

## Spring Election Statement of Candidacy

As per the Student Government *of* Loyola Chicago Election Code, you are required to make a statement of candidacy. You have the liberty to write what you wish. It is suggested that you focus on information that the voters will find useful and critical in deciding for whom to vote. Suggested topics include: why you are seeking this office, how your work can benefit students and SGLC, past leadership experience, and/or specific issues you may want to address.

My name is Emaad Masroor, and I am a sophomore transfer student from the University of Louisville in my hometown of Louisville, Kentucky. I was initially interested in joining the student government of Loyola Chicago because I wanted to meet the great people in my new community and help make changes that will affect students' lives at Loyola for the better. After being elected to the student government as a senator, I have realized that joining the SGLC has been by far one of the best decisions I have made since coming to Loyola Chicago. At times I had felt very lost coming to a new school in a pandemic, but the community that I found in the SGLC was very welcoming and reflect the overall student body of Loyola Chicago. In high school, I served in a similar role as a class officer where I helped organize our prom and addressed our entire class at our junior breakfast ceremony among other things. Beyond my leadership experiences, I believe I can bring unique perspectives to the student government of Loyola Chicago. I am a Pakistani-American Muslim, the child of immigrants, and was born and raised in the southern state of Kentucky. I have interacted with people from all walks of life and have had the ability to connect with— and understand— them regardless of their race, religion, gender, or beliefs. Currently I serve on the allocations committee within the SGLC and have really just started to get adjusted and get the hang of it and have done a lot of good work with them. I would like to continue to contribute my perspectives and leadership experiences to help elevate student voices, build bridges between different groups, and cooperatively work alongside the other members of the student government of Loyola Chicago.