

Greetings,

My name is Kaleigh O'Brien. I am a junior from West Chicago, IL majoring in Physics and minoring in German Studies and I am seeking the office of the President of the Student Government of Loyola Chicago (SGLC).

I currently serve as the Speaker of the Senate, where I act as the chairperson of the Legislative Branch in SGLC. I also serve as a representative to the Board of Undergraduate Studies and to the University Strategic Planning Committee. Outside of my involvement in SGLC, I also work as an administrative assistant, lab technician, and research assistant in Loyola's Physics Department.

My running mate, Jacob Palmer, and I are excited to work with the Loyola community to advocate for student interests, particularly with regards to *Equity, Academics, and Transparency*.

With regards to *Equity*, we support Loyola's current efforts to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion on our campus, in addition to holding the University accountable for the goals laid by the Anti-Racism Initiative. Our advocacy is informed by the Black Cultural Center and other minority organizations; we are committed to uplifting and promoting marginalized voices across campus.

With regards to *Academics*, access to funding and diverse opportunities for Engaged Learning credits remains limited. Jacob and I want to clarify the scholarship application process for Engaged Learning opportunities, advocate for increased access to funding, whether from Loyola or other nation-wide sources, and support the expansion of research opportunities across campus.

With regards to *Transparency*, there has been an identifiable lack of transparency between administration, faculty, and students concerning the financial decisions of Loyola and the overall academic decision-making process. Jacob and I will promote increased accessibility to financial documents, the changes made to those documents year-to-year, and the reasoning behind said changes. Furthermore, we seek to unite the faculty's desire for increased student input with the student body's desire for increased representation by advocating for more student representatives to these academic councils.

As a team, Jacob and I excel at direct communication, transparency, and work under pressure. We have the internal experience required to run SGLC, as well as the external connections to the greater Loyola community to accomplish our goals. We are committed to listening to the concerns of student voices across campus, promoting changes that benefit the larger student body, and advocating on behalf of the student body to administrators.

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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