

# Student Government Candidate Information

Below is a listing of the Presidential and Vice Presidential Executive Slates as well as the College of Engineering Senatorial Candidates. Please note the order is based solely on when the personal statements were submitted and independent of any perspectives or opinions of the Engineering Student Council.

These submissions are completely prepared and written by the candidates themselves.

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## Executive Candidate Slates

### Ben Whittington & Jocelyn Simms

Major: Political Science & English Major

"As Student Body President and Vice President, we, Ben Whittington and Jocelyn Simms, will work to promote transparency throughout Iowa State and to be an advocate for all Iowa State students. If elected, we will work to unlock the potential of ISU by making sure all student voices are heard."

Benjamin Whittington is a Sophomore in political science. He served as the vice-president and President of Turning Point USA at Iowa State. Ben is also a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity where he found his passion for public service and giving back to the community. "My goal is to run and to be elected as President of the Student Body at Iowa State University with my running mate Jocelyn Simms, a member of Delta Gamma at Iowa State. If elected, we will do everything in our power to uphold the mission of ISU and improve the lives of all students."

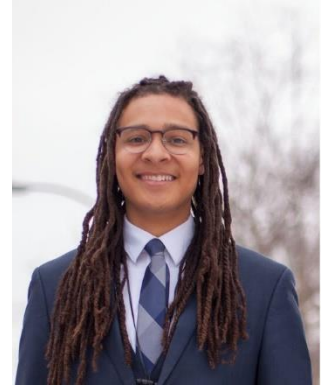
Jocelyn Simms is a junior from Bloomington, Minnesota majoring in English with minors in Political Science and Event Management. She serves as Treasurer and Poetry Board Editor of Sketch Literary Journal, Secretary of Turning Point USA, and the Director of Chapter Archives for Delta Gamma - Eta Psi. "My goal in being elected as Vice President of the Student Body is to promote transparency throughout Iowa State and to be an advocate for all Iowa State students. If elected, I will work to unlock the potential of ISU by making sure all student voices are heard."



## Julian Neely & Juan Bibiloni

Major: Journalism and Mass Communications & Mechanical Engineering

My name is Julian Neely, I am a Junior in Journalism and Mass Communications in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. I was born and raised in Des Moines, Iowa. I am currently serving as the Director of Diversity and Inclusion of Student Government. Throughout my time at Iowa State, I have dedicated time to improving student experiences through being a Cyclone Aide, Community Advisor, and just being a student that others could rely on. Juan and I are focused on a student-centered, feasible, and action-based platform. If elected as your President along with Juan for Vice President, I would spark change, innovation, and empowerment among our campus to continue to move us forward.



My name is Juan Bibiloni; I am a Sophomore in Mechanical Engineering. I started my adventure at Iowa State in the Fall of 2016 after moving from my hometown of San Juan, Puerto Rico. I currently serve as a Student Government Senator representing the Inter-Residence Hall Association (IRHA). Throughout my time at ISU, I have loved serving students in a variety of roles ranging from Vice President of CyRide to being the Community Engagement Chair for Engineers' Week. Thanks to our experiences as campus leaders, Julian and I have listened and identified the issues that affect students and established specific plans to effectively resolve them. If elected as your next Vice President along with Julian for President, I hope to bring about the change, innovation and empowerment necessary to move the student body forward.



## College of Engineering Senatorial Candidates

### Courtney Beringer

Major: Mechanical Engineering

Courtney Beringer is a Junior in Mechanical Engineering. She currently serves as a member of the Student Government Diversity Committee and is running for Engineering Senator. “As your senator my goal would be to serve you by voicing your opinions and concerns, as well as advocating for the needs of engineering organizations. I have experience as a teaching assistant, career fair ambassador, and as a member of SWE, as well as working in an engineering lab. I represent students through Hall Council and as a Community Adviser and, if elected, I would use these experiences to be an effective Senator.”



### Rachel Origer

Major: Civil Engineering

My name is Rachel Origer and I am a sophomore in Civil Engineering. I currently serve as a Student Government Senator representing the College of Engineering and I am running for re-election. My goal in being re-elected is to continue to serve Engineering students by voicing their opinions and keeping students aware of what is happening on campus. I have always been interested in helping others, and I feel that Student Government gives me the opportunity to do that. If elected, I would continue to communicate with Engineering students and educate students about safe walking, biking, and driving on campus.



### Kathryn Paszkiewicz

Major: Aerospace Engineering

My name is Kathryn Paszkiewicz and I am a sophomore majoring in Aerospace Engineering. I am currently a Senator representing the students in the College of Engineering. I would like to be re-elected so that I can continue to talk with my constituents about issues that impact campus life and represent them at a university-wide level. I have made a lot of connections within the College of Engineering and other colleges during my time in Senate which have allowed me to expose other students to the opportunities available at Iowa State. If elected, I would work towards better communication campus-wide.



## Uma Abu

Major: Software Engineering

He is currently is a Senator for NESBE where he represents the organization at Regional and National Conferences and as a Community Adviser at Wallace Residence hall. "I am running for senator because I want to be a liaison between the CoE and the Student Government. If elected, I intend to make sure that the voices of everyone in the college is heard and their concerns are being voiced to student government by trying my best to reach out and attended as much engineering student organization meetings as possible and returning to stugov with concerns engineering students may have."



## Meave McCloskey

Major: Industrial Engineering

Maeve McCloskey is a sophomore in Industrial Engineering. She is running for election of Senator representing the College of Engineering. "As a Senator, I want to be a voice for the needs and concerns of the College of Engineering students by advocating for appropriate student organization funding and opportunities. I put in much effort to help better the Iowa State community in any way I can and I would love to continue doing so by serving as Senator. If elected, I would be committed to being an advocate for the College of Engineering students and serve as an effective representative."



## Mehul Shinde

Major: Computer Engineering

He is a junior in Computer Engineering, has been the president of Indian Students' Association and is running for the position of Engineering Senator. "As the president of one of the largest student organizations at ISU, I have experience networking with students and faculties. I have also been a TA and employee of several engineering departments on campus. I plan to combine my leadership experience along with my openness to new possibilities in ensuring clear communication and harmony between the university and the students. As a senator, I will do all it takes to maintain an educative environment for everyone."



## Michael Tupper

Major: Agricultural Engineering

Michael Tupper is a junior majoring in Agricultural Engineering and minoring in Agricultural Business. He currently serves as a Student Government Senator representing the College of Engineering and is running for re-election. "My goal is to continue voicing the concerns of College of Engineering students by once again serving as the Senator for the College of Engineering. I am interested in making clubs and organizations in the College of Engineering more connected to Student Government so that more collaboration can happen between all organizations. I want to make Student Government work better for the student body."



## Juan Rubiano

Major: Electrical Engineering

Juan Rubiano is a freshman in electrical engineering. He does not hold a student government position but is running to serve as student government senator representing the College of Engineering. "As I tackle my first year of college I want to be able to help my fellow classmates and make their voices heard. Serving in this position would allow me to answer any inquiries students may have, as well bring up their requests or propositions. I have always liked working with people and making a difference wherever I can, so I believe this is an excellent place to get started."

## Rolf Anderson

Major: Computer Engineering

My name is Rolf Anderson and I am a sophomore in Computer Engineering at Iowa State. This is my first time running for a Senate position, and I am eager and enthusiastic about getting an opportunity to represent my fellow Engineers in the Student Government. If elected, I will assertively share the thoughts and concerns of my constituents. I promise to effectively reach out to learn the issues that are on the minds of Engineers, and bring them to the discussion in a fair and reliable way. Vote for me, and be confident you will be effectively represented.

## Caria Collins

Major: Civil Engineering

I am a junior in Civil Engineering with focused on Environmental Engineering. I currently serve as a Senator for The National Society of Black Engineers. I am running for elections as a Senator in the College of Engineering. I want to help serve students and the university by acting as a voice for students in various areas and matters. I have always had an interest in politics and human equality. I want to be a medium for all in the College of Engineering and in general for all students. If elected, I continue to be an effective and motivated Senator.