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Starting Monday, April 8 at 10:00am and
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For Candidates
I believe that with God all things are possible, which means that anything and everything I plan to do is achievable. With this position, I will be able to gain and showcase leadership training/skills, better my public speaking while reaching out to students, and enhance the Westchester Community College campus. Throughout most people’s early ages, they dream about the possibilities of different career goals. But me, I dream of being a leader. I always wanted to be a person that leads the world with my colorful and creative ideas. Still today that is my plan, I want to leave my mark and present to the world that change is possible.

Professional Development:

In order to prepare the students of Westchester Community College for life after school, we must seek knowledge in every area possible. Students should know what their options are within their desired career field. Proper networking and preparation is imperative especially for our rising graduates. Success is a direct result of learning and applying.

Student Outreach:

Communication is key! The students should feel comfortable enough to voice their opinions whenever they feel the need to. You, as a Viking, make up this college and your desired interest should be taken with care. A personal connection must be built between the student body and the student leaders who represent them. This way they understand that we are available 24/7 to provide our services with an open ear.

Campus Involvement:

To receive the best experience possible, we must engage ourselves with one another. We will work in conjunction with campus organizations to assure your ideas are heard in order to produce innovative ways for your participation. We also encourage students to want to join these organizations and initiate the changes that you wish to see. Learn what each organization is about and find the one that best suits you.

I want to be able to influence and engage with the students, staff and faculty. Muhammad Ali once said, “We are failing because we’re willing to do everything for money but not willing to do anything for the people”. What was said in this quote is something that is the truth and what happens in everyday life. However, my impact on this campus has nothing to do with any benefits. I plan to do everything from the heart and soul. With incorporating my initiatives with my future plans, I will introduce activities, seminars etc. to bring the Westchester Community College together hand in hand.
The resources present at SUNY Westchester Community College have provided me with the confidence to pursue higher education with the proper development of my student portfolio in leadership. I believe that I am the best choice for President due to being a result of the resources available to students on campus. From scholarship opportunities from the College Foundation, leadership within the Students for Hunger Relief Club, and helping streamline services for the Office of Student Support Services. As the Student Government Association President, I will do everything in my power to advocate for resources on campus while increasing transparency.

My goal as Student Body President will be exemplifying shared governance by providing numerous opportunities for students to address issues that they face here on campus. I plan to conduct Town Hall meetings to discuss issues in a judgement free zone, and streamline services that can help students in their pursuit of higher education. From transparency of the application process for scholarship applications, opportunities for student leadership through the Office of Student Involvement, and highlighting resources from Student Support Services. I consider SUNY Westchester Community College to be the greatest institution of higher education in Westchester County. As the Student Government Association President, I will do my best to assist our fellow students in realizing this as they tap into the needed resources to enhance their student portfolios.

I strongly believe in open discussions in judgment free zones. This will allow students to address issues without any fear of backlash or discouraging comments. Also transparency of events will help as well too. I believe that event collaborations with Administrators and Staff will help bring our college community together as a whole. The SGA can continue what the current administration has done, and host events during the Thursday Common Hour for evening student. I would also explore hosting an event with Dean Frank called "Coffee & Conversation with the Dean of Student Life" to bring students together to hear about services on campus, and making recommendations to enhance student involvement. I believe that this would be an event that would unite all students from club leaders to students struggling on academic probation.
The position I have chosen to run for is President. The reason I believe I will be the best candidate for the position is that I believe I could be a big influence in helping the WCC community and will go to whatever length is necessary to help.

My goals would be to accomplish whatever hasn't been finished from last years president as long as its beneficial to the WCC community. Also to hear the concerns of the students and see how I may help students create a better quality of life on campus.

I will do my absolute best to bring everyone together by branching out in ways that are best to communicate to the students, faculty, staff, and administers and hearing what their concerns may be. Once understanding everyones concerns I will work with my associates in student government to build ideas to find a solution to these problems.
Meet the Candidates
Executive Board

Joseph D. Ciamarra
President

Through my experiences at WCC, I have witnessed issues that have been overlooked year after year and want to help facilitate improvements. I keep my ear to the student body by spending my free time on campus, taking part in clubs such as the Chess club, Math club, and various events. The most recent event being attending the Harvard National Model UN. Having struggled balancing life in and out of the academic setting for majority of my time at WCC, and having achieved a balance between part time jobs and college I believe that I am a proper representation of the student body at WCC.

Having the ability be flexible and handle high pressure situations are skills I have acquired through my experience here. I plan to translate this skill to help prioritize and find solutions to issues that students find to be of high priority through bi-weekly surveys that will offer students possible solutions. Some long term goals I wish to accomplish involve issues like a lack of detailed nutrition labels of the food served in the cafeterias. This is to accommodate those with dietary preferences and allow all students to eat on campus. In addition, I want to improve the variety of food available, this will go a long way to making sure that all students can take a break and eat at the cafeteria between classes. Another goal would be increasing the budget for the tutorial center, whose existence I am incredibly grateful for, as I would not be as successful as I am without their guidance. This budget would allow them to increase their capacity to assist other students like myself through hiring more tutors, creating an online platform for off campus interaction, and creating a workshop centered around improving tutoring techniques. My final goal would be improving the sanitation services in shared public areas around campus, by advocating for there to be increased oversight of sanitation operations.

During the duration of my academic career at WCC, I have formed relationships with a multitude of different groups of people. These relationships have natural formed because I enjoy helping people their issues, being personal or academic. As someone who has struggled with finding motivation to continue an academic path in the past, these relationships have fortified my determination to succeed. I wish to allow others the opportunity to experience this as well, especially those who lack motivation or feel their voice is not heard. Using events such as the Presidents Forum will allow members of the student body to express their issues and advocate their ideas. In addition, the use of the bi-weekly survey will ensure students can give their opinions and criticisms easily.
As WCC has done so much for me and invested in me the opportunities to educational success. I want to offer back what has been invested in me and inspire others.

I would like to give back and help others towards success not just educationally but ways to apply what we learn to our lives. One of the ways is offering a variety of options for students to develop and grow through diversity in how we connect with others and learning how to navigate some of life’s challenges with resources they can take with them daily.

One of the ways I intended is to open the conversation with Students and staff by offering non judgmental space and time to connect with students and staff concerns that offer real time resolutions. Like an open panel where students can be heard and staff can offer resolutions. But also meet and greets where students can meet the curriculums chairs of there departments so when they need to have that discussion its with an already familiar face.

Shamika Hale
President
The SGA vice-president requires experience in running a club, event planning, and the ability to juggle different projects. All things that I have experienced throughout my time here at SUNY WCC. While attending this college I have been the treasurer of the chess club for three semesters, and president of the political activist club for two. The chess club taught me why participating in clubs with friends is so integral to a good college experience. The political activist club taught me how to strive towards a goal in mind in collaboration with not only other students, but other clubs and organizations on campus. Through our efforts to increase voter registration, we registered 405 new voters and got our campus voter-friendly campus designated, the only SUNY community college to achieve this designation. It was through the political activist club that we sent 13 students to represent the college at the Harvard National Model United Nations. These experiences have colored my time here and shaped me as a person. I hope to facilitate these same kinds of experiences for all clubs. I am already on the club affairs committee in order to help in this goal, and I hope with the position of vice-president, I can continue towards that goal so everyone can experience what makes WCC so great.

I have multiple goals that I wish to accomplish in my tenure as the SGA vice-president. The first being creating club council events that are both fun and relevant for all clubs on campus. Clubs councils should be a mix of practical events to learn new skills and social events for clubs to communicate with each other and coordinate events together. In my experience, club events not only are more fun with other clubs, but you can accomplish much more. I believe a forum should be provided for different clubs to mingle beside just the club recognition dinner or the president’s forum.

Second, our entire student body relies on transportation to get from home to class, as such, consistently making methods of transportation easier should be the goal of every SGA executive. For instance, the 43 bus, created a year ago, cut travel time from the Bronx to WCC by half. Unfortunately, it still does not run at night, a time where many of our student body are taking classes because of either day jobs or convenience. I aim to have not only a nighttime bus but increases the different times all buses are available to help with the flexibility the students who attend WCC need.

Third, another issue that can severely hamper a student's education is the prohibitive cost of textbooks. Not only are they expensive, but being unable to afford one risks your performance in class degrading through no fault of your own. To combat this I want to encourage the use of open educational resources (OER’s) in classrooms. Transitioning from traditional textbooks to OERs can potentially make many textbooks free. Even if not all classes can accommodate them, simply implementing it in 10% of classes could cut costs tremendously, and ensure that more students can get the advantages they need to keep doing well in class.

Many of the club events I have sponsored during my time at WCC has involved other clubs to bring both their experience and points of view to create a successful event. In addition, my time as an orientation leader has contributed to my experience of working with other students and faculty. Without a doubt, not only is working with others on projects more fun, it's important if you want the best out of any event or project. One way I hope to promote this is through what I previously introduced as “social” club councils where clubs would be able to promote their events to other clubs and try to coordinate with them. I want to also continue the presidents forum to allow clubs to talk directly to SGA executives for input on club councils and ideas that can help improve both club and students experience. All club councils will have suggestion boxes present so students can put forth suggestions at any time including the box in front of the SGA office.
I feel that I am the best choice for SGA executive board because I have served one year as a Senator and I enjoyed it very much so I have some experience of being in the SGA. In addition, I feel that I could set a positive example for incoming or remaining Senators. Looking at the crew who are running for other positions on the SGA Executive Board, I feel that we can get things done.

One of my goals as a member of the Executive Board would be to maintain a positive relationship with the Senators by keeping them happy and well-informed. Another objective would be to build on the hard work that has progressed throughout this past academic year being serving underrepresented students or building on school spirit. In addition, having more events and marketing them through social media via the DPR would be of aid to the student body.

Building bridges is important because it increases transparency and it creates an environment that promotes well-being. I would help build bridges by building on all the work that has been done this year whether it's increasing the frequency of events or creating new ideas that could benefit the student body. I think that the faculty and staff are important so hearing their input and their advice could also be beneficial to the student body because they have a different perspective to the students and the more perspectives the better.

Joel Andrade
Vice President
For the past two years I've been at Westchester Community College, I have always been an active member among the clubs and organizations on campus. After attending the first meeting of the semester, I was able to become Vice President of Digital Film Club. As Vice President, I learned several skills like communicating with advisors and other students involved in campus activities. I helped formulate our club budget and organize trips for our members to enjoy. Another position I've held is Vice President of Marketing within Westchester Events Board. My position in WEB has allowed me to explore my creativity by ordering fun gimmicks to share with the student body. I've also learned how to manage meetings and run a committee as I oversee the Social Media Coordinators, the Videographer, and the Graphic Designer as we progress through the semester. Overall, all these opportunities have prepared to continue thriving as a student and a leader. Being a part of the Student Government Association Executive Board allows me to bring my experiences and capabilities to the table.

One of my main objectives I would have if I become Vice President is to make the communication between clubs and Club Council much more effective and easier on both ends. Also, as Vice President, be able to be a voice on the Executive Board that keeps the frustrations and worries in mind during our Committee and Senate meetings. I want club officers, but also the whole student body, to be able to see me as a reliable and trustworthy person who will always do her best to be there for their needs and executively take action when necessary.

Because of my club marketing background, I think it's important that SGA is more widely promoted and known throughout all campuses. I believe holding more events sponsored by SGA and having officers present would show the student body who and what SGA are about, which is to be that bridge between us and the administration. To help connect with staff, I believe holding monthly meetings with directors and administrators to be constantly updated on what's happening on campus and figuring out how to share this with the student body. SGA is an important resource and a voice for the students to be validated by the faculty.
I was a SGA Senator. I also served in the finance committee as well as the One Core Plan Team. I have experience at several colleges with a diverse group of people from many walks of life. My team working skills are well developed and extensive.

My goal will be to make the club application and fund application process more streamlined and efficient. I want club participation to grow. This can be encouraged by holding club fairs, help distribute and post ads for their particular clubs and help clubs set up a social media presence if they don’t have one already. If any clubs need assistance they know they could come to me or contact me in order to get what they need and spread their influence on campus further.

As Student Government Treasurer I would support and speak up for the students on campus who don’t feel they have a say in what goes on around campus. I would support our clubs and encourage participation and diversity in WCC activities. I see that everyone here on campus is working hard towards a goal, whether that goal be a career or to finish an undergraduate degree elsewhere. The students here at Westchester Community College should be safe and helped if necessary to achieving their goals while here on campus. This is my opportunity to help give a little back and give the students a voice on what goes on around campus. WCC is one of the best places to get a higher education but we can always improve. I would speak for students who have grievances with anything that goes on around campus that they see needs change. Students can come to me or contact me on multiple social media platforms to inform me of what they want to be said in senate meetings. WCC students will have an almost direct channel for their unfiltered (within reason) views through me to the senate.
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Michael Kassis
Treasurer

Being that I am an aspiring Actuarial Mathematics major, I’ve never really believed in fate. I’m more of a risk & rewards type of guy, but after being brought to light for the position of treasurer, I realized that the culmination of my academic career has brought me to this very point. Serendipity. Every so often something calls upon our humanity, beckons it to push past our horizons and want for more. Given the opportunity to serve in this position, I can finally consolidate my methodical mind and my beating heart. I genuinely care about the student body, the quality of their education and the resources allotted to them. Naturally, like many other Mathematics’ majors, I tend to lock myself away only with the company of my numbers. The position of treasurer will allow me to showcase my attention for detail, critical thinking and satiate my desire to give back to the academic community and belong. How you do anything is how you do everything and given the chance, I want to do something great.

Growing up I always found that the easiest way to figure out how something worked was to take it apart. Much to the chagrin of my mother and her countless deconstructed household appliances, I learned a valuable lesson, if you want to know how something works you need to learn about all the parts that make it work. If elected I will create a series of milestones that will ensure that all procedures are followed and every cent is accounted for. I will organize all expenses and carefully analyze the use of current funds. My main objective is to ensure that funds are being used in the most efficient manner possible. In the event there are not enough funds for certain programs for the student body, I will work to organize fundraisers to supplement those deficits. If elected treasurer my main objective would be to protect the financial health of the student body.

More often than not, students tend to view a community college, as an academic purgatory of sorts. They perceive it as a transition period before they reach their ultimate goal. Unfortunately, many miss out on the here and now and never truly engage with everything the campus has to offer. As a member of the executive board I want to allocate the appropriate funds that will aid in bringing faculty, staff, administration and students together. I want the staff and students to voice their opinions on what they feel their needs are. I want to be clear and communicate where the current spending and budget is and take suggestions on how to best use those funds. If a group of students and staff members want to start a campus garden, then I want to encourage and work with those groups to find a sensible solution through appropriate financial planning.
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**Adelaide Frimpong-Manso**
**Secretary**

I would be the best person for this position because I am capable of collaborating with others as well as very organized and possess excellent written and verbal communication. I am also good in taking accurate notes, times and agendas.

My goals is to record accurate information, maintaining a schedule of meeting times and to keep an accurate list of members. Also, I plan to get more students into the group and improve their experience as well as take students opinions into consideration.

I can do this by communicating, posting on the internet, sharing and posting flyers all over the place to reach students everywhere.
Albert Maldonado
Secretary

I've been involved in WCC's student life previously through the Orientation Leader program, which then led me to being apart of the Italian Club as an officer. Being involved in these not only helped me become more outgoing, but also helped promote a fun and welcoming atmosphere in campus through orientation and through Italian Club's events. That being said, I'd like to help foster and promote the same positivity to SGA and to students.

My goal as an E Board member is to be a responsible member and maintain SGA as the voice for student concerns. I will do this by maintaining my duties as secretary.

I'd definitely want to promote our clubs more since I don't think many students take much advantage of them. Have professors promote clubs if they align with the subject. Create more networking events so students can engage with professionals in a career they want to pursue.
I take an active part in school and have experience being a student leader. I am currently a freshman who is the treasurer of Dance Club, and the VP of Administration (Secretary) of Alpha Beta Gamma. I have patience and great communication skills as I work a customer service job when I'm not at school.

I hope to organize and will actively communicate with the student body, administrators, and Board members. I will actively advertise SGA and help manage the communication between the Board decisions to club/organizations.

As secretary, I will hold the responsibility to contact the student body, advisors, administrators, and faculty. For Alpha Beta Gamma, I have experience sending emails, hosting and attending events/meetings, and spreading the word about joining the honor society.
I would be the best choice because I want to spread awareness and bring a sense of togetherness within the WCC Community and as a student at the Yonkers Extension; I can better spread awareness through Extension Centers.

As an E-Board member I would like to achieve my goal of being able to give a voice to the WCC Extension Centers and bring a sense of togetherness between all WCC Campuses.

I am currently Vice President of Y.A.C. (Yonkers Activity Council) I can help bring awareness to the Yonkers Extension Campus everything the SGA has to offer.
Charles Greco
Student Trustee

I am running for Student Trustee because I know I am the best choice for the position because of the experience I bring to the job. I served the entire 2018-2019 school year as an effective Student Senator where I represented over 24,000 students that attend Westchester Community College.

As a Senator, I am the student representative to the College's Strategic Planning Committee. This committee is tasked with developing a new Strategic Plan to improve and carry Westchester Community College forward in all aspects of the school including Academics, College Administration, Transfer Services, Student Life and Communication between the College and students. On this Committee I worked with the President of the College, Dr. Belinda S. Miles, the Chief of Staff to the President, Dr. Shawn Brown, the Associate Dean of Enrollment Management, Dr. Ruben A. Barato and numerous other high-ranking College officials who play a major role in the management of WCC. On this Committee I have built very strong relationships with these College Administrators. This experience makes me the best choice for Student Trustee, because as Student Trustee I will use these relationships to get things accomplished for the Students and the College as a whole. I am the person who knows where to go and how to get things done on campus. This experience I have is necessary to the job of Student Trustee.

Also, as a Student Senator I served on the Senate Finance Committee, where I dealt with the budgets and allocation of money to every single club and some student run organizations on the campus for events and trips. Handling this helped me to understand the high level of involvement and success we have with our clubs and organizations on campus.

I believe WCC is a wonderful school filled with great options for students. One of my main goals will be to continue this success that we have as a Community College. Another main goal of mine will be to increase the use of internships here at WCC. I believe interning is vital for students to learn about their desired career through hands-on training. I plan on making internships done in various careers through the college more accessible to students and I plan on attempting to increase the number of institutions partnered with WCC that offer internships. I will accomplish this by bringing these solutions to the attention of College administration and working with them.

As I previously mentioned, I have built relationships with many important members of college administration and faculty during my tenure as a Senator. Using these strong relationships, I am best suited to build bridges around campus relating to academics and student life. I know the right people to go to on campus to improve WCC. The experience I bring to the table is extremely important for the job of Student Trustee. Already having these relationships puts me at an advantage because I will know who to go to and where to go on day one.
I am adult student who has attendee WCC for 2-1/2 years, while here I have interacted heavily with student the population, heard their concerns and feel I am in a good position to assist them in all capacities.

To keep monthly town hall meetings and listen to the concerns of the students on campus, work with the SGA and members of student involvement to find the best resolutions to any and all issues concerning the student body.

Communication is key for success as a leader, to be fair, honest and open are the best attributes a leader can possess. Understanding the diversity of all students without bias, so all students can feel represented and included in the decisions that we as leaders make.