

## 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**

My name is Rohan Sethi, and I am running for the SGLC At-Large or Sophomore Senator position. I am the only child of an immigrant parent and live in a multigenerational home. I find myself to be a very dedicated and committed student, friend, and family member. Last year, people around the world were impacted by the pandemic in ways that forced all to adapt to a new normal. Around the same time as the start of the pandemic, my family was also thrown into another crisis. My grandmother who has suffered from chronic kidney disease over the past several years, reached the stage where dialysis became necessary. My family and I decided that it was best for my grandmother to undergo a special type of at-home dialysis that allows my grandmother to retain some form of a normal life through her treatment, a process that required training to operate, a process that no one in the family had the time for. Thus, in a matter of just of few weeks, I was given the responsibility to set-up my grandmother to her dialysis treatment every night at home, effectively becoming the caretaker for my grandmother in a hectic global crisis. The role of a caretaker is a great responsibility as it takes many precautions and steps, as well as time, all which I must juggle with my schoolwork. My experiences have engrained in me an ability to effectively manage my time, to be persistent and persevere in all challenges and responsibilities and understanding and listening to the struggles of other people, skills that will allow me to effectively execute all my duties as a Senator for SGLC. Thus, I believe that through my experiences and upbringing, I am empathetic to people of all walks of life and struggles, making me ideal to represent a diverse body of Loyola students and SGLC's mission of inclusion and diversity.

As an At-Large Senator during the Spring 2021 term, I created and began working on an initiative to help people in the Loyola community receive their vaccinations. I am creating a tip sheet/guide that would help the Loyola community navigate different resources to get their vaccinations, especially the older and less tech savvy populations. The goal of this initiative is to resolve the disproportionality in vaccine rollout. I have also co-sponsored legislation on safety and equity in public safety and researched for the legislation regarding the move from Aramark to more sustainable food suppliers. I wish to be reelected so I can continue my work on the initiatives related to COVID-19 and further support equity and sustainability legislation that the Loyola community and the student body needs. All my actions have and will continue to be for the best interest of Loyola students and to be a voice/advocate for all Loyola students.

I am a passionate STEM student, and avidly read through medical and technology journals and learn about various STEM topics through my rigorous Bioinformatics and premed curriculum. Over the past few years, I have also developed a passion for economics and politics, eagerly following the policies and processes of the federal and state government. SGLC will not only be a learning opportunity for me but will also allow me to help others in a more widespread

manner. I believe my passion for government will be one of the factors that will allow me to be dedicated to the mission of Loyola's SGLC and perform all my duties and responsibilities to the best of my ability.

At Loyola I am a leader in the Public Health Club Education and Outreach Committee and am responsible for organizing events for the Public Health Club and inform the Loyola community about those events. I am also a Loyola Phoenix Opinion Writer, writing pieces focused on government, science, and public health. I have also been a volunteer for over the past 4 years, helping visitors and patients get the information they need to get around the hospital, and assist nurses at their stations on the floors. I am also a private tutor at my previous high school, looking to help my teachers by tutoring students in subjects that I loved and succeeded in, drafting lesson plans, and assisting students in assessment preparation. I have also been a lifeguard at my local park district, enforcing water park policies to keep patrons safe. I was also part of my varsity tennis team in high school for my junior and senior year as a doubles player. Overall, I believe all my leadership experiences over the past 4 to 5 years of my schooling have instilled in me time management, leadership, teamwork, and interpersonal skills, all that are necessary to represent the student body of Loyola as a Senator.

**Candidates must attend ONE Candidate Meeting prior to submitting Candidate Materials.**

**Email your statement of candidacy and Election Contract as a single PDF document to [SGLCelections@luc.edu](mailto:SGLCelections@luc.edu). All materials must be received by 11:59pm CST on Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**We encourage you to send in materials required to participate in the elections earlier rather than later.**

**The earlier you turn in the packet and Statement of Candidacy, the earlier you will be approved to run, or correct any issues that could arise.**

**The earlier you are approved to run, the earlier you can submit campaign materials to be approved by Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup>, the start of the campaign period.**

**For any questions regarding the SGLC elections, please reach out to [SGLCelections@luc.edu](mailto:SGLCelections@luc.edu).**