Student Government Association Elections

2018-2019 SGA Senator Candidates
Adam Rutledge

I’m new to class elections, but to me, it is very important that students feel heard when they hold concerns about the current existence of the university. It will be a top priority of mine to ensure students have someone they feel comfortable voicing their opinions on important matters to.

A few other goals will be to perform my best to address issues such as student parking, the building naming controversy, better mass movements for university cleanliness, encouraging students to be proactive about on-campus smoking, and aiding other students when they are in need.

Alex Lockhart

I’ve never put myself in a leadership position. However, It’s 2018 and I decided maybe it’s my year to do just that, to be the face of students, the voice of the people. I see tweets about UNT life everyday. Whether it’s parking, road construction, new buildings, or simply new ideas for community development, I’m all ears and want to make the best, and most beneficial, decisions when it comes to the University of North Texas. I will work hard and dedicate my time to bettering this university and fostering a positive experience for all students.

Dalton Dickson

My name is Dalton Dickson and I am a Political Science major running to represent the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. I am running for senator because I would like to see change in my campus, community, and the Student Government Association. I would like to help bridge the gap between SGA and the student body, by listening to the demands of the constituents. If elected, I will work to the best of my ability to hold the rest of the Student Government Association to higher standards in order to ensure an SGA that is for the students and brings change to UNT. As a senator, I will advocate for:

- Better and more accessible parking for both residential and commuting students
- A better system for students to easily access all of the resources they have available to them on campus
- Improved accessibility for disabled students by working with the ODA to institute safer and easier ways to access all buildings on campus
- Unity within the Senate and increased amount of legislation passed that further improves student life at UNT

If elected as CLASS senator, I will serve the student body to my full potential!

Emily Bell

I have loved working as an SGA senator and have learned so much! my goal is to continue to grow and learn while representing the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences to the best my ability.

My hope for the 2018-19 term is to reach out to more students, and be a voice for their concerns.
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Erich P. DeSchepper

As a politically active individual, I believe in the progression for the college I represent in the terms and guidelines of Utilitarianism. This is an established institution that deserves nothing but the best for the benefit of academic students invested in their future and dreams. I will be active in the process of creating legislation, providing college reports, as well as being interactive and communicative with my constituents. Student Government Association is an organization built on long tradition of being self autonomous in terms of creating, and passing progressive reforms for the benefit of under-represented communities. This is my duty as an aspiring politician and advocate for the College of Liberal arts. Compassion in politics and legislation is often lost amongst the lines of law and reform, this must change, especially amongst a University setting. I promise to represent any individuals that reside amongst my voice of reasoning in the senator body and I am without a doubt, fortunate to create change for people of all creeds, colors, and concerns. Let us progress as one.

Hanlyn Tyler

I am Hanlyn Tyler and I am a political science major in the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and I am applying to become a senator because I want to help better UNT’s campus through working closely with both students in CLASS and fellow senators to create a more inclusive, understanding, and apparent Student Government presence in students’ lives. I specifically would like to work with extending hours of resources of students, making sure students clearly understand the parking policies and which lots are available to whom during which times, and inserting current inclusive policies into student government documents. If I am elected to be a CLASS senator, I will work to the best of my ability to serve the students I represent to the larger student government.

Hey! I am Kennedy Montgomery, a freshman majoring in Political Science on a Pre-Law track. I am currently serving as a senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, and I am former member of the SGA committee of Education and Prevention of Sexual Assault and IPV.

As a senator I have worked to bring awareness to SGA, as well as working to see how we can improve internships and scholarships throughout our college. I desire to remain being a senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences so I may continue to unite and serve my fellow students and our university. My platform is #UnityWithKennedy. This is an acronym for Understanding, New Ideas, Transparency and Youth. However, Unity is also mean’t in the literal sense in that I am striving to unite and bring a sense of interconnectedness within our college! If you have any questions, concerns or ideas I would love to hear from you! Feel free to come visit me in the SGA office, Union 344 on Wednesdays from 11:00am-12:00pm. Hope to see you soon and thank you for your time!

Luis Avila

As a current sitting senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences I have done my best to represent the voice of students to the best of my ability. My goal is to bring issues to light that affect people that come from different experiences and opportunities. Up to this point I have worked on pieces of legislation such as the support for the removal of the confederate monument and supporting the petition to rename one of the buildings after a woman or person of color. Next year, I want to be able to continue this great path of student leadership the senate and students have taken on. The University of North Texas has to go beyond preaching diversity and become a leader in practicing inclusivity. I, along many other senators, are committed to continuing this path of creating a campus lifestyle and environment that is not only safe for everyone but represents the voices of those who tend to be ignored.
My job as a senator would be to listen and advocate for issues that the student body brings up. Hot button issues include dining hall hours, dorm renovations, bus routes, e-rides, and transportation. I would strive to make existing resources more accessible and efficient, and to possibly create new resources. I would meet with students as well as with leaders in the food service, transportation service, and residence hall service to mediate a compromise between students and organizations.

It is time to Marshall the University together! I want to create positive change at the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences! I believe that through my extensive experience on campus in various leadership positions that I have the skills necessary to create that change. There needs to be more collaboration between the different departments at the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences is required; a robust array of programs for students with majors such as History and English so that they can have more opportunities to find a job after graduating college; and better correspondence between leadership and students. If I am fortunate enough to be chosen as your next SGA Senator, positive change on campus will be coming!

I believe that giving back to one's community is a duty demanded of all. UNT has been the greatest university that I have attended and I want to give back and serve the students through representation. There should be greater sense of community and openness between the students and their representatives and it should be easier to access one's Student Senator. Our school and campus can continue to shine if we take the necessary steps. Among these are increased student activism and engagement, a better understanding of the needs of non-traditional students, and the development of the university as a place of personal growth and enrichment. By continually expanding our goals and our vision, UNT can ensure the success of its students. As a Student Senator I promise three things, 1. To always be available and accessible to other students as their representative. 2. To support any policy which will better UNT and its students. 3. To stick to all that I have said and to always be proactive in my duties.

I would love to represent my fellow students as a senator in SGA because i’m one of the people who care the most! I’m new to UNT and fairly new to Texas as well. From my move, i’ve noticed a lot of differences from the various institutions i’ve attended. By far, I love UNT and value how much the people of UNT support eachother and represent their community proudly. I want to be apart of this community not only to bring many ideas from my own background but to give back and help service those who may be new, like myself, and also help fellow undergrad students have the best student experience possible.
I'm a political science major from Houston. I believe in campaigning on issues, not personality. As your SGA Senator, I'll work to:

- Expand limited dining options.
- Offer financial help to students who struggle to afford quality food.
- Fix our crumbling benches. There's at least 2 benches surrounding tables in the Clark Park area alone that are either broken or about to.
- Build a new parking space for every room in the new dorm being built next to Kerr.
- Name the new dorm after one of the many women and/or people of color who have contributed a lot to UNT.
- Put a recycling bin directly outside of each dorm, and next to each standalone trash can. Recycling should always be an immediate option if We Mean Green.
- Create a Study Abroad Investment Legion for CLASS (SAIL) funded by voluntary student contributions, that cashes out every 4 years and goes into a study abroad scholarship fund.

That being said, I don't know it all. I welcome input from all students. My personal number is 254-624-6306. If I've left out something important, text me anytime! I look forward to hearing from you.

My name is Victor Martinez and I am currently a junior majoring in political science with a minor in philosophy. Having the privilege of joining SGA would give me the opportunity to voice the concerns of all students. I originate from a high school in Dallas, Texas which unfortunately lacked the proper resources for students who desired a college education such as study skills sessions, SAT/ACT prep, scholarship opportunities, etc. This obstacle made my transition from high school to a university a difficult one. However, with the help of programs such as the Emerald Eagles Scholars program, it has given me the opportunity to academically excel at UNT. Due to my experience, I believe I am the ideal candidate for SGA because I bring a vital perspective when it comes to the decision-making processes at UNT. My goal for SGA is to place resources into programs that provide all students with the same opportunity to succeed in academia regardless of their socio-economic background.

Hello, I am Viviana Cerda and I am an International Studies major with a minor in Spanish. I love UNT and want to take a part in improving it and be a voice for students. UNT has already taken the initiative to be an eco-friendly campus but I think there is more we can do such as starting to compost by setting up composting bins in cafeterias. There are many university resources that students don't know about and so I would want to spread awareness about the resources available whether it be through talking and connecting with students or figuring out different ways of advertisement. I want to advocate for diversity amongst students and staff at UNT and help build upon our diverse campus. I want to think about the students of UNT, if elected I will be open to listening to everyone's concerns and thoughts on what needs to be improved upon at UNT and be dedicated to helping the university in any way I can.

My name is A'Joy Allen and I'm running for Senator for the University of North Texas College of Science. My mission statement is to impart and develop awareness, inclusivity, and diversity, which shall result in greater progression in self and in the campus community, opening the doors for new opportunities. The University of North Texas is known as the epitome of diversity, however it’s important to push awareness and inclusivity throughout campus. My goal is give students a voice for change and progression they wish to see in their college that will open the door for opportunities that are conducive not only to their future but to their life here on campus.
Khalil Anthony

Currently, as a student at UNT, I am an Intern for SGA, a member of the Union Board of Directors, and a University Union Building Manager. As a result of these experiences, I feel it is very important for everyone in the College of Science to be involved and informed. Over the past year as a College of Science student, I have spoken with many of my peers who say they felt uninformed about what was happening in the College of Science. As a senator, I would ensure everyone is informed about what's happening in the College of Science. I would achieve this by coordinating with advisors to create a College of Science newsletter that would go out twice a month. Also, I would ensure that there are equal opportunities for all majors and tracks; for example, I would plan more career fairs for everyone and not just health professions. As a student at UNT, you deserve to know what's going on in your college!

Leah Graham

I plan on resuming my Senator position for the College of Science because I have only scraped the surface with the amount of things I plan on accomplishing. If elected I hope to continue to make legislation and address the concerns of my constituents.

Louis Benitez

My name is Louis Benitez I am running for a reelection in the Student Senate under the College of Science. I am a first-year Biology major and from the moment I started at this University I found myself very involved and active in our school's organizations being an officer in HSA, an Officer in the only minority premedical student organization on campus MAPS, a Senator for the College of Science, and being the President of The Residence Hall Association for Kerr Hall. As a student leader, my biggest priority is to always voice the word of my fellow schoolmates because the actions I take within these organizations are not to benefit me but to benefit them as a whole. As Senator for the College of Science, I firmly believe in not only providing an atmosphere for our students to be able to excel in school but also in life by providing them with as many opportunities to network as possible. To complete this goal has been my mission for this current semester and it is getting a great footing with the College of Science. If re-elected I would continue on this mission and ensure the students from our school are prepared for life.

Mark Trotchie

Being a leader is about more than being an authority, it is a responsibility that requires selflessness, teamwork, communication, and much more. With my background in the Boy Scouts of America as an eagle scout and current scoutmaster, being an active member and officer in student orgs, and my job as a senior supplemental instruction leader, I possess many of the skills needed to be a community leader that the College of Science needs. As your elected senator, I would strive to connect with my community and listen to your ideas/concerns to improve our college and make your voices heard. I also have my ideas own for a better UNT. Some of these include improvements to our library with outlets for every table and phone charging stations. Furthermore, I want to increase the involvement of SGA on campus with more outreach and student panels, because ultimately serves the students that it represents. I will work hard to bring the progress this school needs because I care about our university, and I want us to have every advantage possible to succeed in our education. Together, I believe that we can make the change we want to see on our campus.
The importance of mental health is growing in our society. People are more open about their mental state and aware of other peoples’. The counseling center does a great job of hosting events but I feel like we can further elaborate on mental health. One in four people have a mental disability so everyone knows someone with some mental ailment. Because of this, I think we should have workshops on how to help and talk to friends with a mental illness and have one mental health absence a semester. Not everyone knows how to react to people with mental disorders or how to help their friends when they need it. Getting counseling can be intimidating and some people don’t have insurance to see one anyway. I think having a mental health awareness day would help bring awareness and getting a mental health absence a semester could help students de-stress during tough times.

Abigail Benitez

As a senate, I wish to help students feel more safe and welcomed on campus. I hope to especially focus on students who are minorities and help them be successful in college. I wish to be an influence for other students and encourage them to reach their highest potential. I want to work with students and make UNT campus a more accepting campus to those who are minorities and people of color. I hope to make a positive impact throughout UNT’s campus and make a change.

My name is Christina Browdy and I am currently a freshman majoring in entrepreneurship and real estate. If I were elected as a senator for the college of business I would like to make the student connection with the college more valuable. I would like to do this by hosting different events to allow undergraduate students to feel included and make new connections in the college they have chosen. Not only do I want to promote inclusion, but I would also promote students voices to be heard throughout campus by listening to the needs of the students. As the world continues to change we need to change with it, and I plan to bring that change. I believe that I would thrive in this position because of my authenticity, honesty, flexibility, and diligence and I would love to have the opportunity to represent the diverse group of students we have on this campus.

In college of business, we all have goals to improve our college. We all want to be successful, but most of all we want to feel accomplished. In order for us to have that, we need to set our goals. We want to be recognized and show other colleges our beliefs to our college. For example, we need better improvement on our budget. We cannot keep on wasting money that will not benefit us in the future. We need more organizations that involve every major or minor, so it will prepare us in real life. Also, there is business career fair, but they should do it more often. In case some students do not make it to one of them, there will be another in the next two months. There should be more meetings on how to be successful and how to prepare us if we ever want an internship. It is important to have the important things, so we will not be behind and getting ready for the future.

Diana Cortes
College of Business (cont.)

Isaiah Littlejohn

I pride myself on being a man for the people and with the people. I plan to not only bring about progressive change to the college of business but also to UNT as a whole. As a freshman majoring in business/marketing I have witnessed areas that need in improvement daily. Starting with more diversity in the classroom, more parking near the BLB, and improved resources for students under the college of business. However, my main goal is to key in on the relaying of information to students. Large numbers of students fail to succeed due to lack of information. UNT prides itself on being a university with many resources. But what good is having resources if students fail to be knowledgeable of them. I plan to bring about initiatives that keep students within the college of business informed at all times by using my position and voice to fight for students. Integrity, progression, and serenity 3 aspects that headline my campaign. 3 reasons why you should make sure to go vote!

Sam Weber

As a member of the SGA Intern Program, I have been able to see SGA work to provide a better and more inclusive campus environment for all students. After a year in the program, I see a need for an increased transparency and visibility for SGA amongst students and faculty alike. I feel that SGA needs to collaborate more with other on campus organizations in order to ensure that all students are knowledgeable of legislation and feel represented by it. After speaking with some potential constituents, I advocate for an increased collaboration between the Career Center and the College of Business for students who are unsure of their career interests. There is a significant portion of freshmen in the COB who are unsure of what their real interests are, and I feel that certain resources such as aptitude tests directly in the BLB would provide help to these students. As your senator for the College of Business, I want to propose legislation that fosters professional development and provides networking for students with professionals. I will work every day to address your concerns and ensure that you are heard and represented in every decision made by the Student Government Association!

Blake Ball

My name is Blake Ball and it will be my goal to bring school spirit back to Denton, Texas. I will do everything in my power to unite the students of the University of North Texas, and to further what it means to be Mean Green. For far too long, the students of our great university have not been given ample opportunity to unite as one. I believe I can help spearhead this movement.

This candidate withdrew on Monday, April 2nd

College of Health and Public Service

Deana Ayers

My name is Deana Ayers, and I am a Social Work major with a minor in Public Administration. As a member of multiple political and service organizations, I hope that I can use my experiences to serve you as your Health and Public Service Senator.

- I plan to strengthen HPS as a college. We should increase the number of alumni and networking events offered, and improve communication between students, faculty, staff, and organizations.
- I aim to put forward initiatives that get UNT students sustainably involved in the Denton community. This includes more service learning opportunities, as well as creating a culture of civic engagement within the student body.
- I want to improve awareness of, and access to, the services and programs UNT offers. Students should be able to easily utilize mental health resources at our university.
- Building and supporting the diversity of the student body is also important. I will strive to go beyond talking about inclusivity, and work to make sure UNT shows solidarity with the different communities represented on campus.

I believe that all of these plans are feasible, and I will do my best to turn this platform into reality.
College of Health and Public Services

Isaiah “Hope Dealer” Williams

Nathan Robert

Nathan Robert is a third semester student here at The University of North Texas, he is a junior working towards a degree in Emergency Administration and Planning, minoring in Religious Studies. He came to us from Criswell College, where he studied Theological and Biblical Foundations. Nathan Robert has a lifelong commitment to Public Service, and giving for those in need. He has over 15 years of military service (U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve); he began in the Airborne and Special Operations. He also has over 9 years in Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services. And over 3 years in service to both state and federal Urban Service & Rescue operations. Before becoming a member of our Eagles Family, Nathan Robert served as a community leader in Old East Dallas; where he was committed to strengthening the immigrant population which was struggling with the effects of gentrification from urban renewal and development. Fostering community relations to empower these families, and provided them the best of learning environments for the youth. Your Vote, for Nathan Robert, is for someone that is willing to be your servant, a delegate of the student body, in the College of Health and Public Service.

Sarah E. Ramirez

Hello I am Sarah E. Ramirez, a junior majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Public Administration. I am currently serving as one of the senators in the College of Health and Public Service, and I am also a member of Lambda Alpha Epsilon the criminal justice fraternity here at North Texas. I had the unique opportunity of coming in as a transfer student and getting an outsider view of the what it means to have UNT pride, and that helped to fueled my passion to serve as a senator for the College of Health and Public Service.

If re-elected I will to continue to develop relationship between Student Government Association, and the students we represent here at The University of North Texas. That being said some of my goals within the 2018-2019 school year are to improve the way we approach students from all walks of life not just our traditional students, and to help develop a better relationship between the Dean and our faculty members to help fuel our success. Thank you for your time and consideration, GO MEAN GREEN!

Zuberi Mtemvu

I am Zuberi Mtemvu, majoring in criminal justice. I am grateful every day to be a Mean Green student in this fantastic place and to be a part of our community of diverse and talented individuals. If you elect me, I will work to make sure that you know what’s going on in UNT, when and where it’s happening, and how it affects you. I intend to represent UNT as student senator honestly and diligently, listen carefully to your concerns and serve as a useful liaison. I hope that you will give me the opportunity to represent you in the student senator.
Nick Gorietti

Communication, representation, participation, and execution are all key aspects of any senator. As your Mayborn School of Journalism Senator, I will ensure that your voice as a student is heard, and you as an entity of the University of North Texas at Denton are being represented with the utmost respect and dignity you deserve. My participation as your senator will show immensely, as I have held multiple executive positions in Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, ranging from the executive treasurer, to currently executive president. Lastly, after all is said and done, I will do everything in my power to faithfully execute the office of Senator of Mayborn School of Journalism, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect, and defend our student constitution, and your voice as my classmates.

Edgar Alvarado

This candidate withdrew on Thursday, April 5th

Nick Gorietti

High achieving, hardworking, and excellence striving students find home in our Honors College. The challenging classroom course loads and requirements for membership push Honors students to higher levels of thinking and deeper understanding of topics, all driven by their motivation to further their college experience and education. As a member of the Honors College, I can proudly say that being an Honors student has enriched my college education further than any additional areas of my studies. Honors College students lead others, generate new programs, and construct new levels of curriculum with professors to continue challenging their bright minds for their future. This is why I feel that students who want to go the extra step, widen their knowledge, and foster their future wisely, are students whose voice should be heard and ideas implemented. The role of serving the Honors College as an SGA Senator requires someone with experience being an Honors student, what the reality of it is, and what could be done to improve the program, all the way from the beginning logistics, to the graduation stole. With my understanding and commitment to this position, I’d be proud to serve the Honors College as an SGA Senator.

Tarlan Faal

Honors College

Hello, UNT HC! My name is Rachel Shafer and I am the current serving senator for Honors College in addition to my involvement with multiple student organizations including Green Jackets, Honors College Programming Council, and Alternative Service Breaks. In the past year, I’ve worked within our college to build a community, connect with students, and prepare them for their future. As always, work continues to expand Honors course offerings, a project which I have been working on in close collaboration with the college deans. If elected to serve you for another term, I hope work with facilities to improve academic buildings & study spaces and continue work on ongoing mental health-related initiatives. Within the Senate, I will continue working to improve internal order and finding ways to make SGA a more effective and helpful resource for students. As always, I hope to continue reaching out to students and addressing concerns as they arise.

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**Elections**

**Student Government Association**

**Chloe Field**

I hope to serve as an efficient mode of communication between the TAMS student body and UNT. As a representative of TAMS, I will voice the opinions of those who are unhappy and seek peaceful resolutions for everyone involved. I will hold responsibility for any unpleasantries that are expressed by either TAMS or UNT, and remain respectful and organized throughout all of these experiences.

**David Yue**

Don’t listen to the fake news! Fake news outlets will tell you that TAMS is doing well. Well, we’re losing funding and representation big time. Let’s forget the alternative facts and make sure TAMS gets the justice we deserve. Join me to Make TAMS Great Again. #MTAMSGA #NoMoreFakeNews #YueKnowIt

**Huram-Abi Nzia Yotchoum**

A New Voice, A New Vision, A New Leader, a better future. I, Huram-Abi, have three goals to accomplish as a TAMS Senator. My number one goal is to help get more funding for TAMS. With the recent budget cut, TAMS is becoming less affordable for TAMS students.

My Secondary goal is to help get TAMS student to become more integrated with UNT clubs and to have some UNT funds support TAMS clubs. and my Third goal is to create a program for TAMS students, that will facilitate the process of searching and getting into an undergraduate research program.

I believe that I am the best person for this position because of my previous leadership experience in scouting and a former Student Body government leader.

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**Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science**

**Asia Youngs-Bailey**

I will use my role as a senator to become the platform for my peers and become the vessel that makes change. My job is to listen and do as much work, if not more, than necessary to get the job done.

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**College of Visual Arts and Design**

**Huram-Abi Nzia Yotchoum**
Kevin Jacob

My goal as TAMS senator is to strengthen the relationship between the TAMS student body and both the UNT administration and the city of Denton. I plan on doing this by increasing organizational contact between our student body and the UNT student body. I want to make sure that TAMS is not seen as a costly burden by UNT as it doesn’t make a major profit. I plan on implementing the following policies:

- Removing the WiFi cut off at McConnel Hall
- Working with TAMS admin to allow us to have more than one 3 credit hour elective
- Decrease Parking price in front of McConnel Hall
- Try to make TAMS costs cheaper for our incoming juniors.

By working with the administration and student organizations, we will provide a sustained effort to foster the long-term goal of a more integrated university community. This effort will take us all, moving forward together to make these changes possible. So I propose to you: let’s end the separation of TAMS and UNT decisions; let’s improve this Campus together!

Phi Henry Nguyen

As TAMS SGA Senator, I hope to improve the TAMS Community and provide TAMS Students a forum in which they can make their voice heard within UNT’s student government. I hope to be able to make TAMS more relevant on the UNT campus and help TAMS students become more involved within UNT as a whole.

As a senator within the student government, I hope to tackle real issues that TAMS students face, such as budget cuts and restrictions on class enrollment. I wish to make both TAMS and UNT a better place, and to foster an open environment in which students are empowered to improve TAMS.

Tejas Mehta

Everyone TAMSters is immensely gifted, and I want to make sure everyone is given opportunities to fulfill their dreams. From my queries to my peers, the universal problem of TAMS is lack of support. By providing more avenues (personal and professional) for emotional and psychological support, I want us to be able maximize our potential and truly enjoy what we do here at TAMS. I plan to use my influence as the senator to remove barriers of inequalities. My plan is to provide many of the opportunities that UNT student organizations offer, such as access to more competitions as well as more funding. Another inequality I hope to end is the wifi cutoff policy, which is promoting a “pay to win” approach to TAMS as those with hotspots attain an unfair advantage. My ultimate goal is to publicize the TAMS program to both admin in UNT and potential benefactors outside of UNT so that we can receive the funding we require. My dream is to provide TAMSters a powerful influence as important members of the UNT community so our dreams will not be impeded by inequality, and we earn the respect and wonderful opportunities UNT has to offer us.

Vi-Anh Hoang

My goals as a senator are to improve the treatment of mental and physical disabilities at the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS) and UNT, the integration of TAMS in the UNT system, and the communication between the Student Government Association, UNT and TAMS administrations, and TAMS students. I want to address the issue of how the administration approaches mental conditions like depression, suicidal thoughts, bipolar disorder, and anxiety and make it easier to access a diagnosis and proper treatment. I would also like to make McConnell Hall and the UNT Campus a more accessible environment to those with physical disabilities, following the guidelines provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, I want to continue Sven Lohse’s work of integrating TAMS into the UNT system and finish reforming the constitutional system. Finally, I would like to keep the TAMS community informed of what is happening within the student government, posting important updates and votes involving the TAMS community on Facebook and possibly holding meetings at McConnell Hall.
I will aim to represent all students, faculty, administration, and staff in the best light. I will administer all the legislation of the Senate and Board of Residents. I will encourage and sponsor campus events that contribute to awareness, knowledge, and thought about contemporary issues, establish election procedures for Senate and Executive positions, and make all legislation necessary and proper for campus governance.

Yuqing Liu

College of Music

If I am elected to represent the College of Music, I will work to provide newer equipment and instruments for the College’s inventory to be rented out to students. Many of the instruments UNT provides are state of the art, but they are in limited supply. Every year, after the first-rate instruments are all rented out, many students are provided with the older, oftentimes defective instruments that the College of Music has left in the inventory. To be admitted to the UNT College of Music requires an enormous amount of talent and much more hard work. It is disappointing that there are students, here in one of the most prestigious music programs in the world, who are being held back by some of the second-rate equipment UNT provides, simply because they can not afford to purchase their own instruments, most of which cost thousands of dollars. Having a larger inventory of newer instruments will help these students reach the potential they came to UNT to achieve.

Loke Lovett