Board of Elections

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To: The Student Body at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
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Subject: Non-Partisan Voter's Guide

The following is a non-partisan voter's guide compiled by the BOE. The BOE requested statements from all certified candidates who wished to appear on this guide. Not all certified candidates chose to be included in this guide, therefore their names or statements do not appear.

Student Body President

Ethan Phillips
Ethan has worked in community-based mental health advocacy for over eight years, forming numerous coalitions for advancing student wellness, and has been recognized nationally for his work in the field of mental health. Ethan has been advocating for students since his first semester at Carolina through the Undergraduate Student Government Mental Health Committee, the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor, the Campus and Community Advisory Committee, and other groups. He currently serves as the Director for Student Wellness and Safety in USG, directing a staff of 25 in projects related to mental health, sexual violence, health promotion, and campus safety.

Our platform is centered around our four focus areas of student Health and Wellness, Equity and Accessibility, Academic Support and Flexibility, and Student Government Reform. We seek to create a campus environment that better supports the needs of all students across issues like mental health, COVID-19, sexual violence prevention, environmental wellness, social connectedness, cultural responsiveness, financial wellness, accessibility, academic flexibility, grading, student government access, transparency, and student advocacy. Throughout all our work, we are committed to engaging diverse stakeholder groups and amplifying student voices. We believe that a better Carolina is possible, but only if we build it together.

Sage Staley
Constantly serving as the sole Black student in leadership roles at school and in my rural hometown community has prepared me to lead at UNC. My work with the UNC NAACP, Institute of Politics, and the Student Advisory Committee to the Chancellor has given me the tools necessary to grow in my confidence and knowledge as a representative of my peers. As the Carolina community prepares to elect its next SBP, I am grateful for the opportunity to use my past experiences to advocate on behalf of Carolina students, faculty, staff, and the Chapel Hill community alike.

Our campaign platform is centered around the pillars of collaboration, inclusivity and intersectionality, advocacy, achievability, and legacy. Some of our policy highlights include fully funding marginalized student groups, expanding mental healthcare options, and eliminating unnecessary student fees. We seek to transform policing at UNC, defend sexual assault survivors, strengthen support for student learning, advocate for election days off, and push UNC to use sustainable energy sources. Our hope is that our administration's work will better student government, making it a more inclusive, representative, and welcoming environment that ensures each Tar Heel is able to leave a lasting legacy at Carolina.

Samuel Robinson
The Robinson Campaign is committed to **"Leading Clear and True"** and working to make Carolina a better place for all Tar Heels. Our platform is a place where empathy meets action. Our political team was guided by our overarching pillars of accessibility, transparency, and equity. In addition to our broad platform, we offer a 30+ page implementation guide that shows exactly how our vision will become a reality. You can find our platform and action plan at https://www.samforunc.com/. Please feel free to contact us at robinson4sbp@gmail.com with any questions

Taliajah "Teddy" Vann
I am the President of the Black Student Movement, and I led the BSM in our tenure fight for Nikole Hannah Jones. I succeeded in having the university hire trauma-informed therapists of color at CAPS, increasing CAPS funding significantly, increasing the number of women of color employed in the UNC Women's Center, having EOC and Grade Appeal information required on all syllabi, increasing food access on South Campus, and organizing the distribution of 5,000 N95 masks for the entire student body. I'm qualified because I'm a doer and am passionate about doing more for the student body, organizing the distribution of 5,000 N95 masks for the entire student body.

Our administration will fortify the social and emotional infrastructure of our student body and create mechanisms that empower students to recognize & advocate for their needs. We are reinvigorating agency amongst students and building a UNC community where all voices have the power to provoke change. We fully honor the needs of our student body, facilitate a dynamic & safe learning environment, and create a space that we are proud to call home. We are a vessel for student-informed decision-making and to act on behalf of the student body as we strengthen our presence in the campus community.

Residence Hall Association President

Nate Worley
I served as the Manning East Community Governor (2020-21) and as a committee chair on the RHA Sustainability Board to lead various environmental justice education initiatives. I am currently serving as External Affairs Officer for RHA (2021-22) and have worked closely with all of our vendors to improve services including negotiating a contract for a new wash and fold laundry service. I collaborated with other members of RHA Executive Board to plan dynamic campus-wide programs. I have advocated for residents in Carolina Housing Advisory Board meetings for increased access for marginalized students and improved laundry services.

I'm a first generation college student who grew up on a small farm, so I'm not afraid of a little hard work. We've got a lot of work to do to make our campus more equitable, connected, and supportive of the diverse needs of students. Read my full platform at tinyurl.com/nateRHA Our campus has been hit

hard with a mental health epidemic, and I want RHA to be a part of the solution. We should continue the work of the Community Support System Ad Hoc Committee and expand our partnership with Peer2Peer while advocating for permanent community support systems.

President and Vice President of the Rising Senior Class

Kartik Tyagi and Keisha Solanki
Kartik Tyagi and Keisha Solanki have an unfaltering passion for service and advocacy through empowering and uplifting all of our community members. This belief has propelled both their work and their drive, be it through engagements that have enabled them to embody their leadership journeys or build their professional passions. Combined, Kartik and Keisha have been fortunate to hold leadership positions at local, regional, statewide, national, and international levels. Most recently, Kartik serves as UNC's Undergraduate Student Body Vice President and Keisha serves as the Undergraduate Chief of Staff as part of Student Body President Lamar Richards's Administration.

The Kartik Tyagi and Keisha Solanki for Senior Class President and Vice President Campaign looks forward to an amazing senior year for the Class of 2023 that appreciates the diverse experiences of our class. We understand how taxing these past few years have been and look forward to a senior year that celebrates the success, achievement, and accomplishments of each member of our graduating class. We hope to keep at heart these very themes in leading senior class marshals, organizing giving and senior campaigns, interfacing with the General Alumni Association, and organizing and executing senior-specific events and programming.

Undergraduate Senate District 1

Callie Stevens
Currently, I am a District 1 senator in the Undergraduate Senate. Over my last term and presently, I served on the Select Committee to Investigate Mental Health, the Rules and Judiciary committee, and the Ethics committee. I am thankful for the opportunity to run and welcome future chances to be involved in student self-governance.

As a psychology major, I aim to promote health and mental health on campus. My main platform is helping increase mental health awareness, resources, and access to these resources for students. As a senator, I want to continue working on ways to better address this issue at UNC. I also seek to ensure that the senate’s decisions are representative of the student body and receptive to their needs.

Fabrice Gray
Undergraduate Senator Representing District 1: Health and Biological SciencesUndergraduate Senator Representing District 1: Health and Biological Sciences UNC Student Government Legislative BranchUNC Student Government Legislative Branch Nov 2021 - Present · 4 mos Nov 2021 - Present · 4 mos Chapel Hill, North Carolina, United StatesChapel Hill, North Carolina, United States • Selected to the inaugural committee investigating Mental Health at UNC Chapel Hill • Dispatched student activity budget of 1M+ to various undergraduate clubs and organizations on Finance Committee • Created and voted on 30+ policies that are used throughout the undergraduate student body, including a bill encouraging UNC to become more accessible for differently abled students

Ensuring that UNC mental health services, such as CAPS, become more accessible to all students. Revamping the UNC undergraduate labs, making the STEM experience more efficient and enjoyable.

Promoting equity for all underrepresented groups within the student body. Making the undergraduate and pre graduate advising services more attentive to student needs and timelines. Refining University services such as SafeWalk and the P2P. Using my prior experience in student government to make this platform a reality.

Nathanael Haynes
Previous Student Government President (highschool), Undergraduate Researcher Looking for Ways to Secure Funds for Undergraduate Students in STEM, Active Member of Undergraduate Community

More Money for STEM Students, More Money for Student Recreation Center (Weightroom)

Undergraduate Senate District 3

Damon Grim
I served both as a student body cabinet member and a chair of activities in high school. I'm committed to leading and serving those who I represent which is apparent beyond any position I've held before.

My policies largely revolve around 3 ideas: a more equitable classroom, commitment to student wellness, and improved facilities. Although I have many ideas outlined on my campaign's Instagram, I think the most important idea is that I follow what the students want even if their ideas are in conflict with my own.

Maddox Addy
Participated in the Joe Biden 2020 Presidential Campaign, currently petitioning for Carolina's debate society.

With rising questions regarding the sincerity of student government and its intentions, I can promise you this: I will do my job, and only my job. Using the voices of the actual students of this university, I will lead District 3 with transparency and efficiency. I will advocate for the safety of the women, LGBT+, and students of color on this campus, and will push for clean energy efforts for the future of Carolina. While some may argue I lack experience in UNC's student government, I believe new leadership and perspectives is exactly what this university needs.

Maddux Vernon
I have served in many leadership capacities, such as organizing TEDx events and leading clubs. I'm skilled at debate and public speaking. I'm also an active poli sci student, and I love and am committed to our district!

I'm committed to a transparent, accessible Undergrad Senate. I will fight for the rights of disabled, LGBTQ+, BIPOC, and all other less-visible students. Most importantly, I want to hear YOUR needs, YOUR concerns. Hate the dining hall? On it. Need better CAPS access? Got it! A vote for me is a vote for a better Carolina.

Matthew Tweden

Serving as an Undergraduate Senator has been my most meaningful experience at Carolina. From supporting food security to advocating for student health and safety, I've had the chance to improve our

campus community, but more importantly I've seen how much of the meaningful advocacy on campus is done by student organizations. This year, I will fiercely advocate for student groups to access the resources and platform of student government. I will also take on personal projects: advancing food security programs, enhancing transparency, securing funding for student organizations, and leveraging the Senate's advocacy platform. Learn more about these goals at go.unc.edu/tweden22!

Nathaniel Shue

I've served as one of your Undergraduate Senators since being elected just over three months ago. In the Senate, I'm a member of the Rules and Judiciary Committee, a member of the Select Committee on COVID-19, and the vice chair of a select committee on the Board of Elections. Before coming to UNC, I served as the Student Representative to the Portland Public Schools Board of Education, where I advocated for the students of Oregon's largest school district in numerous ways and worked to reform the district's student government to advance democracy, equity, and effectiveness.

If elected to a full term, I'll continue working to make UNC and its student government more equitable, just, transparent, and responsive to the needs of all students. I maintain, as I did when first elected, that UNC must do more to support students' mental health. Additionally, the University (and student government itself) still must be much more aggressive in decarbonizing—we need to take a real and active role in responding to the climate crisis.

Pallavi Maladkar
My name is Pallavi Maladkar and I am running to be re-elected to District 3 Senator! I believe Senate is one of the best channels to actively create the social change we seek. As the current Oversight and Advocacy Chair, I have worked on a number of impactful initiatives: compensating student government officials equitably, student government mask distribution, sexual assault accountability, and organizing Senate's first pit sit to gather student ideas. I have written legislation and collaborated across branches to advocate for overlooked voices. My experience and passion for public service allows me to convey student needs effectively!

My current platform issues include amplifying student input on COVID-19 policy, pushing for course material and textbook affordability, ensuring mental health is prioritized by Senate funding and Wellness Days, working on sexual assault prevention and retribution, and increasing communication between Student Government and the Student Body. These goals will be achieved through legislation in Senate, but also collaboration with the executive branch and engagement with student input. My #1 goal is to make all students feel heard when expressing their opinions on making Carolina better, and if re-elected, I will continue to work to make UNC a better environment for all!

William Troutman
During my time at Carolina, I've held several leadership positions that provided me with valuable experience and will translate well to the role of Undergraduate Senator. I've served as President and VP of Administration within my fraternity and currently serve as the secretary of Order of Omega and Order of the Bell Tower. These experiences strengthened my ability to lead and communicate in tough situations, which will allow me to excel as an Undergraduate Senator.

If elected, I have three main goals: put students first, represent all of Carolina, and be transparent as possible. To put students first, I will use my position to speak out when University Administration does

things that do not promote the well-being of students. To represent all of Carolina, I will be a voice for every student and take into consideration how decisions made will impact everyone on our campus. To be transparent, I will regularly update the undergraduate community about the happenings of the Undergraduate Senate through my Instagram account and other means of communication.

Undergraduate Senate District 4

Jack McDermott

I have not had previous experience on student government, I see this as an advantage. I will bring fresh perspective to the undergraduate senate, realigning the goals of the body to prioritize students.

I will work to provide greater funding and opportunities to make your 4 years at Carolina the best that they can be. From pushing for longer library hours to providing more funding for clubs, my platform is clear: I am pro student.