and commitment to SGA, I will once again prove to be an active and effective senator.

Kat Carroll

Hey there SLU! I'm a Political Science major in the College of Arts and Sciences, and I'm running for Senator in that same college. I've spent freshman year doing service with the Micah program, and I'm

involved with Habitat for Humanity on campus. First semester freshman year was pretty hectic, and I split my time between the library, Terra Ve, and heading from Marguerite to Pruellage and Reinert to hang out with friends. There are three things that get me really excited about life here at SLU: Taco Bowl Day, classes in McGannon, and moonlit games of soccer at Vandy field. I hope to spend some time on the Food Services Committee, the Diversity and Social Justice Committee, and working on examining environmental issues and programs across campus. Serving on SGA would be a great opportunity to get to know more about the SLU community, meet more people and work towards a better SLU for all of us!

Ryan Wong

I once met a guy who was pretty nice and pretty cool. He was a biochemistry major who really loved helping out other people with anything they ever needed help with. He was pretty quirky and fun-loving, but he always knew how to contain himself and get his work done to the best of his abilities. His favorite snacks are goldfish, and he typically will share his gallon-sized carton with anybody so that the goldfish love can be spread to all people. He loves to ski and surf being from California and is relatively adaptable to the humid summers and blistering winters of St. Louis. He's a normal guy. One with the people. And his name... is Ryan Wong.

Kevin Lynch

Hello! My name is Kevin Lynch, I am a freshman English major here at SLU, and I am running for a senator position in SGA to represent the College of Arts and Sciences. I am involved with several organizations here at SLU and this past year I served as a senator in SGA for all first-year students. As a first-year student senator, I have always made myself available to my constituency, and have been happy to meet or talk with any student who reaches out to me. I hope to continue this work as a senator for the College of Arts and Sciences. While I would be happy to hear any input or ideas from students, I specifically hope to improve the quality of classrooms in the A&S buildings and foster communication between the Dean of our college and us, the students. Thanks for your time!

Andrew Sullivan

My name is Andrew Sullivan and I am a sophomore majoring in Theology and Business Economics. In my time at SLU, I have been involved in many things. From Liturgy Coordinator at the student masses at College Church, to teaching Sunday School, to playing intramural soccer with my floor, I have always sought ways to become involved. I am even in the process of starting my own homelessness awareness club: The Robin Hood Club. In addition, this past year, I served as senator for the College of Arts and Sciences and sat on the Mission and Ministry While on the committee, I helped discuss ways to better promote the Jesuit mission of SLU and how to make non-Catholic religious groups feel more welcome at Campus Ministry. Lastly, as senator, I promoted the art program's performances.

JOHN COOK SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SENATORS (3 seats available)

Evan Buenger

Hey Billikens! I'm Evan Buenger and I want to be YOUR senator for the John Cook School of Business. I'm a pre-law scholar and I have plenty of student government and leadership experience. In high school, I was an active member of Student Council, and was also the Commander of the Air Force Junior ROTC unit. I also chartered and chaired the Kitty Hawk Academic Honor Society that centered on community service. As your senator, I'll work tirelessly to make Saint Louis University the best place to live and learn today and in the years to come.

Ben Behrmann

My name is Ben Behrmann and I am an Economics & Finance Major with an Information Technology Management Minor. This past year I served as a First-Year Senator and loved being able to be the voice the opinion of the student body in our weekly Senate meetings. Outside of Senate, I played an active role on the Committee for Student Organizations and the Food Services Committee. During my first year at SLU, I've been involved with the SLU Club Rowing Team and AED. I have enjoyed being able to

communicate issues brought up by my constituents to the university and seeing the changes take place across campus. I hope you, the voters, will give me the opportunity to hear your concerns and represent you in SGA for another year. Thank you!

Carson Jones (no photo)

My name is Carson Jones. I am a Junior Economics major who enjoys skiing, golf, and mountain biking. I am currently finishing my first year as a Commuter Senator and my second year of involvement with the Student Government Association. As a senator, I have served on SGA's Finance and Student Wellness committees, as well as the Association Reform Taskforce. Outside of Student Government, I have held various other leadership positions within my fraternity, the Greek Week Executive Board, and the Greek Conduct Board. These experiences across campus have given me the skills to properly represent the needs and interests of students enrolled within the John Cook School of Business.

PARKS COLLEGE OF AVIATION, ENGINEERING, AND TECHNOLOGY SENATORS (2 seats available)

Benjamin O'Donnell (no photo)

My name is Ben O'Donnell, and I am campaigning to become one of your Parks College of Engineering, Aviation, and Technology SGA senators. I am a sophomore biomedical engineering student from Plainfield, Illinois, and I have leadership experience as an Eagle Scout working as the Aquatic Director at Rainbow Scout Reservation as well as representing the Village and Laclede Housing as their current senator. I am seeking election for Parks College because I am passionate about giving back to my peers, and I know I can as your senator. If elected, I will work toward open communication to address any concerns as well as proctor open forums for Parks students and administration in order to address and work toward solutions to presented issues. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to the opportunity to work with all of you.

Brian Kovarik (no photo)

My name is Brian Kovarik. I transferred to Saint Louis University, Park's College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology during the fall of 2011 to obtain undergraduate degrees in both aerospace and mechanical engineering. I have been involved with Park's College in many different roles. My most defining role at Parks has been with SLU Rocketry, which is a group of students that builds and flies high powered rockets in competition. As president, I oversaw the club become an official CSO and gain funding to support our mission. I currently serve as Parks senator and I sit on the finance committee within SGA. I am involved with nearly every organization within Parks. I am a current NASA coop, where I conduct work rotations at Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, AL. At NASA I support the new Space Launch System, which is NASA's new launch vehicle to transport man beyond low-earth orbit.

David Gembara (no photo)

I am a sophomore studying biomedical engineering. I'm originally from Palos Heights, a suburb outside of Chicago. My freshman year I served on the residence life and policy review committees in SGA as a committee representative. This year I currently serve as one of the two senators that represent Parks College. Outside of SGA I am a member of the Biomedical Engineering Society, and have volunteered with St. Francis Xavier College Church in their religious education program. Last year I was on the executive board of my fraternity, Alpha Delta Gamma, and the Interfraternity Council. I currently serve as the president of IFC. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve you all again through SGA.

Ronald Clark (no photo)

My name is Ronald Clark, and I'm a freshman here at Saint Louis University studying civil engineering. I got involved with SGA immediately, and I am currently one of the five First Year Student Senators. I've worked with my fellow first years to try to increase the awareness of freshman issues, and also increase communication between SGA and the student body. I sit on the Committee for Student Organizations, the Finance Committee, and the Internal Affairs Committee. In addition, I am part of the Association

Reform Task Force, the group which put together this year's senate reform, and that is now working to increase efficiency amongst SGA committees. The workload can be hefty sometimes, but it's usually pretty enjoyable and I'd love to use my skills and knowledge of the system to represent Parks next semester.

COLLEGE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SENATORS (2 seats available)

Mike Degnan (no photo)

Hello Billikens! My name is Mike Degnan and I am freshman Health Management major here at SLU and have loved every minute of it. From the amazing welcome week experience to just walking through campus, it has become very apparent to me what makes SLU so special: the people. As a member of SGA, I hope to represent all of you to the best of my abilities next year. I am currently the Senator of the Griesedieck Complex and serve on the Student Organizations Committee, Food Services Committee, and Chair the Student Relations Committee. Besides SGA, I am also on the Club Swim Team, a Billiken Blogger, an active member in AED, and a Billiken Buddy. As your senator, I hope to further voice all of your concerns not only about the College of Public Health and Social Justice itself, but of Public Health issues here at SLU.

Paulina Menichiello (no bio) (no photo)

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATOR (1 position available)

Justin Hand (no bio) (no photo)

Ethan Shavers (no bio) (no photo)