



Associated Students of Lane Community College Voters' Pamphlet

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There are 2 Candidate Tickets, which are comprised of one Presidential Candidate and one Vice Presidential Candidate, and only one ticket will be elected to lead ASLCC in the next academic school year.

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There are 11 Senator Candidates, and only 10 will be elected as voting members for the next academic school year.

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There is 1 Ballot Measure for the Student Fee Referendum to increase the current student activity fee from \$54.30 to \$56, which requires a yes or no vote.

Part 1: Presidential Candidate Tickets

Mariana Sofia Paredones, Presidential Candidate

Heath Oltman, Vice Presidential Candidate



My name is Mariana Sofia Paredones, and I am running to become the Associated Students of Lane Community College President along with Heath Oltman as Vice-President for the 2015-2016 year. Both Heath and I have worked on important issues this past year as board members for the Oregon Student Association advocating for students across Oregon. I am one of the Co-Chairs for the Oregon Students of Color Coalition, and have sat on the steering committee for the OSCC Conference that had over 500 students last November at Lane Community College, I have testified/lobbied at our state capital for Cultural Competency, Increasing state funding to our colleges and Access to Opportunity, and continuing to fight for our student community. As President, I will use my role as a resource and advocate for students, I believe that this role is here to represent students that often times aren't being represented on our campus that includes non-traditional people: students with

disabilities, international & undocumented students, low-income, first-generation, LGBTQ+ and students of color. There needs to be a stronger voice, I can be that voice. I believe in Rising for Justice, Acting for Students, and Winning Education.

Our priorities for 2015-2016 include but are not limited to:

- Tuition & Affordability - The cost of higher education is expensive, and a barrier for many students, we want to continue to keep working towards making sure that students aren't profit centers. We will do this by demanding: state funding from our legislatures in Salem, textbook affordability, and exhausting every possible option to ensure that programs do NOT get cut, and our tuition that is at \$99.50 gets capped. No more cuts and no more fees.
- Improve accessibility for students with disabilities in the areas of housing, facilities, and academic support – Our campus is really inaccessible to the disabled community and I want to work on expanding resources to people that come to LCC whether that is students or Lane employees.
- Advocate for gender-neutral bathrooms to accommodate members of the LGBTQ+ community – Gender-neutral bathrooms are a necessity to many students
- Implement a sexual assault prevention program that widely educates all student groups on bystander intervention procedures
- Create and popularize an effective mentorship program for spring admits and transfer students
- Advocate for Queer Studies program in the social science department
- Continue to hold administrators and student government accountable by having open forums
- Advocate for the expansion of cultural resource centers
- Food Justice, Environmental Social Justice and Sustainability
- Creating safe spaces on and off campus
- Bridging high school students with Lane Community College and local universities

Ashley Jackson (right), Presidential Candidate Jazzmen Vega (left), Vice Presidential Candidate



Mission:

Hello Lane Community College Students and Families,

My name is **Jazzmen Vega**. I'm running for **student body vice-president** because I have visions of viable change and progress for our school. I'm a current leader effectively voicing concerns and solutions on behalf of my community. I'm outspoken, open minded and I'm accomplishing goals to change the world that my son grows up in. I'm going to be a nurse (RN).

My name is **Ashley Jackson**, and I'm running for **student body president** because I believe

that we have a lot of work to do and change to make in our communities. I am congenial, intuitive and considerate of others. My degree path is Planning, Public Policy and Management. I'm using that degree to go to law school. Both of us believe in the intimate relationship between environmental stewardship and intergenerational justice, one that we will focus on throughout this next year learning how to make Lane a better place to learn.

We are convicted that we can change our communities with a solution based responsive approach to issues on campus and we plan to organize students around very personal but deeply felt issues for everyone at Lane; Access to Education and Injustice in Our Communities.

The majority of people at Lane understand the struggle of student life and the burden of increasing expenses while going to school. It is already too expensive and then there are additional costs and fees, books and software keys, that we have to pay for out of pocket. Deferred billing traps us into spending money in the wrong ways, not by our choice but because of limited options. We will level the playing field and eliminate outrageous required classroom material fees for students by expanding options and improving access.

We will first approach these issues with three focuses;

Instructor Trainings such as cultural competency and Utilizing open educational resources, An OER/\$avings Identification Indicator on classes in the Term Course Catalog for students to practice savvy selection while scheduling, and Proving results with videos of weekly ASLCC Senate to exemplify that OERs are a practical and accessible alternative to the books that are causing us to choose between eating and having phone service every term because of the price.

We will address these issues with a practical and responsive year long plan.

Fall term, we will expand Open Educational Resources (free textbooks) through the Open Con Coalition Conference(The Right to Research), working with the OSU Open Access Initiative and the State Wide OER Librarian to bring free options to classrooms near you. We will lead the way on the groundwork for policy development and implementation of OERs at Lane. Back to back we will be taking an approach that builds community working with teachers and students and at

the same time maintain a strong, robustly urgent voice in the halls of our Legislature. These means we need to have consistent representation in our governance system. Here at Lane students have a history of spearheading and changing our communities and therefore we have the respect of decision makers on campus. Our Voice matters. We need to have the right students in those seats all year long and we have already paved the way. We need to continue the community legacy. To address injustice and violence in our communities and organize to confront systems of oppression we will facilitate “Know Your Rights” Study Groups each term. These groups will prioritize success and readiness by devoting the first 5 minutes to each study session to hand out KYR pamphlets and reviewing them collectively. **Winter Term**, we will team up with our community to provide martial arts self-defense trainings and “Brave Spaces” for people to talk privately about widely felt issues that hinder our success as students. **By Spring**, we will have saved students money and increased our students’ success for accessing resources when they need help. Between the access that is promised by OERs and the empowerment of knowing our rights and becoming your own advocate while linked up around a common goal such as getting good grades, we believe that our approach will result in an awakened, responsive community that stands up for justice for all. **Our community will stand out for Justice by knowing our rights and by having access to transformative information in a way we determine.** This year we will bring people together because it takes a community to raise a generation of graduates and successful citizens. We will fight for “Intergenerational” justice and train for community self-defense. We will empower students to use their voices proudly when exercising their rights. We will save students money and make participation and awareness achievable for all students. In times of need, we will respond to our community and be the voice that says what needs to be said and accomplish what needs to be done. “Pray not for lighter burdens but for stronger backs” -Anon. Vote for Ashley Jackson and Jazzmen Vega, so we can lead students into the 2015-2016 year and we will continue our powerful community legacy for us and the students to come after us.

Key Elements:

Improving resources for student empowerment.

Bring people together. Empowering students through social integration.

Takes a community to raise graduates.

Remove the stigma for asking for help.

Link up the against and beyond.

Intergenerational Justice. Justice for ALL

Community Self-defense and advocacy.

Voice for students.

Set realistic goals that have tangible impact on our peers.

The Student’s Government.

Save students money.

Issue	Solutions
Access	OER
Violence>>Injustice in our Community	KYR & Self-Defense
Student apathy and lack of awareness.	<p>Video recording Senate Meetings to help students stay aware in an accessible way.</p> <p>Broadcast budget on Orgsync.</p> <p>Provide hard copy with definitions and specific line itemed lists in pamphlet or brochure form.</p> <p>More sidewalk chalk. ;)</p>

Part 2: Senator Candidates



Belen Ordonez, Senator Candidate

My name is Belen Ordonez, and I am running to become an Associated Students of Lane Community College Senator. I have testified and lobbied at our state capital for Cultural Access to Opportunity, and I am continuing to fight for students.

My priorities are:

- Tuition & Affordability - The cost of higher education is expensive, and a barrier for many students. We want to continue to keep working towards making sure that students aren't profit centers.
- Implement a sexual assault prevention program that widely educates all student groups on bystander intervention procedures.
- Create and popularize an effective mentorship program for spring admits and transfer students
- Hold more cultural events and have our fine arts department represented



Cristian Martinez, Senator Candidate

My name is Cristian Martinez, and I am running for Senate position. I believe that Student Government should greatly focus towards strengthening the student body as a whole, as well as promoting diversity-related activities to allow the public learning area to be recognized as a safe learning environment to all students. Because I believe so strongly towards education equity, I am willing to dedicate my time and efforts to ensuring that ALL students can actually receive an affordable education. Thank you all for your votes and support!



Sora Boyd, Senator Candidate

My name is Sora Boyd, and I am a first-generation Japanese-American immigrant and I welcome an opportunity to contribute to the work of the ASLCC in a leadership position. Currently attending LCC pursuing music and multimedia design, I have been a dedicated member of the LCC community as both a leader and a student, and have been an active participant in clubs and classes over the years. If elected, I would bring to this position the knowledge I have gained in various leadership roles outside ASLCC.

I have served as the leader in both high school and work positions and have provided leadership on a variety of clubs at Lane, including MEChA. I have a strong commitment to nurturing collaborative relationships. If elected as a Senator for ASLCC, I would use my leadership experience and expertise to initiate an exploration of the ways ASLCC may best meet the needs of students.

My priorities include educating students on sexual violence, promoting positive extracurriculars, and creating greater emotional support structure for struggling students.



Christine Ibeabuchi, Senator Candidate

My name is Christine Ibeabuchi. I am an international student currently enrolled fulltime in Lane Community College. I am running for office mainly to help enlighten students on the need to help promote sustainability, not just on Lane Community College campus, but also in their various homes and involvements. I plan to help establish in the minds of students the importance of waste reduction and recycling, by organizing events and seminars on campus for the purpose of educating students and staff on the numerous negative effects of excessive waste, and the positive impact of recycling on mother earth. I also plan to work with the rainy day pantry in developing strategic and effective managerial plans for increasing donations made to the rainy day pantry and ensuring effective appropriation of donations. I would also like to work out plans to ensure that at least ninety percent of purchases or sales made by Lane Community College are sustainable

products. It's also my ambition to help promote gender equality and social justice, not just among Lane students, but also among staff and other student associations across Oregon, and help strengthen the harbored seed idea of creating a program for men in transition. I believe that the most dangerous place in the world is the mind of an idle young man, and this place becomes even more formidably dangerous when the young man is struggling to forgo the street life that he is already used to, and become useful to himself and his community. If we succeed in establishing a program to help direct these young men in their path to self-discovery, Lane Community College would not just be

saving their lives, but they would also be reducing thuggery amongst youths and helping young men become part of the solution in the society.



Natasha Briquet-Walden, Senator Candidate

I am running for Senator Position to advocate for students with individual problems who could benefit from my position in ASLCC. As a lane student with disabilities, I have experienced problems on campus and would have appreciated help from another student. I know how daunting it can be to do it alone. I want to make sure every student at Lane gets the education they deserve without fear of standing up for themselves when a conflict or problems arise in a classroom or on campus. Thank you for your trust in me and your vote.



Evelyn Sanders, Senator Candidate

My name is Evelyn Sanders. I would like to take a brief moment to thank our veterans on campus. Thank you for your service. I consider myself a native New Yorker, even though I was actually born in Guatemala. I grew up in New York City, spent 12 years in Virginia and moved here with my now ex-husband. I have chosen to stay put for several reasons. I am at a loss of words to properly explain why I am choosing to stay here at Lane Community College. I have been to a few colleges, even attended one in Virginia Beach, Virginia. It was a great school, but never have I seen the involvement and close knit community that I see here. I started Winter term of 2014 I found out about the rainy day food pantry, met some amazing people who, not only talked about helping people, they walked their talk.

Over the last year, I have volunteered and helped out with a few things in student government and been lining up my ducks so that I could have the appropriate time commitment that it both needs and deserves. This current term was when I was finally able to do just that and in my planned out schedule, I left the equivalent of a part time job open in my week for student government.

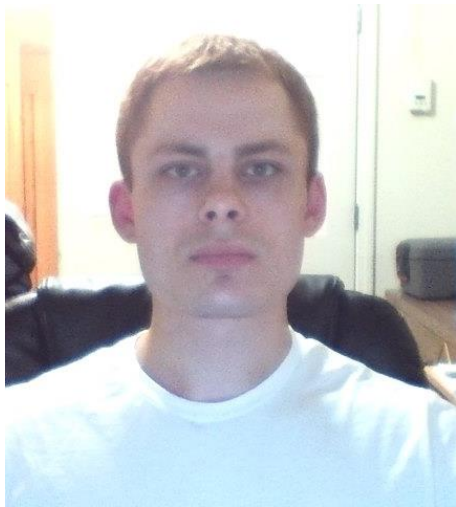
Many of us have struggled through life, it is a fact none of us have had the same journey. I have learned a lot from the fellows at student government, selfless people who genuinely care about their peers. In them I saw kindred spirits. "Be the change you wish to see in the world."- Gandhi, has been one of my biggest inspirations in life. For many years I have lived my life, bringing about the change I wish to see around me. As a senator, I see the possibility of doing this in a larger scale. We are the future, we have an amazing opportunity to shape that future. I have always believed that true

success in life comes from bringing others to the top with you. I want to be a part of the spirit that is already alive in this college. This college is so much more, it truly is a “community” college.

I know first-hand the struggle that many of us go through as “starving students” and one of the things I want to do to possibly alleviate that is to connect students to resources and each other. To give a quick example, a student who has run out of funds can offer to clean a house, a car, maybe cook a meal, photo sessions, hand craft gifts, etc who can then be connected to someone who doesn’t have the time to clean their house, car, cook or buy a gift, etc but can spare a couple of dollars. After all, that a community is there for one another. I would sooner contract the services/buy wares from a student who really needs it than from a corporation. I am also currently helping out in whichever way possible to support the work of our student government in achieving another tuition freeze and finding ways so that in the future we won’t have the issue of cutting back on programs.

I also want to see more involvement with students. We are here to represent you and fight for what you think is right or for what you want done, but we can’t do that unless we know what that is. I am currently brainstorming how that can be a possibility as many experience time constraints. Maybe have a comment box, or an email address where students can directly let us know what is on their minds.

In conclusion, I am here to work hard on connecting our students with each other, with resources, help them get involved in issues they care about and help to maintain our education affordable and help our community grow.



James Wessgert, Senator Candidate

Hello voters! My name is James Wessgert and I am running to remain a senator for Lane Community College. During my time here at LCC I have had the opportunity to advocate for students on both the state and local levels. I am a big fan of the Honor Societies, the Lane Honors Program, and student clubs in general, which is why I have taken part in the development of LCC’s 2 newest Honor Societies—The National Society of Leadership and Success, and The National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

If elected as a senator, I will continue to work with the ASLCC to fight against rising cost of education. One of the ways I plan on doing this is to continue working with student leaders to push for the adoption of free books in more classes by utilizing Open Education Resources. As an Economics major, I always strive for cost efficiency, and believe me when I say that we have plenty of room for improved cost efficiency here at LCC.



Robert Kirkpatrick, Senator Candidate

I am running for office because I am a student that cares. There are many issues that we face as students and I intend to draw a line in the sand to defend students rights. I am not honestly sure if I could be the best candidate, I have limited experience in politics but I do believe in a code of honor and I will not be intimidated. I would also like to see more and help the future sustainability director to make our campus more aware of sustainability issues.. I am currently working on an addiction awareness program and I am planning on continuing that to help students see where these negative influences are impacting their lives. I plan to become more involved with meetings regarding the Board of Education at Lane and try to point out their obvious lack of concern and

inability to provide a fair educational space.



Ebenezer Yemoh, Senator Candidate

My name is Ebenezer Yemoh and I am an international student from Ghana. I came to the US in fall 2014. I am currently in my first term at Lane community college and my major is biology. My career goal is to become a dentist.

I was introduced to student government during winter term 2015. I was nominated to become a member of the National Society for Leadership and Success, while I while I was going round looking for the campus representative of this society, I ended up in the ASLCC office. I had a lengthy chat with a friend there and she introduced me to student government, what they do and how I could get involved.

Since I got somewhat involved with student government, I noticed that there is no diversity in the government. This brings me to the first issue I would like to address during my year in office. I want to make sure that the student government is enriched with diversity. I want to create the welcoming atmosphere where people from all walks of life can come together to talk, eat, share ideas and learn from each other. This is what makes the campus a community.

Also I want to find ways by which a men soccer team can be established. I believe that whatever the women teams have, the men must equally be given that consideration. There must be ways by which a team could be put up for the men and be supported.

Finally, I would like to address the issue of the high cost of textbooks for some classes. It must be very difficult for some students to spend \$200 or more every term just to have access to information from the books. I would like to see to it that at least ten copies of textbooks for every subject is available at the library for student who cannot pay for the high cost of text each term.

These are the three issues I would like to address while in office. It is much better to have a few goals and to be able to meet all of them than to have so much and cannot.



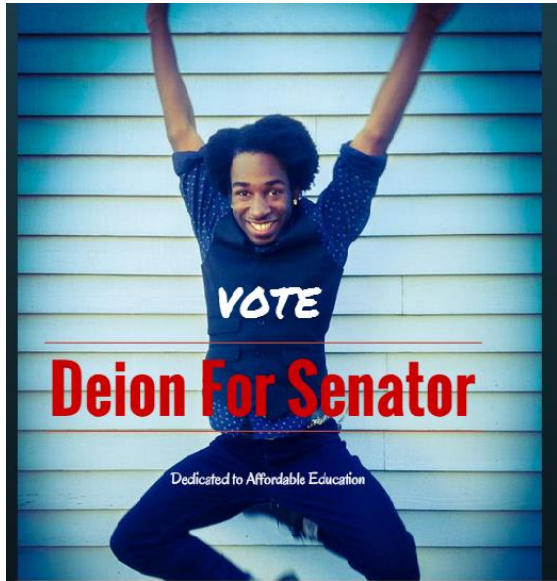
Anna Sablan, Senator Candidate

I want to provide fun and interactive campus activities to encourage students to come together and express their concerns, experiences, and hopes for Lane Community College. In order to improve the student experience here on our campus, I believe everyone's ideas and perspectives should come together through more in-person activities and events. Through the welcomed sharing of knowledge and experiences from individuals of all backgrounds, Lane Community College will heighten the sense of our campus's family-oriented community.

As a member who represents the LCC community, I stand with the students, faculty and staff to help voice issues and concerns. Through the guidance of student government members, advisors, and supporters to lead and represent the student population, I will use my newly developed skills and experience to identify the areas of LCC that are in need of improvement, problem-solve through well-planned and collaborative teamwork, and accomplish each goal knowing that my fellow students support their student government's work as we support their academic, personal, and professional success.

Issues that are still prevalent on campus and in the local community are in need of being directly addressed and resolved. Among the variety of issues our campus needs to resolve, my main areas of focus are to lower the amount of student loan debt while raising the number of students who receive scholarships and grants; stop budget cuts on campus programs, all of which students depend on for their future professions; extinguish discrimination towards race, gender, disability, and other various backgrounds; as well as improve affordability in areas of tuition, textbooks and course materials, food, clothing, and shelter.

To trump these issues, I suggest we move forward with this first step: frequent direct interaction with the student population. A monthly hearing open to both students and community members would encourage people could come together and directly share and interact with their fellow LCC and community members in the audience about how to improve LCC's services. At the same time, members of our campus and community would have the opportunity to get to know the leaders who represent them.



Button Will, Senator Candidate

Hi! My name is Button Will, and I am running to be your future ASLCC Senator! Over this past year at Lane Community College I have seen what our students need. As a low-income student, one of the key issues I want to work on is affordability for students. This area involves: tuition, food, accessibility and textbooks. I plan on working to also make our campus more engaged with the student population, I feel that student government needs to do more outreach to students. One of the things that happens with community colleges is students don't feel pride in coming here, because it's seen as a lesser school to big universities. I want to change that, and bring a sense of

college pride to our campus and empower students. As a senator I also want to make sure our campus offers gender-neutral restrooms to serve students more! A vote for Button, is a vote for more representation to YOU. Rise for Justice, Act for Students, WIN Education, that is my promise to you.

Part 3: Ballot Measure

Shall the Student Activity fee be increased \$1.70 to provide funding for the ASLCC operating budget, food pantry, and to expand travel and training opportunities for students at large?

“Yes” Vote means:

The Student Activity Fee will increase from \$54.30 to \$56.00. This funding will be utilized by the ASLCC to increase supplies to the Rainy Day Pantry when needed, to pay for additional travel and conference costs for students to attend leadership development conferences.

“No” Vote means:

The Student Activity Fee will not increase.