

Greetings,

My name is Jacob Palmer. I am a third-year student studying Computer Science and I am currently seeking the office of Vice President of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago (SGLC).

I currently serve as a Third-Year Senator and Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee of the Legislative Branch within SGLC. Additionally, I serve as an Undergraduate Senator within the University Senate and on the Board of Undergraduate Studies CORE Subcommittee. Outside of my SGLC involvements, I am a Writing Center Tutor, a Student Community Board member within OSCCR, and a volunteer within the Food Recovery Network!

Kaleigh and I are very excited to have the opportunity to run for the President and Vice President, respectively. As a ticket, we are drawn to run together as friends, but also because of our shared values and vision for the next year. We are focusing our platform to three main areas: *Equity*, *Academics*, and *Transparency*.

With regards to *Equity*, there is a noticeable lack of identity-based spaces on campus, specifically those dedicated to queer people and queer BIPOC. As I am queer-identifying student, Kaleigh and I will be advocating for the creation of an LGBTQIA+ Learning Community, as well as an increased number of courses focusing on queer history and queer identity studies. We are committed to advocating for both our own identities and amplifying other marginalized voices.

With regards to *Academics*, I noted not only a lack of student representation, but a lack of student *incorporation* throughout this past year as a student representative in various academic spaces. Our ticket will address this by creating intentional routes for student feedback in all areas of the university.

With regards to *Transparency*, I have noticed that there is a level of both identity-based and positional privilege that can affect students' knowledge of the university. Kaleigh and I have been able to understand decisions made by the University because of our positions in SGLC. However, students need to be able to know and understand the ongoing discussions to be able to effectively advocate for their own needs. Kaleigh and I plan on addressing this by re-envisioning SGLC's role as a representative of the student voice in order to create direct lines of communication and feedback to and from administrators.

Kaleigh and I have the institutional knowledge to succeed internally and externally, and the work ethic and drive to see our goals to fruition. We are committed to adjusting and modifying our platform to best fit the needs of our constituents via feedback from student groups.

Please consider visiting, viewing, and supporting our campaign via the sites listed below and by voting via your LUC email March 27th - April 1st! Thank you for your consideration!

In Maroon & Gold,



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