

# CANDIDATES

2021-2022

## EXECUTIVE TICKET (PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT)

**Nadia Crowley**  
Candidate for President



Nadia is a first-generation, transfer student studying Human Development and Family Relations. She has had the opportunity to serve the CU Denver Student Body for two years as the School of Education and Human Development representative in SGA. She has also worked as a Student Involvement Ambassador and New Student Orientation Leader. Nadia's warm and welcoming personality will continue to aid in her mission to establish a safe and inclusive environment for all CU Denver students. As President, Nadia plans to work towards building community on campus by supporting students through access to resources, a focus on wellness, helping students engage with their University community, and encouraging and promoting diversity on campus. Nadia is highly motivated and prepared to take on student issues with a compassionate and dedicated mindset



Chris is a non-traditional, first-generation college student pursuing a BA in Public Health. Over the past year he has had the pleasure of serving as an Associate Justice in SGA as well as a member of the Student Fee Review Committee which oversees the allocation of \$5 million dollars of student fees for student services and campus programs. Embracing his identities of queer and Hispanic, he has served as the student representative to the Equity Task Force, which is building the strategic plan for diversity, equity, and inclusion at CU Denver for the next 10 years. As Vice President, he will work with President Crowley to connect students with resources, empower the diversity of our student body, and foster engagement in the campus and city communities. After he graduates, he plans to pursue a law degree and work at the intersection of human rights and public health law.

**Chris Hilton**  
Candidate for Vice-President



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## STUDENT FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE

YOU MAY VOTE FOR 1

### Annie Vu



Annie Vu is an incoming junior studying accounting at CU Denver. Annie has previously been part of the Student Government Association holding other positions such as First-Year and Transfer Chair and Associate Justice. Her leadership style is servant leadership, so she believes she is fit to run for Chair of Student Fee and Review Committee to serve the CU Denver community. Annie is passionate about learning of all the student resources your student fees have to offer you and wants to learn and share information with her fellow peers about the abundance of resources CU Denver offers; this is what she hopes to continue being the Student Fee Review Committee Chair.

## COLLEGE COUNCIL: ARCHITECTURE AND PLANNING

YOU MAY VOTE FOR 1

### Trevor Walker



I'm a bachelors of architecture student in the College of Architecture and Planning and currently finishing up Studio1. With only architecture courses remaining I am on track to graduate in Spring of 2023. As the CAP College Council Representative, I hope to represent students as any needs arise and will be actively looking for new ways for students to connect with faculty as well as each other! I look forward to bringing more representation to the CAP student body through my regular meetings on the Tivoli Reprogramming Committee, Architecture Faculty Meetings and regular Senate meetings.

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## COLLEGE COUNCIL: ARTS & MEDIA

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Shawntisha  
Bailey



As an out-of-state student from Oregon, I will be starting my senior year in CAM's nationally ranked Music Business program. With the Music Business major, I also am working on a Law Studies minor because my professional goal is to pursue a career as a Music and Entertainment lawyer. Over the past year, I had the pleasure of representing the College of Arts and Media in a wide range of capacities. I sat as the chair for CAM'S Student Advisory Council and had the opportunity to work closely with the dean. On a campus wide level, I currently represent not only CAM, but the general student voice on a search committee for the next provost. I am also currently a panel member for the Academic Integrity Committee, which is another campus wide initiative. I prioritize listening to student's input and creating a relationship with the CAM faculty in order to be the most effective in this position. My goals for the next year is to have an even stronger presence (as we will hopefully be in person next year) and to further support student initiatives. I felt that I have accomplished a lot in my first year and want to continue growing and moving forward in my position of representing the amazing students of the college I love.

## COLLEGE COUNCIL: BUSINESS

YOU MAY VOTE FOR 1

Oscar Fraire



Spending the early years of his life in the city of Juarez, Mexico, Oscar Fraire has been a Denver, Colorado native for most of his life. Currently attending the University of Colorado Denver (graduating in Spring 2022 with a double major in Business Management and Entrepreneurship) he's determined to build generational wealth and consciousness. As a first-generation college student and a son of immigrants, he has focused on establishing a foundation for future minority generations by creating a blueprint that has that has allowed him to break the cycle and obtain a college education debt-free. Oscar recognized the power of being involved in his community early on, propelling him to apply to student leadership on his college campus. He has served in various positions for a leadership program focused on developing young minority leaders: the President of the Urban Male Initiative, as well as working as a program coordinator assistant and as a program mentor for his peers. These positions led Oscar to find his passion for maximizing his own potential and empowering others through self-actualization and knowledge sharing. His mission is to continue developing his passion for communication and community through his Junior Brand Manager position with Dopesite Co. while developing his personal brand WhatYouConsume, an erudite platform looking at creative entrepreneurship with a philosopher's eye.

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## COLLEGE COUNCIL: GRADUATE SCHOOL

### YOU MAY VOTE FOR 1

#### Maria Lewis



Hi Lynx! I am so excited to announce my candidacy for the School of Public Affairs College Council Representative. As a Dual Criminal Justice and Public Administration Master Student, I pride myself on open-dialogue and the implementation of authentic relationships. Originally from Hartford, South Dakota, I am fueled by motivated people, innovative ideas, and new experiences. I have a variety of experiences serving my peers and the community. From volunteering at the local backpack program to instructing 200+ women as the Alpha Phi Psi Chapter Director of Formal Recruitment, I find solace in encouraging coordination amongst like-minded individuals (even if they don't realize they're like-minded). Passionate about our incredible

university, I seek opportunities to advocate for lifelong learning, the pursuit of creative outlets, and inspire others to discover their unique potential. It is important to me that all CU Denver students know that their voices are being amplified and welcomed on and off-campus for future development. I am running to further promote the needs and interests of current and future generations of Lynx. By doing so I will focus on pertinent issues such as financial success, community involvement, and student accessibility during COVID-19. In this role, I will serve my peers by fostering an encouraging and inclusive environment while showing up each day ready to work for all CU Denver students. I am eager to learn more about what makes you proud to be a Lynx while working together to improve The University of Colorado, Denver! Thank you!

#### Sheridan Manfredi



Hello Lynx! My name is Sheridan Manfredi, and I am running to be your SGA Graduate Representative on College Council! I am currently pursuing a dual master's degree in criminal justice and public administration. After graduating I hope to work for a nonprofit that specializes in criminal justice reform. It has been the greatest honor to get to serve in this position for the Spring 2021 semester, and I would love nothing more than to continue what I have started by serving for another year. In my short time in this position, my main focus has been ensuring Graduate Students feel connected to campus life at CU Denver. I am currently working on creating a Graduate Student Council where graduate students can

come together to discuss ways the University can best assist us all in our pursuit of higher education and professional experiences. Additionally, it is my hope to expand the graduate school's social media presence to be more assessable to students in the virtual world. One of my favorite things I have been a part of in my time in SGA is the Success Looks Like Me campaign where we have interviewed CU Denver Alumni from diverse backgrounds about their paths to success to show that anyone and everyone has the capacity to succeed post-graduation. If elected, I plan to continue and expand upon each of these initiatives while listening to, and advocating for, the students' priorities. I have always had a passion for leadership and the power of student voice. I promise to continue to dutifully represent and champion all students at CU Denver to the best of my ability. I hope I can count on you for your support and for your vote!

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## COLLEGE COUNCIL: PUBLIC AFFAIRS

### YOU MAY VOTE FOR 1

#### Jose Reyna



After spending much of my life living here in colorful Colorado, I consider myself to be a Colorado native by heart which scrutinizes the reality of being born in Southern California. My only sibling and I are first-generation Mexican American college students who were granted the opportunity to seek higher education; a chance we did not let pass. As I stay persistent in my efforts towards obtaining my major in Criminal Justice, for the past two years I have volunteered at my church by creating announcements, videos, and illustrations that are projected during service. Recently, I lent those skills to creating tribute videos for two people who had died in the of my church in Aurora; the families did not have the skills, resources nor emotional stability to create a digital homage to the passing of their beloveds. This was my way of providing support for those who need it at a time of grief. Even though I do not consider myself an expert in video production and editing, I enjoy the process of learning, if it means it can be used to help. Over the years, it has come to my attention that the presence of community is an excellent way to compensate for one's lack of strength. Evidently, the pandemic has made it difficult for society, especially for us students, to physically socialize with one another out of fear of getting the virus. As we turn the page in this dark chapter of our generation, an interest to learn the process of supporting CU Denver's gradual return to normality, post-COVID, has grown within me. Which has motivated me to run for a spot in the SGA College Council. I embrace the possibility of being a representative who may help SGA surpass any obstacles, the future may bring.

#### Jessica Valdez



Jessica is a Senior pursuing a double major in Criminal Justice and Biology. As a returning representative of the School of Public Affairs, Jessica looks forward to continuing being a voice for the students to communicate to higher administration, planning events focused on SPA, making her fellow student's experiences the best they can be, and working to build better connections with CU Denver students, especially those in SPA. During her first term she was part of the committee that established Success Looks Like Me! an ongoing SGA initiative to highlight the successes of CU Denver Alumni, as well as working with SPA Career Resources center to expand student outreach programs and bring more resources and mentoring opportunities to the School of Public Affairs. Her future aspirations include getting her Master's degree in Criminal Justice and pursuing a career in law enforcement as a police officer. In her free time, she can be found in the gym, or in the mountains hiking. Jessica also enjoys cooking, photography, reading books about a variety of topics, and listening to music from a range of genres.

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## COLLEGE COUNCIL: LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

### YOU MAY VOTE FOR 1

Juan  
Gonzalez



Juan is a first-generation, Hispanic college student in the Political Science, law studies program at CLAS (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences). As a first-year student, he has spent the last year as a Senator on the Legislation & Outreach Committee inside SGA (Student Government Association), as well as a current member of the Pre-Law Society, and is finishing the LEAP Leadership Program. Inspired by experiences in these programs, he partnered with the Food Bank of the Rockies to host virtual food drives to help Colorado families facing the unprecedented challenges of COVID.

As the CLAS Representative, he would look to build out networking events, internship/research opportunities, and mentorship programs. He wants to ensure that no CLAS, or any CU Denver student is left unsure about their future after college.

## STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE AURARIA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE (SACAB)

### YOU MAY VOTE FOR 2

Jason  
Stroh-Faron



Hi there! I'm Jason, a current Graduate Student in the Masters of Public Administration program! If that didn't say enough, then what you've got to know about me is that I am incredibly passionate about public service and public administration. Knowing that I am acting for the benefit of my friends, family, peers, and community is what is truly important to me. I promise to you that I will give my all to represent the diverse, deep, passionate, and wonderful students of the University of Colorado-Denver

on the Student Advisory Committee to the Auraria Board. If this means saying the "wrong thing" for the right reasons, so be it. If this means working overnight to make sure your needs are represented, so be it. I want to represent you, and I promise you that if you trust me to do so, I will not disappoint you... unless you want to be disappointed. Then I really don't know what to tell you.

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## **SENATORS: FINANCE & FUNDING COMMITTEE**

**YOU MAY VOTE FOR 6**

**Felipe Aguirre**



Felipe Alexis Aguirre Sanchez is a Mexican, American college student at the University of Colorado Denver. He produces a high volume of work while consistently maintaining high standards for quality and accuracy. Felipe possesses the ultimate "can do" attitude while taking on tasks with positive energy and a smile.

**Solikha  
Normurotova**



I'm a first-year student in the University Honors and Leadership Program, majoring in International Business and minoring in Computer Science, International Studies, and Leadership. Currently, I'm a member of the International Business Student Network where I have gotten the opportunity to make valuable connections. I graduated from high school as an honors student and was also able to participate in many student organizations that have honed my skills of problem-solving, leadership, communication, and teamwork. With my experience as NHS Vice President and Treasurer, I am confident in my ability to lead in positions of promoting service projects, scholarship, leadership, and the development of character within the university and the community along with executing financial tasks to promote and support student organizations. Alongside NHS, I was a member of the Student Council, where I learned to prosper in academic settings that require my full attention to detail and multitasking. For the Class of 2020, I was also elected as the Secretary of officers, allowing me to plan senior events on an organized set schedule which has taught me attention to communication within a group setting, high-quality work, and time management. With my previous experiences, I have gained insight into professionalism, reliability, and responsibility which allows me to be dependable and adapt to changing environments. I am confident that I can transfer all these skills to become a valuable asset to the student government association where I'm excited to become a collaborative member and support my team. I am specifically interested in joining the Finance and Funding committee because of my experiences being a treasurer and supporting student efforts. I hope to provide a voice for the students at CU Denver and will do my utmost best to be a great student representative.

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**SENATORS: LEGISLATION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**YOU MAY VOTE FOR 6**

## Cade Bachman



Hi! My name is Cade and I'm running for student Senator in the SGA. I'm a political science student who plans to go into law school once my time here at CU Denver is concluded. I have a very well-rounded extracurricular background. In high school, I played baseball, was part of the school choir, and was a two-time national qualifier for the debate team. I understand the variety of issues that can confront students in any activity they may choose, and I will legislate in a way to make sure those activities are respected and protected. Making students my priority. Another part of that is guaranteeing students a way to perform in their classes to the best of their ability. The Covid19 pandemic illuminated the unique challenges creating difficulties for students due to their economic circumstances. As a student of this

school, you deserve the education you're paying for, and I will act in a way to guarantee a high quality of education for every student at CU Denver. Part of a high-quality education is feeling safe. I will use my position to take feedback from you and make sure that your safety concerns are heard. I have experienced firsthand what it is like to feel unsafe on this campus and more than understand the impact that can have on one's grades. It is my belief that an institution is made by the student body, so as a member of the student government I want to make sure the student body feels comfortable where they are. I appreciate you taking the time to read this short message, and hope that you have an excellent day.

## Ezra Ekman



College can be challenging at the best of times, even when there isn't a global pandemic causing massive socioeconomic shifts in society and redefining "normal" across the globe. I've been a long-time proponent of student rights and opportunities and, now more than ever, it's critically important to help students find and achieve their own successes. To that end, I have served in the Student Government Association at Front Range Community College as both legislative representative and vice president, with a focus on making students aware of free resources available on and off-campus, highlighting scholarship opportunities, and promoting mental health and wellness. While at FRCC, I also founded one student club and served as an officer in another, so I understand student engagement and how to turn ideas into action in an educational environment.

Working in industry prior to going to college, I have led teams ranging in size from 5 to 50 individuals, taught workshops to children and adults in classroom environments, and held roles as a design and development consultant, a photographer, and a photojournalist, all of which has yielded strong interpersonal, public interaction, and communication skills, as well as consideration of business feasibility issues. As someone who has worked in educational and corporate environments, nonprofit organizations, and as an independent contractor, I am comfortable in many different roles and being an active and encouraging member of multiple teams. I believe strongly in the importance of issues of empowerment, support, and giving credit where credit is due. I enjoy assisting and representing students and I have been honored to do so several years. Now, I hope to continue my student advocacy efforts at CU Denver by serving the student body, perform outreach to individual students and student groups, and to affect change campus-wide



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## Heather Litchfield



I'm a sophomore at CU Denver majoring in Public Health on the Pre-med track. I maintain a 3.8 GPA and have made the Deans List 3 consecutive semesters. I am the current Executive Vice President of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars. I'm also a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. I have wanted to join SGA since my first semester freshman year. Now that I have the chance, I would love to be a member of the Senate to learn new leadership skills and to make a difference on our campus.

## Tanner Palmer



Tanner Palmer is a non-traditional student earning his BA in Communications over many years while working fulltime. He has navigated academic challenges, learning differences, and transferred from Arapahoe Community College to CU Denver in Fall 2020. Tanner grew up in Southern California and has been a Colorado resident since 2010. His father is a former 1970s minor league baseball player and his mother is a Mexican-American. Tanner is the great-grandson of Mexican-American immigrants. A seasoned professional, Tanner believes in diversity, equity, and inclusion.

While working for a nonprofit, public charter school for more than seven years, Tanner advocated for underserved, at-risk kids in grades K-12 where he developed and funded programs bringing free and low cost arts programming to students. An auditory learner, Tanner taught himself how to play piano at a very young age by ear and found fulfillment performing piano professionally from the time he was an early teenager. Overcoming great adversity through reconciling his sexual identity and strong Christian upbringing, Tanner embraced empathy and compassion which transform him into a proud member of the LGBTQIA+ community. Although Tanner does not claim to be athletic, he does athletic things! He is a seven time participant in the annual AIDS/LifeCycle, a 545 mile charity bike ride from SF to LA in California. Creating HIV/AIDS awareness and helping raise more than \$15M annually, Tanner has ridden every mile between SF and LA on his bike multiple times. A believer in mental healthcare and social activism, Tanner's purpose is to advocate for students through leadership and accountability. He finds fulfillment in guiding students to supportive tools and in helping students find the power of their own voice.

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EVENTS AND PLANNING CHAIR

YOU MAY VOTE FOR 1

Jazmin Teran



I am currently a sophomore at the University of Colorado Denver majoring in Marketing GPA of 3.82. I am very passionate about learning as well as being involved on campus, and always look forward to meeting new people wherever I go! Quick to learn and exceed at any position put in. Passionate for advertising, market research, and media planner. Able to interact with others and provide a friendly, enjoyable environment and experience.

THANK YOU!



Make your voice heard in the 2021-2022 elections during the week of April 12th-16th! Ballot link will be sent in your campus email. We encourage you to run next year in the 2022-2023 elections.