

Statement of Candidacy - Alexandra Brist

Dear First-Years,

My name is Alexandra Brist and I'm running for **re-election for Second-Year Senator** of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago (SGLC). I'm a Cognitive & Behavioral Neuroscience and Psychology major and Spanish Language & Literature minor on the Pre-Health track. My friends and family would describe me as a dedicated, hard-working, approachable, and passionate individual. As we continue to cope with this hybrid learning experience at Loyola, I am steadfastly committed to ensuring that your voices and concerns are *heard* both virtually and in-person. I hope to contribute to the safe return to campus activities so that my peers can receive the college experience they deserve. There are a number of **timely initiatives and legislation** that I hope to continue working on in my next term including the Rambler Alliance for Equity Initiative, the Divestment from Aramark Legislation, the PASS Kit (Mental Wellness) Resolution, the Indigenous Land Recognition Act, and many more.

Effective communication with the student body is the most integral part of creating a more aware, inclusive, and understanding campus community. I'm proficient in Spanish and strongly believe in utilizing my language skills in my everyday life and career to eliminate language barriers. My resume shows a demonstrated history of leadership and team-oriented work that will help me contribute to the SGLC and improve life on and off-campus for Loyola students. My platform is based on a personalized, inclusive approach.

In my time as a First-Year Senator of SGLC, I have enjoyed working alongside fellow Senators to improve your campus experience and advocate for important social justice initiatives. Among these initiatives is the Rambler Alliance for Equity (RAE). This initiative, started by the Athletics Department and adopted in partnership by SGLC, is committed to the ideal of social justice through policies and practices based on **inclusion and equity**. I have assembled and organized RAE task forces from the ground up within SGLC and solidified a partnership to **unite in our effort** to provide an environment where **individuals feel safe, respected and valued** regardless of, but not limited to, their race, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender orientation, religious beliefs, or age. I am passionate about making racial and gender equity a priority on our campus.

In addition to my work with the Rambler Alliance for Equity, I am passionate about a number of other social justice and environmental initiatives and possess the dedication and commitment to execute *real* change. Like many Loyola students, I tirelessly fight for the health of our planet and against the plastic pollution that endangers us all. In sync with Loyola's existing sustainable and green efforts and with the help of SGLC, I would like to continue developing more guidelines and resources for creating a greener, less plastic-dependent campus. I would like to continue co-sponsorship of the Divestment from Food Providers Legislation that involves Aramark, our current food provider. My role in this legislation has involved both research and advocacy on behalf of accommodating students with health-related, religious, or self-imposed dietary restrictions. With your vote, I will continue advocating for the Loyola Student Body in all ways possible. A *catalyst* for change: Vote for **Alexandra Brist!**