

Student Government of Loyola Chicago
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Dear SGLC Spring 2021 Elections Committee,

My name is Timothy Stiven, and I am applying to be a Sophomore Senator. As a freshman that has been stuck at home, I have felt the drive to help the Loyola student body and my class, specifically, to achieve a stronger sense of a Rambler community. I think SGLC is the best way to do that. Covid-19 has entirely changed our student experience this past year. Our class has become one of the most unique classes Loyola has ever seen. We have come into college online, confused and anxious for Fall 2021. Next semester will be the most influential semester on campus, with more of the student population returning to campus. If elected as a senator of SGLC, I feel I am qualified to help bring the community together.

In 2020, I graduated from Canyon Crest Academy in San Diego. My high school experiences and qualifications include PALs, San Dieguito Union High School Student District Leadership Conference, Homeroom Committee, and the Wellness Committee. I participated in these organizations because I believed they would allow me to make a difference on campus. PALs is a student-led organization that focuses on student events highlighting community, mental health, and school spirit. By joining PALs in my freshman year, with my vast understanding of the school's inner workings, I was able to help push PALs to the next level over the course of my four years in the program. I led initiatives as a member for two years and as a manager of 5 students for the remaining two years. I created events that incorporated community and student wellness including a week of celebrating school spirit and mental health which featured carnivals and staff vs. student water balloon fights. In my senior year, I was appointed to be president of PALs. I led the efforts to improve events such as Yellow Ribbon Week, a week with events dedicated to suicide and resource awareness, and Stress Less week, aimed at providing fun ways for students to destress during finals. As our events gained the attention of the Principal and other members of the school district, I was invited to be on the Student District Leadership Committee (SDLC). Through the SDLC, I had the opportunity of working with a team of students to establish a Homeroom program for the first time in the school's history and we were able to push for mental health to be highlighted at our school. Most importantly, we were able to hold the District accountable for their promises to uplift these issues. After my work on the SDLC, I was added to the Homeroom Committee at Canyon Crest Academy and the Wellness Committee following my work on suicide prevention as a PALs peer counselor. As Covid-19 caused an online shift for the second half of my senior year, we continued to reach out to students' virtual events and counseling recommendations via Zoom. One of my most proud moments was when the PALs advisor gifted me a PALs' award called "The Timmy", named after me in which it will be awarded to the Senior in PALs that has contributed the most amount of time, commitment, and leadership within the organization.

I have also pursued extracurricular activities that have contributed to my team-building skills and creative process. I played soccer for 14 years (league and school teams) and participated in high jump, long jump, and 200m Squads on the Canyon Crest Academy's Track & Field team for two years. I am also a professional photographer and digital designer,

consulting with FOX, MGM, XLevelent Event Marketing, and Legion M. I have shot events such as San Diego Comic-Con since 2016, Black Eyed Peas' 25 years of Hip Hop Concert at Los Angeles Comic-Con, Buffy's 20th Anniversary, Predator, Stargate, and Star Wars events.

From this position, I hope to learn about and experience how college student body legislation is drafted and passed. I also want to learn about what work each committee does and the jurisdiction it holds. I would like to find out how I can directly impact campus by being part of the Loyola Chicago Student Government. After reading the Loyola Phoenix and talking to a few students currently involved in student government, I am really intrigued by the change that SGLC can make on campus. I want to be an active part of that.

I feel confident in my abilities to help the SGLC grow and continue to reflect the students' voices. I want to contribute to creating a campus that is a fun and exciting place for all students, especially after 2020. I also want to pay attention to the mental health and the wellbeing of Loyola students and make the student government an organization that they can turn to in times of need. If elected, I will come into the position with an open mind and wanting to listen to others and learn so I may figure out where I can best serve the student body. One of the most important things I find for organizations is collaboration and I look forward to working alongside fellow student leaders to help drive Loyola to its highest potential.

Thank you for your time,

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