Dons Elections

Students are elected to all positions for ASUSF Senate and the Residence Hall Councils through the Dons Elections for Fall 2022.

WHEN TO VOTE
Dons Elections take place Monday to Friday, Sept. 26–30, 2022. Voting will take place beginning at 10am on Sept. 26 and last until 4pm on Sept. 30.

WHERE TO VOTE
All voting will take place online. Polling stations will be located in various locations around campus including the University Center and the residence halls, but you can vote from anywhere online!

HOW TO VOTE
Log in to the online ballot, view the questions and choices, and make your selections. Use your myUSF login info:
Username: USF user name
Password: USF student ID number

NOTE: Only positions in which you are eligible to vote for will be populated on your ballot. Voter eligibility is determined by the records of the Registrar's Office.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY
Must be a currently enrolled student and have paid the Student Activity Fee for the semester. Undergraduate students are eligible for the ASUSF Election. A valid USF student ID number will be required to vote.

GET INVOLVED
For more information and to learn about vacant positions or ways to get involved with ASUSF Senate and the Residence Hall Councils, email elections@usfca.edu.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact elections@usfca.edu with any questions about Dons Elections.
ASUSF Senate

The purpose of the ASUSF Senate is to act as the representative body of the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco (ASUSF). The Senate will advocate for the needs of ASUSF by serving as a liaison between the Association and the USF administration. The purpose of ASUSF Senate is to provide for the general welfare of the Association and the University. This purpose does not contradict the University’s mission or its Catholic, Jesuit character.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

There shall be five executive officers that make up the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall be primarily responsible for the coordination, implementation and evaluation of all Senate activities, programs, and services.

SENATOR REPRESENTATIVES

There shall be up to twenty Senators to complete the Senate and will represent the voice of the Association. Senate members shall be responsible primarily to their respective constituent community.
Kiannah-Nicole Karani  
*Major: Biology; Minor: Environmental Studies*

My name is Kiannah-Nicole Karani, and I am running for the ASUSF Freshman Class Representative with a goal to do more for you, with you. Being the Head of the International Department during high school in South Korea taught me how to listen to fellow students. From addressing discrimination against international students joining clubs and upper-level courses, to fostering inclusion by enforcing a halal menu on campus, I’ve been fortunate to explore being a leader and being led.

My first act will be to circulate an always-accessible google form around social media and on campus. This form will act as our communication medium. Where optional anonymous responses will be pivotal to gathering your honest thoughts while protecting your privacy. I hope we can do more than just what is expected of us in our shared time here. Thank you for reading my statement and thank you for voting!

Rheanna Lewis  
*Major: Media Studies; Minor: Journalism*

Coming to the University of San Francisco, I knew that I wanted to be involved with helping to make this campus a community for all. The ASUSF is instrumental in helping to ensure that all voices are acknowledged and welcomed; which is why I want to be involved with this amazing organization. I’m a huge advocate for creating diverse and safe spaces for all. I’m an excellent candidate because I’ve been taught to speak up for what’s right and also to listen to ideas expressed by others. Listening is an important factor in changing the world, because you then take everyone else’s thoughts into consideration as well as your own. Making sure that everyone has a chance to voice their ideas and using those ideas to plan accordingly is very important. Applying for this role, I know that it takes great responsibility and dedication. This role takes someone who’s willing to speak up for those who aren’t able to do so for themselves. I want to help construct a safe space for everyone to feel comfortable to voice their ideas to make this school a better place. As a freshman representative, it would be my duty to speak on behalf of my class to enable a structure for a successful next few years here. During the past four years in high school, I’ve gotten first hand experience of what it’s like to be left out of community projects and decisions that dictated the future of the school. It’s very frustrating to want to help ensure change when you’re constantly being left behind or not even able to voice your ideas. Here at USF I don’t want that to be the case. I want to be able to express my ideas and opinions. I also want to listen to others and together we determine how to make USF a positive experience for all. As a freshman representative, diversity and involvement are two of the most important things that I will emphasize. I want to challenge myself by putting my communication and negotiation skills to work. My ultimate goal is to help bring awareness to the various clubs/organizations here that aren’t being properly promoted and acknowledged. Working alongside those involved with ASUSF would give me the chance to help implement plans for the continued success of the USF freshman student body. I’m running for freshman
representative because I want to be a part of motivating my fellow classmates to stand up and help to change the world; starting here at the University of San Francisco!

**Shreya Pai**  
*Major: Marketing; Minor: German Studies*

My name is Shreya Pai, and I am running to be the Freshman Representative in the ASUSF Senate. It is so important to me that everyone is able to have a voice, both in general and here within the university, which is why I want to be the voice and spokesperson for the freshman class here at USF.

So far in the month that I have been here, I have met so many wonderful and kind people, who are first year students just like me, whose voices deserve to be heard. I want to be the medium between the other freshmen and the institution, as well as someone who my fellow peers and classmates can count on. I know it can be difficult to address issues and concerns to staff, which is why I would be there to listen and do whatever is in my power to do; additionally, I will listen to any suggestions my classmates have for change and growth, and work to implement these changes whenever there is an opportunity and a need.

I also have experience with student government and the way that the Senate works. As a junior and senior in high school, I was a legislator in my state’s youth government. During that time, I wrote bills and gave feedback to other people on theirs, and participated in committee sessions and Senate meetings at my state’s General Assembly, where we debated over and voted for bills.

I am very passionate about enacting change and working towards common goals and important causes. I find it so beautiful that we are a school that is so diverse and filled with people from so many different backgrounds, and I would be so honored to represent the freshman class. So, please, consider voting for me. I will ensure that the voices of the Class of 2026 will be heard.

**Hattie Sanness**  
*Major: Psychology*

I’m running to be the freshman representative to ensure my peers will have their voices heard. By reaching out to those who have grievances and being an active listener my class will be rightfully represented. On the other end, beyond the outspoken people, there are often the unheard. This group deserves to have their opinions valued, and I’d like to take action to provide this, whether that be through anonymous submissions, surveys, or whatever platform works best. In doing this an environment would be created in which diversity would be fostered across all ethnicities, genders, sexualities, abilities, religions, and so on. If granted the opportunity it would be an honor to serve on the senate and be a positive face for the class of 2026.
Hello my name is Larry Wesley III, and I am a first year here at USF. Something that you probably wouldn’t know about me is that I’ve been to about 7 different schools within the past 12 years. Being a military child many would quickly point out a lack of stability, unpredictable relationships, or just a lot of moving. But for me it truly taught me some of the core qualities I use with my leadership today; embracing the differences in others, facing change head-first, and being true to yourself through it all.

All throughout high school I’ve had the privilege to garner leadership positions on the football field, inside the classroom, and around my community. With these I took the time to apply qualities that I learned as a young kid moving around, some things that people are still trying to get ahold of today. Being on USF senate wouldn’t just be another leadership position to write on a resume, but would instead be an opportunity to be a friend, and a positive influence to those around me. Ever since grade school, I’ve always tried to voice the opinions of my peers, even if it meant having to step on a few toes along the way. And now as a growing adult, that same quality would make me a perfect candidate for this position.