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SBA Election Announcement

****Do Not Forget-** voting for next year's SBA members will begin **Tuesday, March 26th at NOON** and end **Friday, March 29th at NOON**

You can vote for the future SBA Board via SCU apps or by using the following link:

<https://www.scu.edu/apps/vote/public/>

Election Forums

Each candidate will give a brief introduction and announce their qualifications and answer questions

Tuesday, March 26th at 5PM in Charney 103

Wednesday, March 27th at 4:30PM in Charney 205

Campaign complaints may be submitted anonymously via the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmDToAizvrqiGRRaiWSFXLdxVUpiEeHLgzHu4wxQPs4wV0g/viewform>



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SBA President [3 candidates]

Trish Sandhu & Ozzy Hidalgo Otamendi

AJ Sparagna & Seralyn Fields

Genevieve Duran & Sohrob Eghtessadi

SBA Vice-President of Full-Time Students [2 candidates]

Jenna Anderson & Andrew San Jose

Emily Vander Lans & Daniel Garcia

SBA Vice-President of Part-Time Students [2 candidates]

Abraham Barrera

Courtney Mangus

SBA Vice-President of External Affairs [2 candidates]

Amir Yamini & William Schmelter

Blake Whitacre and Oscar Torres

SBA Secretary [no candidates]

SBA Treasurer [1 candidate]

Phil Alne

SBA Director of Internal Communications [2 candidates]

Thi Tran

Pedro Naveiras

SBA Director of Community Service [1 candidate]

Preston "Sonny" Brock & Alex Sepolen

ABA/LSD Representative [no candidates]



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SBA President

Candidates 1: Trish Sandhu & Ozzy Hidalgo Otamendi

Hi there! We're Trish & Ozzy, & we're running in hopes of becoming your next SBA Co-Presidents.

Over this past year, we've gotten to do a lot of fun things as your SBA Co-VPs, including planning Barristers', Bar Reviews, being tour guides (AKA seeing the world outside Charney once in a blue moon), co-chairing the Social committee, etc. The role of SBA Prez has a lot of responsibilities, including overseeing LSOs & the SBA E-Board, as well as acting as liaisons between the student body & the administration. We believe that our experiences from this past year have given us the requisite knowledge to execute these duties effectively & efficiently. We've had a blast planning all of these events & getting to know a lot of you this year, & hope to continue serving all of you on next year's SBA board as Co-Presidents.

Hi I'm Trish! These past 2 years have afforded me the opportunity to meet many of you & get involved with various activities that have ultimately driven me to want to be an integral part of the SBA. I am currently President of the South Asian Law Student Association, Co-VP for Full-Time Students on SBA, & an ASP Fellow. In short, I hope to give back to you all the wonderful experiences you've all given to me, & it would be an honor to serve as your SBA Co-Prez. Fun facts: Not athletic but huge sports fan (always down to talk March Madness brackets). Hit me up to discuss 90s and early 2000s TV shows. In n Out & Chipotle enthusiast.

Hi I'm Ozzy, & I am excited about this opportunity. This year I got to serve as VP for the St. Thomas More Society, Community Outreach Co-Chair for La Raza, & volunteer for Campus Ministry, as well as being SBA Co-VP. These organizations have given me the opportunity to get to know many of my fellow students, & I believe that together, we can promote a successful student environment, and have fun while we're doing it. I hope to continue to positively contribute to the SCU community & advocate student & LSO interests to the administration as a student body representative. I've very much enjoyed serving as your SBA Co-VP this year, & hope we can do it again Round 2.

Fun fact: I like long walks on the beach and bomb burritos.

Peace & love always,
Trish & Ozzy// TrOzzy// OzTrish



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Candidates 2: AJ Sparagna & Seralyn Fields

Hi all! We, Seralyn Fields and AJ Sparagna, are excited to announce our candidacy for SBA Co-Presidents. As Presidents, we are hoping to continue to develop a productive relationship with current students, alumni, and administration. Further, we will regularly be working with staff, LSO's and students and hope to improve communication and transparency among these groups while listening to the concerns of our students.

We both have prior experience in leadership roles and have developed the necessary skills required to succeed as SBA Presidents. Seralyn is currently on SBA, serving as your Co-VP of External Affairs. She was also the chair of Galloway Criminal Moot Court. AJ is currently serving as your 2L class representative and Vice President of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society. Our involvement in a wide range of campus activities has given us the opportunity to develop strong leadership skills and relationships with students and faculty.

Feel free to reach out to either of us with any questions about our campaign. Please consider us when voting for SBA President, because you deserve the best! Don't let your expectations be disappointed. The results will be LYNcredible!

Candidates 3: Genevieve Duran & Sohrob Eghtessadi

Hi all! Help Sohrob and Genevieve put nap pods in the law school and vote for them for SBA Co-Presidents. We have both held student government positions in our past and hope to build on the great work the SBA has already done and use that momentum in the coming year. We want to continue the current transparency and create programs that incentivize more SBA participation. In the words of Charlie Chaplin the message of our candidacy is:

"We all want to help one another. Human beings are like that. We want to live by each other's happiness – not by each other's misery. We don't want to hate and despise one another. In this world there is room for everyone. And the good earth is rich and can provide for everyone. The way of life can be free and beautiful, but we have lost the way... We think too much and feel too little. More than machinery we need humanity. More than cleverness we need kindness and gentleness. Without these qualities, life will be violent and all will be lost.... Soldiers! don't give yourselves to brutes – men who despise you – enslave you – who regiment your lives – tell you what to do – what to think and what to feel! Who drill you – diet you – treat you like cattle, use you as cannon fodder. Don't give yourselves to these unnatural men – machine men with machine minds and machine hearts! You are not machines! You are not cattle! You are men [and women]! You have the love of humanity in your hearts! You don't hate! Only the unloved hate – the unloved and the unnatural! Soldiers! Don't fight for slavery! Fight for liberty! You, the people have the power – the power to create machines. The power to create happiness! You,



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the people, have the power to make this life free and beautiful, to make this life a wonderful adventure.”

In conclusion, here are some wise words from Malcom X that Sohrob insists we include in our statement:

First, I would like to point out that since it is my understanding that most of you are training to be leaders in the community, the country, and the world, some advice that I would give is that whenever you occupy a position of responsibility, never accept images that have been created for you by someone else. It is always better to form the habit of learning how to see things for yourself, listen to things for yourself, and think for yourself; then you are in a better position to judge for yourself.

We are living in a time when image-making has become a science. Someone can create a certain image and then use that image to twist your mind and lead you right up a blind path...

...it is very dangerous for you and me to form the habit of believing completely everything about anyone or any situation when we only have the press as our source of information. It is always better, if you don't want to be completely in the dark, to read about it. But don't come to a conclusion until you have an opportunity to do some personal, firsthand investigation for yourself.

The American press, in fact the FBI, can use the American press to create almost any kind of image they want of anyone on the local scene. And then you have other police agencies of an international stature that are able to use the world press in the same manner. If the press is able to project someone in the image of an extremist, no matter what that person says or does from then on, it is considered by the public as an act of extremism. No matter how good, constructive, or positive it is, because it's done by this person who has been projected as an extremist, the people who have been misled by the press have a mental block and the press knows that. The person can run and save someone from drowning in the middle of the Hudson, but still the act is looked upon with suspicion because the press has been used to create suspicion toward that person.

I point these things out—especially for you and me, those of us who are trying to come from behind. If we aren't aware, we'll find that all these modern methods of trickery will be used and we will be maneuvered into thinking that we are getting freedom or thinking that we are making progress when actually we will be going backward.

Vote Sohrob and Genevieve for SBA Co-Presidents!



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SBA Vice-President of Full-Time Students

Candidates 1: Jenna Anderson & Andrew San Jose

Hi friends! We are Jenna Anderson and Andrew San Jose, and we want to be your Co-Vice Presidents of Full Time Students.

We have been your 1L representatives and would be honored to represent you again! Through all of the policy changes that took place this school year, we have been in communication with the faculty and our fellow students. We plan to continue representing the student body's interests while working with the university administration to create events and policies that keep our school's traditions alive and maintain a dedication to wellness.

Hi I'm Jenna! As a journalist for The Advocate, a 1L representative for the Environmental Law Society, and a member of several other societies, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you. With experience working as a Senator for my undergraduate university, I am comfortable speaking with students and representing their interests. Andrew and I want to use your feedback to improve bar reviews, Barrister's Ball, and plan new events.

Fun Facts: I love rock climbing, snowboarding, and Andrew is my house-mate, so we will be an efficient team!

Hi I'm Andrew! This past year of serving as one of the 1L Representatives to SBA and as Vice President of Communications to the Internet Law Student Organization has given me the opportunity to get to know many of my fellow students and the experience of planning multiple campus events. Jenna and I have voiced your ideas, interests, and concerns to the administration and the SBA, and would love the opportunity to continue doing so as your VPs of Full Time Students.

Fun Fact: I am a major LA sports fan, and I have sadly been let down by both the Dodgers and the Rams this past year.

Candidates 2: Emily Vander Lans & Daniel Garcia

Hey ya'll, Dgar and EmVans here, your two favorite Texans! We are running for Co-Vice President of Full Time Students and encourage you to vote for us for the 2019-2020 school year. We are so excited to be given the opportunity to positively impact this community of scholars. As your SBA Co-Vice Presidents, we are committed to focusing on our student body outside of



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the daily grind of school. We want to make sure students are consistently rewarded for their hard work, which is where outside events come into play! Our goal is to plan all-inclusive, safe, and outrageously fun activities for you all. Barristers Ball, Bar Reviews, Intramural Teams, Hikes, In-N-Out Meet Ups, Beach Trips, Sporting Events (Hockey and Baseball), you name it. We have so many ideas and cannot wait to share them during this campaign.

In undergrad, Daniel was the president of his student organization, team leader for violence prevention in peer health education and student assistant for the record clearance project. This past year he participated as an intern in the Entrepreneurs clinic and an intern for Asian Law Alliance with the pro bono placement. He not only has a commitment to the student body by ensuring their safety, but also a commitment to their lives outside of school. As co-vice president, Daniel will make sure students concerns are met and directed to the proper department.

During the past four years, Emily has held a variety of executive board positions. From vice-president of her college's pre-law club, to TEDxTCU Marketing Director, to a first-year orientation leader, Emily is well-versed in creating and managing different events for a large student body. She loves coming up with creative ideas for social gatherings and getting people to have fun outside of Charney. As co-vice president, Emily will make sure that Daniel makes sure that students concerns are met and directed to the proper department ;)

As your next SBA Co-Vice Presidents, we understand the work it will take behind planning events and co-chairing the Orientation Committee. We have a strong belief in unifying the student body with active involvement from our initiatives to bring the class together, regardless of sections. After all, networking is key...so what better way to build on these skills than with our 1L, 2L and 3L peers!

Whether we win or lose, Dgar and EmVans are here to support you. Feel free to chat with us if we don't already reach out to you first! Vote for your favorite Texans #hookem #gofrogs



SBA Vice-President of Part-Time Students

Candidate 1: Abraham Barrera

Hello Fellow Broncos,

If we have not had the pleasure of meeting, my name is Abraham Barrera and I am a JD | MBA student in the 2L class. I am running for SBA Vice-President of Part-Time Students with hopes of improving our remaining years as part-time students. Being a part time student, we often do not have the opportunity to interact with full-time students. I want everyone to feel a sense of community here at Santa Clara Law. I find it immensely important that we create more opportunities to grow our sense of community and expand our groups of colleagues.

First, if elected, I will come up with planned events where both part-time students and full-time students will have the opportunity to get to meet one another. Second, I believe there is a disconnect between the Student Body Association and our part-time community regarding decisions that will affect you. At no point, did I ever receive any information regarding issues that were discussed or their outcome. This is something that I want to change. Lastly, I pledge to make sure that the same transparency is present with the school administrative body when decisions that will affect our futures are made without our consultation. I believe that we have the opportunity to make law school a better experience for all of us. If you vote for me, I will attempt to achieve that.

Candidate 2: Courtney Mangus

Hello, my name is Courtney Mangus and I intend to run for a seat on the SBA Executive Board at the Vice-President (part-time). I am a 1L who also works full time.

The primary issues of my campaign will be the inclusion of part-time and non-traditional students. As a student who is new to the campus, who is away from the campus often because of work, and as a Muslim student, I frequently recognize that many of the campus events and opportunities are inaccessible for a student like me. I have some ideas on how to make these events and opportunities more accessible.

Diversity inclusion is something that I am passionate about. It is why I spend my working hours at a non-profit civil rights organization and why I chose to attend Law School. I hope to build



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bridges between different groups at our school and open doors for people who do not feel that campus activities are accessible for them.

SBA Vice-President of External Affairs

Candidate 1: Amir Yamini & William Schmelter

Hey, everyone! Amir and Will here to announce that we are running to be your Co-Vice Presidents of External Affairs. The position title sounds like we would be leading a Secret Intelligence Organization so we will try to break it down, but first . . . LET US TAKE A SELFIE. Here's a little bit about the two of us. Next year we will both be full-time 2L students. Amir is pursuing Patent and Intellectual Property Law with a side focus of Software Development. He has the largest collection of memes West (and East) of the Mississippi and will blow your crocs off with his homemade world-famous chili bread bowls (for memes and chili pics please contact him directly). Will is primarily interested in Environmental Law with a focus on International Development. He has successfully led multiple teams of Pokemon through the Elite Four, highlighting his leadership skills, and is fueled exclusively by burritos.

What we would do as Co-Vice Presidents of External Affairs is further expand the strength and stability of Santa Clara's Alumni Network given its significance to the student body and the future of the university. Our alumni network is one of the best resources for all of us to find employment post-graduation. We will also aim to build stronger relationships with organizations, institutions, and firms that are looking to hire Santa Clara Law students for clerkships or in-house positions.

One of the most important responsibilities of our position is serving as the liaisons between all of meyou (feat. John Legend) and the law school administration. We understand the challenges in collecting and organizing the voices of the hundreds of students that comprise the student body, but we are determined to work to the best of our abilities to adequately represent every student's and every law student organization's interests. U.S. Const. amend. I, §1. Through our own personal involvement in discussions with the administration regarding this year's Barristers' Ball, we experienced the power and effectiveness of healthy discourse. Although the interests of students do not always perfectly line up with the interests of the administration, we believe that we can reach equitable and productive solutions for all parties through transparent communication and the power of friendship. *Id.* We are the team that will continuously provide that for everyone! vote 🎵 #Amilliam here a #Amilliam there 🎵



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Candidates 2: Blake Whitacre and Oscar Torres

Hello Broncos! We are Blake and Oscar, and we are running to be your SBA Co-Vice Presidents of External Affairs. Santa Clara Law is at a great position with a very bright future ahead of it. We are one year into this wonderful new building, and Santa Clara's reputation continues to grow. As the Co-VPs of External Affairs, we would love the opportunity to further this growth by engaging with Bay Area Law Schools, Bar Associations, and Alumni to further your interests! Along with this, we will seek to further connect our law school with Santa Clara undergraduates, graduate students, and professional degree students.

A little bit about us.

Hi everyone, my name is Blake and I am an enthusiastic and easy going individual who loves building relationships and making friends. At my undergraduate school, I had previous leadership experience as the professional chair and president of a law organization. At Santa Clara Law, I have participated as an oralist in Galloway Moot Court, and I volunteer with the Entrepreneurs' Legal Advising Clinic. If you know me personally, I have a cute and old wiener dog named Bubbles that one day might be Instagram famous. I'm a huge Packers and Lakers fan (pre LeBron James) but really just enjoy sports in general. Other than all of this, I am a laid-back yet committed individual who never takes himself too seriously.

I am enormously excited at this opportunity to continue to expand Santa Clara Law's reputation and I am committed to the future success of our law community. I look forward to working with my Co-VP and other SBA board members to promote your interests and develop our law school.

Hi y'all, I'm Oscar and I'm excited for potentially being Co-Vice President of External Affairs. As my potential Co-VP mentioned, Santa Clara Law has a bright future and I'm committed to continuing the growth of the great reputation we have in the community. This past year I have been on the board for both La Raza and Black Law Student Association which has connected me with a handful of alumni and other legal professionals. It also provided me with leadership experience that I'll bring to this position. Like my Co-VP, I've also been involved with the first-year Entrepreneurs' Legal Advising Clinic and participated in the Galloway Moot Court competition. All these experiences have helped me build relationships with some of you and I hope to continue building relationships with those that I haven't with. I'm a firm believer in the phrase "your success is my success" we are all in this rollercoaster ride called law school and I want to continue furthering the feeling of community in Charney.



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A little bit about me, I usually walk around the building with my headphones on but I'm not shy to strike up any type of conversation. I'm a big fan of music but an even bigger fan of sports! Go Raiders, Lakers, and for my soccer fans Go Manchester United. I haven't tried a dish that tastes better than my momma's cooking, but In-n-out's number 1 with animal style fries and a Neapolitan shake is a close second. I look forward to the opportunity of being a part of the SBA board.

Let us know if you have any questions about our candidacy! Our emails are bwhitacre@scu.edu and otorres@scu.edu. We are always open to comments, suggestions, and feedback about how to better our communications with those in our network.

If you know you know, vote for BO.

- Blake and Oscar

SBA Secretary

No candidates.

SBA Treasurer

Phil Alne

Phil Alne, Part-Time 2L/3L
CPA, MBA, MS Accounting

Tax Accountant

Go Broncos!

Didn't vote for Trump

And a good friend;

Jarrett Fishpaw Sells Real Estate:

Jarrett Fishpaw <jfishpaw@scu.edu>



SBA Director of Internal Communications

Candidate 1: Thi Tran

Hello Bronco Community,

I am the proud son of two immigrant parents, both who made many great sacrifices to provide me with the life I have today. My father came to this country some 30 years ago, escaping communist Vietnam to offer his sisters and future family with a chance to obtain success and the American Dream.

This attitude of serving and putting others first is a lesson I have tried to live by throughout every stage of my young life. From being a campus tutor and student representative during my undergraduate studies at San Jose State, to my time as a policy staffer for San Jose's City Council, to current responsibilities within the Student Bar Association as a 1L Class Representative, I place my energy into finding solutions that will benefit others in the long run.

For SBA's Director of Internal Communications, the students within Charney Hall will need someone who is deliberate and meticulous at disseminating information in a timely fashion to the community through all relevant channels of communication.

I am confident that I am the right person for this position.

It is my hope that by building trust through continuous collaborations with all involved parties, and by providing clear guidelines through honest dialogue, that we will be able to successfully ensure transparency throughout the academic year.

I look forward to running for Director of Internal Communications, and hope I am granted the chance to work on fostering an effective communication stream for the entire law school community. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Candidate 2: Pedro Naveiras

Hello Fellow Broncos!

My name is Pedro Naveiras and I am running to be your SBA Director of Internal Communication.

The art of communication has always been a passion of mine for my entire life. I first began communicating at only a few months old and have not stopped since. We need someone who will be prompt in approving emails to the SBA Listserv and posting images to the television queue in Charney Hall. I will be ready at all times of the day and night to approve your emails with zeal and vigor. More importantly, I will ensure that your inboxes are not inundated and that the communication rules are properly followed. As a member of the Executive Board I promise to contribute to the best of my abilities and to be wise and judicious in casting my board vote.

In terms of experience, I am currently a 2L Class Representative on the Student Bar Association, Vice President of the American Constitution Society, and Co-Marketing Chair of the La Raza Law Student Association. My plethora of LSO and SBA experience make me uniquely qualified to serve on the 2019-2020 SBA Executive Board. I humbly ask for your vote to be the next Director of Internal Communication.

SBA Director of Community Service

Preston "Sonny" Brock & Alex Sepolen

We respectfully request your support in becoming the next SBA co-Directors of Community Service. As 1L's, we share the mutual goal of becoming involved with the SCU Law community through participation in various Law School Organizations ("LSOs"). While academics are always at the forefront of any law student's mind, we believe that service to our surrounding community is what leads to a meaningful academic career. Our unique partnership sets us apart as ideal candidates for the position, as our distinct experiences can help the SCU law community better realize its goals of broad and diverse outreach through community service.

Alex – As a former health education coordinator and non-profit consultant, I have over five years of experience in creating community-based programs that serve homeless communities, youth of color, and LGBTQ+ youth. I also started several public service initiatives for survivors of sexual assault and Black & Latinx youth in the Boston area and New York City. Furthermore, I also serve on a board of directors for a non-profit organization that provides trainings to



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professional teams & schools on building sustainable community partnerships. Public service has grounded my law school experience, as I serve as a local high school tutor, a Women & Law 1L representative, and a member of our Wellness Task Force. Serving in these roles has revealed opportunities for our student body to promote education, financial literacy, and access to needed resources in the wider Bay Area community. If elected, working with Preston as your co-Director of Community Service would help SCU Law gain more access to knowledge, tools, and opportunities to give back.

Preston - I am a United States Marine Corps veteran that has co-founded the Veteran Law Society with the mission of helping student-veterans, homeless veterans, and active duty service members. My time in the armed forces provided me with the tools necessary accomplish complex goals while working with diverse teams. Additionally, I am a 1L rep for the Criminal Law Society where there is an intensive focus on assisting those who have been adversely impacted by the criminal justice system and do not have the means to help themselves. Currently, I am a representative for SCU Law on the Bay Area Veteran's Leadership Council, an organization that seeks to better the quality of life for all veterans in our community. Having always seen public service and in turn, community service, as the highest calling I seek to further this pursuit through serving with Alex as SCU's co-director of community service.

As a team, our combined experience in serving others, building teams, and responding to community-based needs would benefit our law school community. We hope that you will allow us to continue on our path of serving others and leading SCU Law in giving back to the Bay Area community. Thank you for your consideration, and Go Broncos!

ABA/LSD Representative

[No candidates]