

To my fellow Loyolans,

During our time at Loyola, you and I have witnessed and experienced significant changes, both in our lives and on campus. In my first year at Loyola, I was new to both the Chicago and Loyola communities and noticed a slight gap in the representation I wished to see in our student body. Though at first unaware of the opportunities that SGLC could provide early on in my freshman year, over the course of my first year, I had seen the incredible platform for change that it provided, thus leading to my decision to run as a senator in my second year at Loyola.

Standing in solidarity as students and understanding the various needs of our student community is the most effective model in ensuring the success and change that we wish to see as we continue to make Loyola our home. Loyola's diverse population deserves to be represented in every facet and through a person that will listen to the needs of each community. Having held numerous leadership positions in the past coupled with my experience over the past year in the Senate, I know that I am well equipped to serve as a representative to our students. Over the past year, I have been serving as a sophomore senator in SGLC as well as a member on the Allocations Committee, working with the Loyola community and our registered student organizations in funding their events. The past year has been difficult for us all, but being able to be in a position in which I could aid in bringing the Loyola community together with our RSOs in any way we could was incredibly rewarding, and I hope to continue this work in our ever changing college lives when reelected.

Along with being involved with SGLC, I am an executive board member of Loyola's Pakistani Students Association as the Director of Service & Philanthropy, continue to discuss and debate difficult issues as a delegate with Loyola's Model United Nations team, and am a member of Women in Leadership Loyola and Friends of MSF (Doctors Without Borders); these being only a fraction of the communities I am involved with on campus. Feeling comfortable to express not only my own thoughts and ideas, even in uncomfortable discussions and positions, but also to advocate for those who may not have the platform to do so, I am confident that my experiences will allow me to provide equitable, open-minded, and reliable representation. In my next year as a senator if reelected, one of the initiatives I hope to work towards with my colleagues is researching and tackling issues such as the hiring of formerly incarcerated persons as Loyola staff in order to facilitate their reintegration into society and community life, amongst a variety of other issues including equitable food resources, and adequate campus safety at Loyola. I aim to ensure that Loyola is a community that represents everyone, of each class and year, and I fully intend to commit myself to this mission as your senator. I would be honoured to receive your vote for **Rameen Awan for At-Large Senator** .