



## 2021-22 Campaign Statements

Elections for Student Members of the Executive Committee and Board Representatives

### **Camden Student Member of the Executive Committee**

Josefina Ewins, CCAS (S)

As a first-year Senator, I believe that it is essential to allow for new ideas to be brought to the table and not just the ones that have been created in the vacuum in previous years. Being heavily involved on the Camden campus, being a Bonner Civic Scholar researching the city of Camden, being the Executive Senator on our Camden campus, having lead discussions regarding creating an anti-racist community on our campus as well as assisting with diversity, equity, and inclusion listening sessions on campus, I understand the different issue areas that are on our campuses that need to be addressed. The disconnect between students and the city itself; the support that is necessary for our student senators; and the issues surrounding our University regarding anti-racist and inclusion necessities that our students, faculty, and staff need. I believe that within my seat, I can advocate for students, not only for those at the Camden campus but also for those at both Newark and New Brunswick campuses. We must be united not as three separate campuses but as one to advocate for the changes needed to benefit our students, faculty, and staff. I promise to advocate for the best interests of the students across all campuses and work for change that is needed.

### **Newark Student Member of the EC**

David Daughety, NCAS (S)

Experience, Empowerment, and Education. If you ask that of people who know me, these are the values they will vouch for that describe me. These are the values that guide my steps and actions in everything that I have done, currently do, and have yet to accomplish. Once I made the decision to attend Rutgers University Newark, I immediately got involved over the summer by planning a rally with the newly formed Black Caucus in light of upset over racial injustice. Since then I was elected Student Affairs Senator, sat on President Hollaway's first student advisory committee, and then this year I was elected the Speaker of the Rutgers Newark SGA Senate. I say all of this to say experience is not only what I embody, but I carry the torch of passion in every accomplishment I have made. I use that experience and passion to best represent my constituents through empowering them. When I listen, I empower them. When I

stand up for what I believe in, I empower them. When I encourage them to be knowledgeable of their rights and express that, I empower them. When I demonstrate and embrace my commitment to informed voting, I empower them. This experience we have while here at Rutgers University is not just grades, textbooks, and numbers. We deserve the best out of our educational experience and that is what I offer to fight for with every breath as their representative as well as yours. I stand for principle, integrity, and persistence. That is why I am running for this position, to bring my values and passions to a different and bigger platform. But most importantly, I am running to uplift the voices of those who placed me here and do right by them, by us.

### **Board of Governors Student Representative**

Fauzan Amjad, SAS-NB (S)

When I was in sixth grade, my science class took a field trip to the Rutgers Engineering Department where engineering students led a workshop on building non-electrical water pumps. Having no previous engineering experience, I was inspired by their passion and intrigued by their problem-solving mindset - little did 6th grade me know that I would dedicate the next seven years to the STEM field. As a freshman, Rutgers was pivotal in helping me launch BabySafeHealth.com - a machine learning application to analyze past infant mortality data to provide mothers with insight into their pregnancy's potential health consequences - through the IDEA program, funding my team \$2500 to conduct primary research into the emotional fears and social issues regarding the pregnancy process with help from New Jersey Medical School through Rutgers I-Corps, and combining my interest in artificial intelligence with the sciences by giving me the opportunity to develop deep learning models to track zebra finch behavior in Professor Vicario's laboratory. Because of the influence Rutgers has had on my life, Rutgers will always share a special place in my heart. I want others to feel the same way I do about the greatest university in the country. As the Board of Governors Student Representative, I believe my diverse background and determination will bring a unique perspective to the table and I'll work to address infrastructure concerns, increased mental health emergencies and financial insecurities from Hurricane Ida and the COVID-19 pandemic, and work to provide more equitable entrepreneurship, research, and academic programs.

Malachi Sutton, SAS-NB (S)

As the Board of Governors Student Representative, my goal is to build a coalition with members of the Rutgers Senate to address the issues that are crucial to the livelihood of the Rutgers student body. First, it is essential to create a plan of action that provides covid-19 testing options and resources for vaccinated students on campus, to keep student body members safe. Secondly, my goal is to work closely with members of the Senate to ensure financial transparency between the Rutgers Administration and the Student Body as a pathway of providing financial security for students. Lastly, I seek to prioritize advocating for an increase in student representation within the Rutgers Senate to further promote the student body's voice.

As both a Resident Assistant and longtime member of RUSA, I witness firsthand how the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic are affecting students in their academic endeavors and social experiences. In addition, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic are still impacting various communities on campus, especially communities of color and individuals from low-income areas. As the Board of Governors Student Representative, my goal is to collaborate with every member of the Senate to ensure a positive experience and a sense of security for the Rutgers Student Body.

### **Board of Trustees Graduate Student Representative**

Amanda Azer, NJMS (S)

Good Afternoon! My name is Amanda Azer, and I am currently a second-year medical student at New Jersey Medical School. My skills, thus far, in medical school and prior to medical school have prepared me to adequately fill the role of graduate student Board of Trustees Representative. Prior to coming to medical school, I was the president of the NJIT Student Senate and with that position, I was able to secure student seats on all the Board of Trustees committees of NJIT. It is my belief that the voice of a student who is living the educational experience provides invaluable insight into different policies and their impact on students, which is why I hope to fill this role. Being on the Board of Trustees at NJIT, along with other governing bodies including the university senate, have afforded me the knowledge of how these proceedings are properly run, and how to best express the voice of the student body in the best manner. In addition, because I serve on the student council of NJMS, serve as a member and eboard of several other organizations, and am well connected with students attending the other graduate schools including the dental, physical therapy, and nursing, I can provide a well-informed opinion with regards to policies and other topics discussed. I believe there is always room for improvement, and I hope to assist in bettering all the Rutgers campuses if elected. With this information, I hope to have gained your vote for this position.