

**Aakanksha AAKANKSHA 20436979**

Hey everyone! I'm Aakanksha, an international student from India, studying Bachelors of Business (Accounting). I was the International Representative last term, as many of you may know, and actually was never aware that such a position existed before I ran for it. This is why I worked on the recognition of this position, what it offers the students and the SRC as a whole. I reached out to the students and answered the queries, helped them with getting to know the university services and regarding how to adjust to this completely new country and life. Being in the SRC at this position has aided me in providing support to other students and guide them through the areas that I wish someone would have guided me. I would love to keep helping you all in the next term as well :)

**Husnat ABBASI 19577803**

The candidate statement serves as a nomination for the Student Representative Council elections with a vision to work in collaboration with the University Administration for the welfare of students. Currently a final year student of Bachelor of Engineering (Honours), hence, I think my experience could be valuable for the students to overcome the complications during the course.

Previously working closely with the Presidents of multiple University student councils and societies has profoundly enlightened me regarding the various concerns of students throughout the academic years. On multiple occasions, I have highlighted the issues faced by students and worked to overcome them. Various Inter-University sports and multicultural events were also organised during my stay at UNSW.

Moreover, my passion to work with dedication and involvement in student bodies of Universities in Sydney would play an integral part to overcome the hurdles faced by students from diverse backgrounds.

**Afroze ABID 19874454**

Dear Fellow WSU mates and staff members

I'll make this one quick :)

My name is Muhammad Afroze Abid and I'm doing my Masters of Social Work at our beautiful Uni. Most of you don't know me, let me tell you, that wouldn't be the case when you come seeking assistance from me on any matter after I become your voice. I won't make decisions for you guys, I'll make decisions with you guys. Together we will make our experience at WSU a beautiful one and build a relation that goes beyond our University years and try to be there for each other like one BIG family.... xx

I've had previous experiences during my school years where I was a house Captain. One thing I can assure everyone of is, I'm a really good listener and will give my best for addressing the challenges we face.

**Isaac ADAMS 19597498**

Hello! My name is Abidemi Isaac Adams. I am running for the position of vice-President (undergraduate). I want to play an active role in the development and ongoing improvement of our university and its many facets. I see the position of a vice-President as an excellent platform to be part of a team that is involved not only in the current student's lives, but also the bigger picture of providing a better place for future students. I have a leadership experience in being a senior head prefect in high school and other volunteer NGO programs. I will ensure that I will be a leader who listens to the complaints of students and campaign vigorously on every issue.

**Louis AUSSUDRE 20647719**  
UNITE

Hi all!

My name is Louis (he/him), and I am a member of the Unite team for 2023!

The team and I will be fighting for your interests here at Western Sydney University.

I am an international student currently studying a Bachelor of Business majoring in Accounting at Parramatta City campus, and I have a strong passion for fighting for the welfare and wellbeing of students, as well as protecting the university and surrounding areas' environment.

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**Daniel BONATTI 19257310**

Nominating for Vice President, Online or Parramattasouth, studying Masters in building surveying and Bachelor of Construction Management (honours) major building and quantity surveying and minor Sustainability, Bachelor of Applied Leadership and Critical thinking. I am currently the school academic committee undergraduate representative for Engineering Design and Built environment and STEM Metlac and APCAC postgraduate representative.

Past experience, Postgraduate Vice President Education for SRC. I am currently in academic committees past President and now Secretary of Golden Key International Honour Society, CIB Council of Building undergraduate rep and RCSC Research Continuity School Council. Plus, the President of EWB Engineers Without Borders and Region NSW Vice President.

**Jordan BRETT 22030482**  
UNITE

Hi all!

My name is Jordan, and I am a member of the Unite team for 2023!

The team and I will be fighting for your interests here at Western Sydney University.

As the current Residential Student Representative, I have been working to improve the lives of all on-campus students by engaging the Tenants Union, Campus Living Villages, and many other

organisations, but my team and I have so much more to accomplish.

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**Belle CHEUNG 20351087**

UNITE

Hi all!

My name is Belle, and I am a member of the Unite team for 2023!

The team and I will be fighting for your interests here at Western Sydney University.

I am an International Student studying and living at Campbelltown Campus, and I am very excited to serve you on the SRC. The team and I have a lot of great ideas, and these are just a few of them.

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**Sumaiya CHOWDHURE 18978621**

As an aspiring writer and broadcast journalist, I am actively looking for opportunities to utilise my writing and editing skills that I have learnt during my media studies. I take pride in my writing and believe I can bring fresh and unique perspectives to our Universities newsletter. I would be privileged to occupy the editor position and actively work towards forwarding valuable content to our readers.

**Joel CLEMENTINO 22032889**

I aim to propose change for our international student community. I am persistent and confident that there is an important work to do to improve the welfare and wellbeing for the international student community.

**Rose COX 20399782**

I have first hand experience in both of these areas and I believe my knowledge would have a positive impact on the SRC and being a voice for my peers. I am passionate about mental health and I am a Young Carer. I know how it is to try and managing balancing studies, caring responsibilities, work and relationships. I also sit on the NSW Carers Advisory Council, provide advice to the NSW Mental Health Commission and I am the Young Ambassador of the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation. Welfare and wellbeing is so important especially since we entered a Covid-19 world. Now more than ever I believe that we need to support each other but particularly ourselves and ensure that our concerns are being heard, let me be this voice and together I can help you, help us.

**Anna DOAN 24640893**

Hi! My name is Anna and I absolutely love learning and believe education is such an important part of life.

Whilst I would love to make it into the President, Vice-President, or General Secretary roles, for the more specific nominated positions:

1) First Nations representative: I truly believe that First Nations People still withhold barriers towards equal opportunities and equal access to educational resources. In fulfilling this position, I will be able to learn more about what support services the University has for First Nations People and can better represent their voice. I truly believe diversity is inclusion!

2) International Representative: As a WSU English Conversations Facilitator, I cannot express enough how wonderful our international students are and how willing they are to learn and contribute to an enriching university experience. Being the student representative for any of these roles would be very humbling!

**Laine FOX 20384151**

UNITE

Hi all!

My name is Laine Fox, and I am a member of the Unite team for 2023!

The team and I will be fighting for your interests here at Western Sydney University.

I am a Parramatta City business student with a strong passion for our student body's welfare, and the team and I are committed to working to promote students interests across all campuses.

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**Heidi HODDER 18424094**

I hope to assist in enhancing the welfare and wellbeing of students at WSU. I'm studying a Masters of Social Work and have close to two decades of experience working in mental health, disability, and

university student services. I volunteer for Family Drug Support on their crisis line and facilitating support groups, for Scouts and Wesley Mission Aunties and Uncles. I have volunteered previously supporting refugee women in community palliative care and teaching English as a home tutor, in disability respite, for Australian Breastfeeding Association and in refugee and maternity care advocacy, death literacy and more. I am the eldest of seven and a mum to three boys. Growing up I experienced a mix of privilege (education, whiteness, nurturing parents who were passionate about social justice) and hardship (bullying, sudden poverty and bereavement, intergenerational trauma) which has led me to being open-minded and open-hearted.

**Ibrahim KHURSHEED 22026725**

Hi everyone! I'm Ibrahim Khursheed, based at the Parramatta South campus. Some of my pastimes include badminton, table tennis and Valorant, and I am super into puzzles.

Throughout my school years, I was always a crucial part of the organising committees of some of the most significant events. Also, I represented my school in various large-scale competitions. I would be translating these assets of mine to the university level and I am hoping to represent your voices in the coming semesters. I understand areas where we excel but also where we lack. From access to a gym to a proper class allocation system, the promises that I can make for you are endless. But they will only come to fruition if you are to support me in this endeavour of mine. Your issues will be my issues but my success will be yours :)

**Sandy LINDSAY 16114627**

I am a science student planning to become a high school science teacher. I hope to inspire a love of STEM in the next generation, particularly in young women who are under-represented in STEM fields.

I'm the first of my family to attend university, and grew up in Western Sydney on the brink of poverty. While my situation has changed considerably over the last 10yrs, I haven't forgotten the adversities many students face.

As a mother of 2 young children, I was forced to develop skills in time management, organisation, problem solving, event planning and oftentimes hostage negotiation (sharing toys is tough!) This year I stepped up to an executive role in the Student Parent Union and have been actively trying to increase support and remove barriers to inclusive education for parents.

I've found a passion for advocacy and hope to bring a new perspective to the SRC.

**Caitlin MARLOR 19675451**

UNITE

Hi all!

My name is Caitlin, and I am a member of the Unite team for 2023!

The team and I will be fighting for your interests here at Western Sydney University.

As the current Online Students Representative, the team and I have been fighting for responsible use of funds, greater transparency of SRC business, and ensuring that educational outcomes are equitable, regardless of campus. Next year, we'll go even bigger and better.

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**Emilee MEIN 19760706**

Hello, my (preferred) name is Emilee, I'm running for the position of Queer Representative. I currently hold the position, and although I've only had the position for a month, I've already been making changes for the queer students at Western Sydney, this includes smaller changes such as updating resources in the queer rooms to keep students up to date on queer issues, to bigger things such as helping plan the queer collective's stall at events such as welcome week. If I maintain the position, I will continue to put my all into making sure the queer collective remains a positive and safe space for all students, and make sure the collective has its voice heard in university decisions.

**Emmanuel MICHAEL 220228132**

Representing my friends and becoming their voice to drive positive change would be an honour.

**Sara MIKHA 20408392**

UNITE

Hi all!

My name is Sara Mikha, and I am a member of the Unite team for 2023!

The team and I will be fighting for your interests here at Western Sydney University.

As the current Nirimba Representative, I have been working to provide support to Nirimba students by campaigning for improved amenities, inclusive study spaces, and much more, but my team and I are only just getting started.

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**Samanda MULARACHCHI 19604770**

Hey everyone! My name is Samanda and I'm an international student from Sri Lanka currently pursuing a Master of Social Work. I'm running for a student representative position with the hope of improving student engagement within the university and to become an advocate for both international and domestic students in resolving academic and non-academic matters. While being a student at Western Sydney University since 2019, I have also held multiple roles as an employee. With this influence, I have taken part in student-staff partnership initiatives during my undergraduate years and initiated advocacies in support of onshore and offshore international students. I'm a member of the Vice chancellor's international student advisory committee which allowed me to uphold the broader student community. My key aim with this nomination is to move forward with supporting my peers and utilizing the platform to implement solutions to improve student life at the University.

**Suresh PANTA 22040494**

Although this would be entirely a different experience for me, I am willing to learn along the way and give my best for the position I will be appointed to. I will be fully inclined towards my role and seek advice on the agenda I am unfamiliar with and work accordingly. Being in any one of the position would be matter of great happiness with the responsibilities on my shoulder to be fulfilled by me, for which I am entirely certain to complete best to my knowledge and ability. I will work for the benefit of the university as well as the people associated. It would be a great opportunity for me too to build confidence, communication and connections.

**Rameez PARKAR 19290573**

UNITE

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My name is Rameez, and I am a member of the Unite team for 2023!

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**Razin POLARA 19668228**

Hey! Lovely people. I hope everyone is doing Fantastic. After being the SRC of Parramatta south campus for 2 years constantly. I have had some great experiences and learnt a lot from my role. Being executive of more than 5 clubs, and representing Nursing students in the Provost committee has boosted my confidence in various areas of leadership. I would again like to put this immense experience into my role if I get elected for one of my nominated position. Like always, I have always tried my best to help students in any way possible and promise to do so in future. Your vote to me would bring positive change to the university.

**Crystal RAM 18702590**

Hey everyone,

My name is Crystal, and I am currently YOUR Ethnocultural representative and a member of the Unite team for 2023!

I have been and WILL continue to fight for your interests here at Western Sydney University.

As a student like yourself, you'll find me at Parramatta City/South campuses, I have ALWAYS had a strong passion for fighting for the ALL students, as well as protecting the university and surrounding areas environment.

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**Robert REED 17277873**

STRENGTH & INTEGRITY

As a student of WSU, I will uphold the ideals of student advocacy to maintain a substantial commitment to ensure all students' rights are met and given a voice to project their voice regarding sustainability and real concerns throughout their journey. Some students will make promises, but are they sustainable? Do they know the correct pathways for progression to liaise with the WSU executive committees and departmental heads to create an environment of understanding of all issues, not just those that will garner the popular vote? Strong and lasting leadership is needed, commitment to representing students for the entire term of the presidency, not leaving midway and creating the possibility of significant restructuring and dissolution of previous election promises that may not be the view of an incoming representative.

Inclusivity, accessibility & appeal for all students of WSU, not just a select group.

**VickyRae REED 19071435**

STRENGTH & INTEGRITY

Having demonstrated exceptional results as an accomplished student leader, I am actively pursuing to continue my career in student leadership with the desire to undertake new challenges in the academic and student support sphere. Self-motivated with a high level of initiative, I have demonstrated a proven track record of achievement in service provision and implementing projects that deliver the key objectives and outcomes of student needs. I am confident that I can make a positive contribution to Western Sydney University with the ability to support the design and implementation of a range of products and projects in line with our civic responsibility, to improve service delivery and operations to contribute to better outcomes for students.

**Jasmine RICCIARELLI 20217075**

Hello There

I'm Jasmine a 3rd year psychology student. I currently am the 2021-22 Bankstown Campus Representative on the SRC during the time running I have been able to attend to the students need by creating a Student chat during the lockdown period of spring semester 2021 and a movie night in



2022 as well as other activity for the student at my campus. I am passionate about helping the student have a fun and enjoyable time at university that is not just all work and no play. So when you think of you 2023 Rep for Bankstown think Jasmine Ricciarelli

**Ruby RITCHIE 20110172**

Hi! My name is Ruby Ritchie, and I am currently an editor for W'SUP.

I have nominated myself for an editor's position on the Students Publication Committee, so I can continue to work with the amazing student contributors that make our newspaper a reality. An editor's role may sound self-explanatory, but I can help you more than you might expect.

As an editor, I can...

- Edit your written works for publication
- Give you feedback and advice
- Help you develop an extensive portfolio of published works
- Share your work amongst the student cohort

Most importantly, my job is to listen to your side of the story. Your story may be a grievance you need to be heard or an important societal issue the student cohort faces; no matter the story, I will hear you out.

Help me help you, and give me your vote!

**Kaisey SEYMOUR 20105352**

I am currently a law student in my second year of study. I am passionate about making campus a more enjoyable and worthwhile place to come. If elected, I hope to encourage more social events both on and off campus and will advocate for better maintained facilities

**Bayan SOHAILEE 18842669**

Hello,

My name is Bayan Sohailee and I want to help remove bureaucratic red-tape from student politics and to take a more pragmatic approach to the SRC process. My vision for the university is realistic, meaningful, and material. I have studied four degrees here at Western and I understand the student journey well.

My candidate policies are as followed:

- A SSAF funded fee-free financial student safety net;
- greater funding of keystone programs such as PASS and LEAD;
- greater funding of free student breakfasts and lunches;
- reallocation of wasted funds.

I understand the student journey. Students want financial assistance in times of desperation.

Students want food when they cannot afford it. Students want more out of university than just a degree. I want to be your voice and to help drive for a better student experience.

Together we can work towards a more meaningful tomorrow.

Thank you.

**Dinusha SOO 19672986**

As a current student editor at WSUP I am passionate about sharing the stories of our students. The student publication enables all students to have a voice about issues that are important to them. I hope to use the publication to also empower students and truly feel part of the community.

I have been in the role and am a good writer. I have creative ideas that I can bring to these roles.

**Joshua THOMAS 20388544**

I am in my second year at WSU studying for a Bachelor of Creative Industries. I am really excited about this opportunity as I want to lead students to be inclusive and develop a strong sense of community on campus. I am looking to do work in this field of leadership so would value this experience.

I would be honored to represent Western Sydney University this way. I would love the opportunity to discuss how I could contribute to your team.

**Michael TUNG 19994215**

UNITE

Hi all!

My name is Michael, and I am a member of the Unite team for 2023!

The team and I will be fighting for your interests here at Western Sydney University.

I am an international student studying Occupational Therapy, enrolled and living at Campbelltown Campus. I hope to look after Western Sydney University's environment, residential students, as well as ensure that Western Sydney University is a safe place for all students.

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**Sabrina YOUNG 18977035**

UNITE

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My name is Sabrina, and I am a member of the Unite team for 2023!

The team and I will be fighting for your interests here at Western Sydney University.

As the current General Secretary of the SRC, the team and I have been working towards accessible retail outlets on campus affordable for all students, as well as allocated spaces for club equipment storage.

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**Wendi ZHU 22039783**

Hi guys, I'm Wendi Zhu, now studying Bachelor of Arts, major in international relations, I'm also an international student from China! As an international student, I am keenly aware that international students will encounter many problems and difficulties in a country with a new cultural background. I want to do my best to help international students adapt to the environment and create more opportunities for them. This is my reason for running for the international representative. I have leadership and am willing to listen to and understand others' ideas. I hope I can become the voice of international students, make contributions to international students in this position, and make efforts for a better cultural environment in WSU. Please vote for me.