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Associated Students of Merritt College

**VOTER
GUIDE**



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VOTING PROCEDURES



VOTER GUIDE:

USE THE MERRITT COLLEGE VOTER GUIDE TO GET TO KNOW ALL OF THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR MISSIONS BETTER. MEET THE CANDIDATES WHO ARE RUNNING FOR THE DISTRICT-WIDE STUDENT TRUSTEE AND ASMC COUNCIL MEMBER POSITIONS, AS WELL AS REVIEW NEW PROPOSITIONS.

HOW AND WHERE TO VOTE:

Online voting will begin on **Tuesday, April 9th** and end on **Wednesday, April 10th**. The website link will be posted on Merritt College's Student Elections page

<https://www.merritt.edu/asmc/student-elections/>.

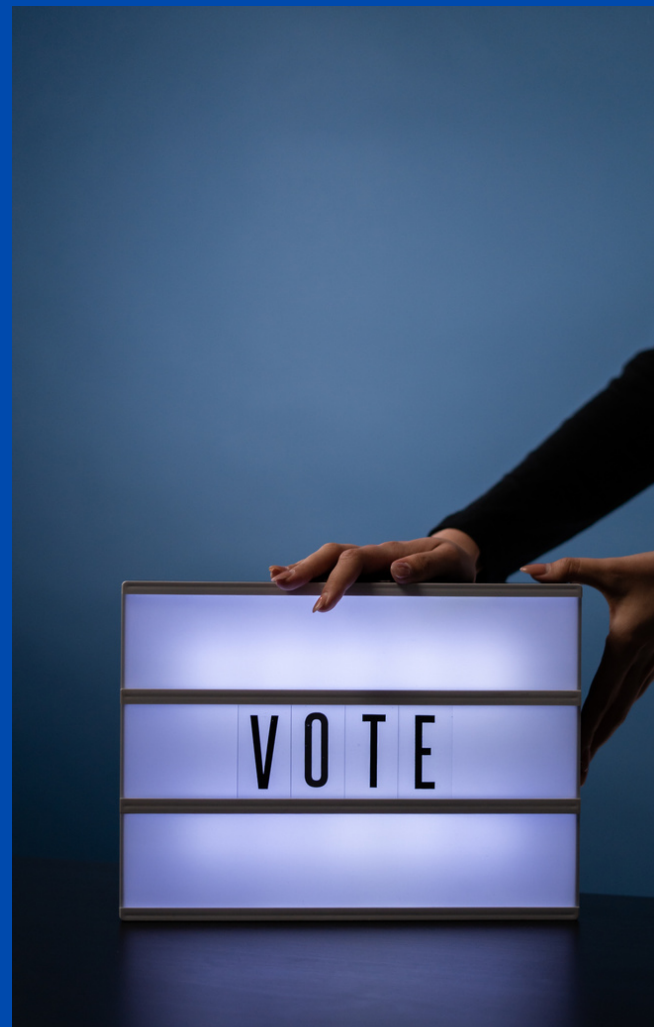
Students may not vote on behalf of other students, and a student ID number is required for voting.

Elections results will be posted by Monday, April 15th.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

STUDENT TRUSTEE

- Natasha Masand
- Sophia Parmigiani



CANDIDATE FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE: NATASHA MASAND



Hello Everyone!

My name is Natasha Masand, I'm a full-time student at Berkeley City College pursuing the role of Student Trustee in this 2024-25 student government election. It would be a privilege to represent the perspective of Alameda College, Laney College, Berkeley City College, and Merritt College students to the Board of Peralta.

My current campus position as a Student Assistant in the Career & Transfer Center, Co-President of The Economics (TTA) Club, and President of the Sustainable Business Club, allow me to interact with students every day. As a Student Assistant, I regularly converse with students while advising them on transfer options, applying to jobs, connecting them with support programs, and more. These encounters have made me knowledgeable on current student opinions and concerns that I intend to present in District Board meetings. Additionally, in my role as President of Sustainable Business and TTA clubs, I've worked collaboratively to plan events and hold meetings to strengthen the vibrancy of student life on campus. From this, I've learned how to navigate school policies to benefit students. My combined experience as a Student Assistant and Club Officer have prepared me to accurately speak on student values and frontline change on campus.

As a Student Trustee, I plan for my involvement on campus to continue and adjust according to the needs of the student body I represent. Holding office hours and being available through email are just a few of the ways I intend to establish a simple channel of communication between myself and students. I will always be willing to meet with you to discuss your ideas and am looking forward to the change we can make together.

Thankyou:)

CANDIDATE FOR STUDENT TRUSTEE: Sophia Parmigiani



Hello everyone! My name is Sophia Parmigiani, and I'm running for Student Trustee! As your representative on the Peralta District School Board, I will be a vocal advocate for your needs as a fellow student, ensuring that our student body's most critical interests and pressing concerns are addressed at council meetings. If elected, my primary focus will be: 1. Transparent communication with students by advocating on your behalf. 2. Enhancing accessibility to resources 3. Cultivating a supportive learning environment where we can flourish together. Above all, I believe that awareness and knowledge of the available resources within our community are key to our collective success. I desire to hear your thoughts, take in and share information from the board meetings, and bring opportunities and ideas back to you. Additionally, I will work to strengthen the systems through which these resources are communicated. My priority will be given to maintaining and improving affordability and accessibility on our campus. Presently, I serve as Vice President of BCC's Women's Leadership Club, where we provide resources to empower women through initiatives such as career panels, workshops, and presentations. For instance, I collaborated with the BART Chief Communications Director last semester to host a presentation and discussion on combating sexual harassment on public transport. I also hold a position on the student government ASBCC board and strive to learn more about the school systems to better serve the community. Lastly, I aim to create an inviting learning environment with attractive spaces where you can readily receive support within your classes. Let's build a stronger community by uplifting our student voice! Feel free to approach me with your concerns or ideas! Vote Sophia for Student Trustee! Thank you for your support.

PROPOSITIONS

THERE ARE NO
PROPOSITIONS
ON THE BALLOT

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE



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- **Alejandro Gomez (Sustainability Club President)**
 - **Kristy O'Brien (Sustainability Club Member)**
 - **Cassandra Dorscht (Phi Theta Kappa President)**
 - **Doris Hankins (Director, Student Activities and Campus Life)**
 - **Dave Rivera Zelaya (ASMC Vice President and Election Committee Chair)**



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