

Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Anastasia Helms

Why do you want to be a member of the House of Representatives?

My experience thus far in SGA has been incredibly meaningful and impactful on my personal growth as a student leader. Most importantly, being able to serve and represent the interests of the students on our campus has been an extremely humbling and rewarding experience. I would love to continue my time in the SGA House of Representatives because there is nothing more gratifying than giving back to the community. Additionally, I want to continue to advocate for every student on our campus and make TCU a more positive and inclusive environment for all. I am grateful to have had the ability to advocate for this fundamental change, and I will not stop until every voice of every student is heard. Our goal as student leaders is to be proponents for others, and that is my long term mission here at TCU.

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I am passionate about making TCU the most positive and inclusive environment for all students, and that entails advocating for marginalized and underrepresented perspectives on campus. I would like to increase SGA involvement from members of these communities through outreach efforts and heightened communication between SGA and the student body. I am also a proponent for students with disabilities or who struggle with medical diagnoses. I will continue to advocate for these members of our campus and make them feel loved and supported for who they are through increased communication regarding wellness resources at TCU. Finally, I will continue the Random Acts of Kindness Day Initiative on campus in order to foster community and spread joy. I have always been passionate about this project, because my goal as an undergraduate student at TCU is to make a lasting impact on my peers and community.

Garret James

Why do you want to be a member of the House of Representatives?

I want to be able to continue my work within SGA of building a better rapport with students of Harris College. As the currently Chaplain, I would love to be elected again and to help guide our student body spiritually.

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1. The connection between representatives and their constituency. Why? I think it should be the huge backbone of SGA and people talk about it as if it is, but surely it is not.
2. A spiritual presence within TCU. Regardless of faith, I think in today's world, our society tells us not to care about our souls when this is so far from the truth. I want make spiritual health strong on this campus.
3. The relationship in the house in general. Representatives don't know who they are representing with. Meetings are awkward (and therefore inefficient to the student body) because the only time you see most of the people are only during meetings.

Kelly Mahoney

Why do you want to be a member of the House of Representatives?

I want to continue my work on the SGA House of Representatives this coming year as a way to give back to TCU. This place has given me so much- friends that have turned into family,

and a beautiful campus that turned into home, and I'm so beyond lucky to be here! We've all been struggling to connect with each other throughout the pandemic, but now that we can see the light at the end of the tunnel, we can slowly return back to the TCU we know and love. More than anything, I want everyone in my constituency to feel welcome and loved by TCU.

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Three things I'm passionate about working on include camaraderie between classmates, safety on campus, and increasing mental health resources. I chose TCU because of their strong commitment to each of these, but with the year we've had, all three of these ideas have been thrown for a loop. I'm hoping to slowly incorporate these back into everyday life at TCU as cases continue to go down and we're able to come together more. It's an absolute joy to work to improve TCU, and I'm hoping to continue this meaningful work into the next year.

Mariana Rodriguez

Why do you want to be a member of the House of Representatives?

Having been a representative of Harris College for the past two sessions I have grown incredibly fond of SGA and the House of Representatives. I believe the work we do as representatives of the student body is incredibly important. We have made a lot of strides this past session and I believe we can continue to do more for our community and student body. I want to be a part of continuing to better TCU and as a representative I can continue doing this.

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Some things I am passionate about include DEI, sustainability, and mental health. Specifically for DEI, I would love to establish a DEI committee within the IFC and Panhellenic Greek councils because I feel that is a place on campus that lacks the most DEI. I want to be able to spearhead the issue directly by focusing more attention on the issue there. As for sustainability, I am currently on the sustainability committee and I wish to do more work that integrates the faculty on the committee with the student body. In my experience, there are more faculty members interested in the cause than students and I wish to rid of that disconnect. Lastly, in regards to mental health, I believe mental health coupled with alcohol and drug abuse is a prevalent issue that affects many college students including those on our campus and I would like to begin a campaign for mental health specifically coupled with substance abuse.

Natalie Knapp

Why do you want to be a member of the House of Representatives?

I would like to become a member of the SGA House of Representatives because I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as a College of Science and Engineering Representatives and would like to continue my efforts. I want to be a voice for those on campus who potentially do not feel heard. My goal is to be a listener and an advocate. I would listen to my constituents and their perspectives on topics that they are passionate about. After this, I would attend house and advocate on their behalf. I would speak up for topics both myself and my constituents believe in in order to make an active change on campus.

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A few things I would like to implement include creating a more accessible campus and having monthly coffee chats. I'd continue working on projects that link us to Fort Worth. By setting up an open house every month where constituents have the opportunity to meet with me personally, this will allow for open communication. Constituents would discuss ideas for legislation, problems they experience, or any other topic. A more accessible campus would ensure that those with disabilities have a better campus experience. I'd work closely with the accommodations office to better promote the resources available to students and adjust protocols to make their efforts more attainable. I would like to continue working directly with the Paschal Program and Fort Worth Organizations to see students get plugged into the community. This way, students will have the opportunity to explore Fort Worth's efforts and continue to make an impact outside of the TCU Campus.

Temilolaoluwa Akande

Why do you want to be a member of the House of Representatives?

Being an African American woman at Texas Christian University challenges me to be more involved on campus so my community is represented. If elected as a member of the SGA House of Representatives, I could relay the wants and needs of the African American community and other students who may feel underrepresented here on campus. This experience would stay with me throughout every aspect of my life because I'll incorporate my new communication, leadership, and teamwork skills in the Medical field. I'm excited to meet other people who are as in as me to make a meaningful difference on campus that will benefit the entire Student body as a whole. I thank God just for the opportunity to apply for such an honor to be a part of the SGA House of Representatives and if elected will take my position seriously and dedicate every minute not studying to my peers.

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I would like to propose a live gym poll on the REC website where every student swiped in and out will be registered and unregistered. Then, the gym will know if they are reaching or at capacity. Students need a more straightforward advising staff that will help them prepare for future jobs and internships according to their majors. Why should students need to know the right connections to be successful after college? I propose that TCU have these resources available for anyone interested in securing their future. Mental health is extremely important here on campus, but there are multiple factors that can compromise that. I would like to propose healthier options around campus because what we put into our bodies is just as important as the amount of sleep we get per night. Without the right nutrients, students may not be able to perform at their best here on campus.