

## 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.

**Please limit the Statement of Candidacy to one page single spaced**

In order to make change one must take action. In the sense of being a student senator at Loyola, I believe I can make a positive impact on campus and students alike. Many may not see me as a leader however, in order to question what makes a leader you must first analyze the characters, the determination, and the stamina of the individual's capabilities to represent the student body. I promise to effectively fight for the rights and beliefs of students unbiasedly and uphold their beliefs instead of standing down. What I feel differs me from other candidates is my no-nonsense attitude and honesty with situations. If there is a significant problem at Loyola that needs to be addressed I will not back down and fear retaliation, as the students must have a voice that must be heard. Another qualification for me running for this position is my experience internationally. I was born in America, raised in England, sent back to the United States, and moved to China for the remainder of my high school education. In these years I have met people from all over the world and shared experiences with others that will forever impact the way I see the world. These situations I would've never experienced in the United States give me an advantage in how I treat situations and effectively solve them. It also helps me value diversity of thought and opinion on campus. There have been issues this year I feel could've been addressed better and if elected as a senator I want to fix these problems. There is a severe lack of communication between the student body and council; when issues do arise, the student body isn't effectively updated of whether it's been addressed or not with faculty. Also, the lack transparency with the administration this year has made many students feel skeptical. I feel the need for better planning, transparency, and cooperation among all elected representatives, the administration, as well as students can effectively solve this issue. The issues I believe that must be addressed aren't murky, they are clearly defined and must be confronted. By running for a senator position, I will effectively uphold the respect, opinions, and voice this student body deserves as well as solve issues on campus in collaboration with students and other representatives.