

Elena Fuentes - Student Advocate

Hello Vaqueros! My name is Elena Fuentes and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Student Advocate for the ASG 2023-2024 school year. Although I've only been on the ASG as Secretary for a short time, seeing the genuine passion this council has for serving the campus community has inspired me to venture beyond my current responsibilities and really connect with the student body. I intend to dedicate myself to advocating for my fellow students, especially those that are underrepresented, and I feel I have the willingness to ensure these ideas become a reality. My extensive work abroad this past year volunteering with marginalized groups in Spain, Italy, and Greece has taught me the strength of collective action and the importance of recognizing and valuing the diversity in our communities. I believe that as the recently elected Communications Officer for Region VI of SSCCC, I can reignite involvement with our fellow campuses and gain perspective on additional ways to improve our campus climate. I recognize that the needs of students are rapidly and continuously changing, so my ambition as Student Advocate is to solicit feedback from the student body on a regular basis so that the executive decisions enacted by ASG are a true reflection of the student population's needs. I also hope to collaborate with our school's administrators to advocate for existing support programs and resources on campus, as well as external assistance programs that students may be unaware they are eligible for. More than anything, I want to listen to and understand my peers to promote the change they want to see on campus. As your representative, I promise to work steadfastly to protect your interests and forge a path we all have equal footing on. Thank you for your consideration, and go Vaqueros!