

MEET THE CANDIDATES



LOGAN HELEY
Growing up in Kansas City, Kan., Los Angeles wasn’t on the map until I travelled West with my brother. During my first visit to campus, the sun was bright and walking down Trousdale among the Trojan Family felt right. I know how privileged I am to study at USC, and I’m soaking in every moment. In my three years here, I’ve volunteered with the Joint Educational Project, worked at Annenberg TV News, joined a fraternity and never left a football game before it hit all zeros at the end of the fourth quarter. I’ve also spent three years serving as a USG committee delegate, Assistant Director for Safety, Wellness and Transportation and now a Greek Senator. I organized USC’s first town hall meeting about alcohol consumption and social life where you voiced your concerns directly to the top Student Affairs administrator. I’ve met with Provost Elizabeth Garrett about USC’s tuition rate, which resulted in commitments from administrators for future dialogue with you in something I’d like to call “Tuition Talk.” I understand the importance of having strong advocates in student government, but our student body is strongest when we work together. Let’s join together to build a better Trojan Family beginning with the most important element: YOU.

A.J. PINTO
I have always been a Trojan at heart. My grandparents grew up on Figueroa, and they used to tell me stories about sneaking into the Coliseum just to get a glimpse of Trojan Football. I could see the joy in their eyes every time they said or heard the phrase “Trojan Family.” To me, Trojan Family means that we love each other for who we are and listen to each other when times get tough. I am running for Vice President because we need to re-instill that sense of family into our community so that we can effectively address difficult issues when they arise. As a USG health, safety and fitness advocate for the last three years, I have initiated tough conversations with administrators regarding alcohol and sexual safety, social events on and off campus, and the Lyon Center and recreational sports. We want to strengthen the relationship between students and USG, and we will open communication pathways between you and administrators to build our family up again.

FIVE KEY PLATFORM POINTS

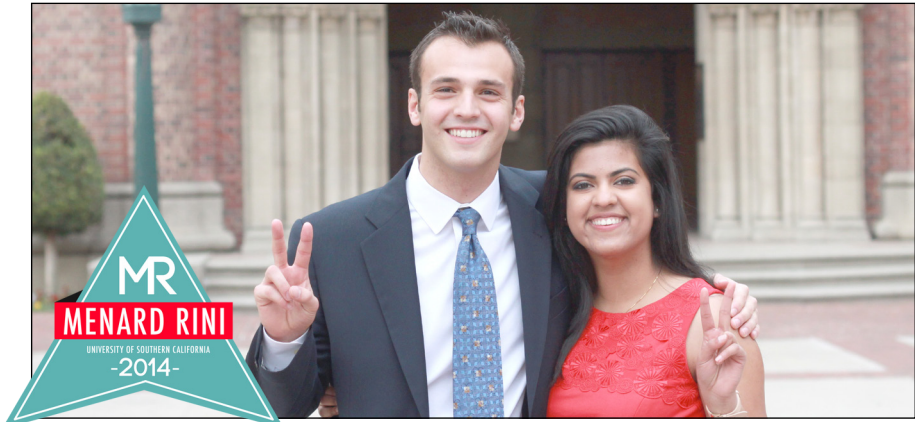
- 1 Restore and strengthen USC social life by removing restrictions and promoting responsible student self-governance.
- 2 Improve and expand recreational field spaces and facilities, such as the Lyon Center, for the benefit of clubs and students alike.
- 3 Open campus dialogue by hosting monthly town hall meetings with students and key administrators as well as regular meetings between USG and non-USG student leaders.
- 4 Establish a Culture Awareness Week to engage the Trojan Family in fresh perspectives ... and tasty food.
- 5 Improve the way sexual assault is handled by the Dept. of Public Safety, the administration, and the USC community.

02/10
USG Elections Day 1; Jamba Juice
Location: Campus
Time: 11:00am - 5:00pm

02/11
USG Elections Day 2; In-N-Out
Location: Campus
Time: 11:00am - 5:00pm

02/12
USG Elections Day 3; Sprinkles Cupcakes
Location: Campus
Time: 11:00am - 5:00pm

02/13
USG Elections Day 4; Amaze Bowls
Location: Campus
Time: 11:00am - 5:00pm



ANDREW MENARD
Born and raised in Palos Verdes, Calif., I’ve always dreamed of coming to USC. Since my acceptance, I have been proud to call myself a Trojan. Growing up, my parents told me, “Always leave a place better than when you found it.” USC is an incredible institution and as a community, we can continue to push for excellence in all capacities. As a passionate Trojan, I decided to become a part of USG because I wanted to help make a difference in the lives of students. I jumped in as Assistant Director of University Affairs my sophomore year and now as the Director of University Affairs, I work closely with all members of the community. Furthermore, I have developed close relationships with administrators from departments like USC Hospitality, Housing and Transportation. Aside from USG, I have been actively involved in Marshall organizations, my Sigma Chi fraternity as social chair and held internships that have helped hone my organizational skills. I am running for student body president because I believe that, with my partner Rini, we can inspire and lead USC to the next level. I want all my fellow students to feel they are part of a community with a cohesive atmosphere and understand that all students, not just the leaders, can make a difference. USC is a place where I have grown and pursued opportunities that have made me a better person and I want all members of our community to feel this as well.

RINI SAMPATH
I was born in Theni, India, have lived in three countries and numerous cities, but now call Irvine, Calif. and USC my home. From a young age, people have called me a ball of energy because I am always excited to get involved and make a difference. USC has provided me with endless ways to explore and pursue my passions. The wonderful experiences I have had through these opportunities inspire me to give back and serve my peers as the next Student Body Vice President. I have the skills, experience and most importantly, the passion and heart to do so. During my time in USG as Co-Director of External Relations, I have managed a committee of student leaders and have coordinated events, such as the Council of Presidents, in order to connect the greater student body with our governing organization. But my leadership experience and involvement goes beyond USG — I served as the Editorial Director of the *Daily Trojan*, where I managed a staff of opinion writers and published the opinions section of the paper five days per week. I competed nationally as a member of the USC Mock Trial team and USC Model United Nations. Additionally, I have worked with nonprofit organizations such as One Million Bones. Looking ahead, I want to put my focus and energy to bringing students together and speaking out as a voice for our community. I believe Andrew Menard and I are the best choice for USC because of the balance in our ticket — we are also well-qualified and diverse. We are connected to school administration and to the student body. We are authentic and organized. We are ready for a better ’SC and hope to earn the votes of students who are too.

PLATFORM

- 1 Celebrate the great cultural and global diversity of USC by creating a week-long Cultural Fair, which will cooperate with existing cultural organizations to sponsor events ranging from culinary workshops, performances and more.
- 2 Expand tuition to cover 20 units rather than 18.
- 3 Allow re-entry and better Wi-Fi access at the Coliseum.
- 4 Provide students with a gender-neutral housing option in university-owned housing.
- 5 Extend the free “Trojan Tram” to LA Live throughout the week.
- 6 Work with university officials to improve campus facilities such as Leavey Library and Lyon Center.
- 7 Diversify food options at USC by pushing for healthier alternatives throughout campus.
- 8 Reduce expenses and increase student organizations’ access to USC facilities, such as Town and Gown or Bovard Auditorium.
- 9 Create a commuter student lounge — a space that commuters could call their own that includes lockers, couches, pool tables and other amenities.
- 10 Work with the Center for Women and Men to increase accessibility to resources for those affected by sexual violence.
- 11 Welcome spring admits and transfer students by creating programs that facilitate integration into the USC environment.
- 12 Increase transparency of USG by encouraging more frequent meetings and open discussions for the student body.
- 13 Insulate students who report crimes or medical emergencies from receiving punishments through a written amnesty policy and update alcohol awareness education with more focused and practical strategies.
- 14 Provide the option for students to donate their unused dining dollars to Swipes for the Homeless when purchasing a meal plan.



JAMES WHITE
Hello Trojans! For the past three years, I’ve worked tirelessly to promote and improve the best university in the world, and I’m hoping to continue doing so — this time as your Undergraduate Student Government President. Born in Chicago, Ill. and raised in St. Charles, Iowa, my midwest attitude brings a fresh and vibrant perspective to both USG and USC in general. As one of nine siblings, I understand the values of family, and I am ready to share my thoughts, love and compassion for this university with every member of the Trojan Family — essentially, all of USC. Throughout my time at USC, I’ve had the opportunity to represent our university as an ambassador to the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences and the Sol Price School of Public Policy. Additionally, I’ve spent the last three years as an active member of USG’s Program Board, and I’m currently serving as Co-Director of Diversity Affairs. I have also been active in Residential Student Government, Society 53 and USC Spirit Leaders. From the USG office to the field of the Coliseum, I’ve had the opportunity to meet Trojans from all sorts of backgrounds, majors and interests. With our dynamic backgrounds, I believe my running mate Brigid and I have what it takes to represent all of USc. I hope your vote is a WHITE one. Fight on!

BRIGID KELLY
Hello Trojans! My name is Brigid Kelly and I am running to be your Vice President of Undergraduate Student Government with my wonderful running mate, James White. Born and raised in St. Paul, Minn., I first visited USC as a junior in high school. From the moment I first stepped onto campus, I knew that USC was a place of opportunity, passion and community — and it’s been everything and more than I ever could have expected. In my past two years at USC, I’ve had the opportunity to immerse myself in multiple areas of university life. I joined USG and have since been involved in its Philanthropy Funding Board and Alumni Affairs Committee. My experiences in Alumni Affairs taught me about the incredible nature of the Trojan Family and inspired me to become a part of a student ambassador organization to the alumni association called Society 53, a group of 53 students who serve as ambassadors to the Alumni Association. Currently, I am the Director of Mentorship for Society 53. I am also a Tour Guide and the Vice President of Foundation in Delta Gamma. All my experiences have only served to strengthen my love for the Trojan Family and desire to take the Unity, Sustainability and Culture of our university to the next level. Fight on!

THE BUILDING USC PLAN:

- Unity
- 1 USG scholarships for students nominated by their peers.
 - 2 Enhance transfer, spring admit and veteran student programs.
 - 3 Creation of a Campus Center Student Art Studio.
 - 4 Flavor Fridays: Exposés featuring Cultural Groups.
 - 5 Partner with Greek Organizations to make the Greek system more affordable
- Sustainability
- 1 Partner with Uber, Metro, and Lyft to give students discounts.
 - 2 Begin campus-wide bike share.
 - 3 Discount for eco-friendly food and drink containers.
 - 4 Campus “free boxes:” students pick up and drop off anything they don’t use.
- Culture
- 1 Free Fruit Initiative: USC Orchard on Orchard.
 - 2 Support startups and entrepreneurial work.
 - 3 Corporate training programs.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATES



JASPAR ABU
- Head of Day Students in High School
- Wilderness First Responder certified
- Passed Organic Chemistry
- Extremely literate
- Success
- Big, big supporter of USC

HARRISON JAMES
- One year of high school student council
- USC student
- Tall
- CPR certified
- Adopted a cat from SPCA
- Owns a computer

PLATFORM
Our 2014 to 2015 “Path to Prosperity:”

- 1 Thicker toilet paper on campus.
- 2 More snow on campus.
- 3 Good hair for all students.
- 4 Courtesy Sriracha provided on Campus Center tables.
- 5 Three seasons of football yearly.
- 6 More footballs.
- 7 Lower the cost of dried apricots at Seeds by \$1.12.
- 8 End all bike crashes on campus.
- 9 Everything remains open 24 hours, costs be damned.
- 10 Dad values.
- 11 World Peace.
- 12 Improved food for EVKitty.

Here are some things that are more difficult, but we’d also really like to see happen too. Mostly because we really like the idea of a university that respects its students, its community and itself:

- 1 Implement gender-neutral bathrooms.
- 2 Get rid of the gates antagonizing the community we live in.
- 3 Work with administration and the student body to reduce the prevalence of sexual violence around campus.
- 4 Take a closer look at USG’s orgiastic spending of money on semester retreats.



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MEET THE SENATORIAL CANDIDATES

RESIDENTIAL



CHRISTINE HASROUNI
I am currently a sophomore from Orange County, Calif. studying Industrial and Systems Engineering. This is my second year in USG and first year as the Assistant Director of Wellness Affairs.

PLATFORM

- 1 Listen to what my fellow students want to see change on campus and work with other USG members and administration to make those thoughts a reality.
- 2 Advocate for a healthier campus for students in terms of both physical and mental health.
- 3 Advocate for better communication with administration about social policies to create a both fun and safe environment for students.
- 4 Support a new bike policy to alleviate the stress of accidents and theft.
- 5 Improve and renovate important student facilities such as Leavey Library and the Lyon Center.



AZIZ AKBARI
A great leader is defined not only by his ideas and passion for service, but also by his actions and experience. We need student leaders in Senate who represent the concerns of the student body and have a proven track record of addressing those concerns and advocating for them. In my three years at USC, I have been active in Residential Student Government, Building Government, service clubs and cultural organizations. I have taken leadership roles where I have felt that I could serve the student population best. I have also taken an active role in civic government, having run for mayor in my hometown as well as serving in my county government. These experiences have led me to gain a better understanding of what students at this university expect from USG, how to work with campus administration and student organizations to achieve our goals, and how to work with people from all walks of life. This is what we need in our senators in USG, and these are exactly the skills and experiences that I am bringing to the table. Coupled with my ideas for campus improvement, I feel that I am a solid candidate for the position of Residential Senator.

PLATFORM

- 1 Increase funding to student organizations by reallocating USG funds.
- 2 Host biweekly meetings between campus administrators and students where students can bring to the forefront their concerns and ideas.
- 3 Expand intramural sports to offer more sports and decrease fees for students who are participating in them.
- 4 Create more communication and collaboration between student organizations.
- 5 Increase campus security at night in areas prone to criminal activity.
- 6 Decrease facilities expenses for student organizations (Campus Center, Town and Gown, Bovard, etc).
- 7 Increase funding for Program Board and actively solicit sponsors to throw more large events and concerts.
- 8 Implement a campus recycling program.
- 9 Create a community garden and compost on campus.
- 10 Implement free bike, longboard and skateboard repair services.
- 11 Petition administrators to decrease fees and halt the meteoric rise in tuition and students living costs.



MADDIE LEES
I am a political science major from Seattle, Wash. I currently serve as the Assistant Director of Trojan Pride within Program Board, a branch of USG. I also have the pleasure of being an R.A. for the fourth floor of Birnkrant, the honors dorm on campus. Through both positions, I have gained extensive experience leading, planning, publicizing and implementing fantastic events for the student body while building the Trojan Family.

PLATFORM

- This is what we are passionate about:
- 1 Advocating for philanthropic and activist student organizations within the Senate. When Maddie was a member of STAND (an anti-genocide coalition) two years ago, the organization worked with the Senate to pass a Conflict-Free Campus Initiative. We, as the Undergraduate Senate, should continue to be at the forefront of important legislative moves such as these.
- 2 Increasing intracampus dialogue among students, student leaders, faculty members, administrators, public safety officials, etc. The Senate — as mediators between students and administration — should facilitate more town-hall forums about topics that are important to students and administrators, like the extremely successful discussion on alcohol consumption held in October.
- 3 Making the Senate more accessible. We want to create an easy way for students to voice their concerns and opinions to USG members, especially the Senate. We should make public the process for resolution proposals, so that any student or student group would feel comfortable partnering with a Senate member to pass legislation on an issue they are passionate about.

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

- 1 A streamlined, well-publicized calendar of events.
- 2 More late-night programming on campus.
- 3 More meaningful enforcement of no-smoking zones and smoking policies.
- 4 Pressure on the administration to prioritize necessary renovations to Leavey Library and the Lyon Center.
- 5 Partnership with USC Hospitality to enhance healthy and varied options at dining facilities on campus, and expanded late-night dining options.
- 6 Continuation and expansion of the new Farmer’s Market tradition on McCarthy Quad.
- 7 An enhanced Spring Semester welcome week for Spring admits, transfers, and study abroad students — put on based on student input by Program Board, USG and other event-planning organizations around campus.
- 8 Expansion of TAP card subsidies to the undergraduate population. We love public transportation!



LOGAN CHILDERS & SAMANTHA CHENG
Having both previously held leadership positions, we feel confident in our abilities to apply those skills into effectively representing the student body as Residential Senators. With Sam currently serving as a Residential Senator, we believe that her involvement has provided a learning experience for her to understand the inner workings of USG. Applying that background knowledge will allow both of us the necessary groundwork to effectively listen to the student body and correlate that into success. As for Logan, holding the position of vice president of finance for a student organization, Trojan Alliance, and functioning as a program coordinator at the on-campus Center for Active Learning in International Studies, will provide us with an apt ear for not only understanding but also responding to the on-campus wishes of the student body. In addition, we feel that we both offer very different but very beneficial perspectives when viewing issues at our school. Being raised by international parents outside of Los Angeles, Sam demonstrates

the ability to attune towards those students in a similar situation, while, being raised in a small West Virginian town, Logan appeals towards those students whose upbringings vary greatly but all drove them to attain success here at USC. Ultimately, the ability to translate our different perspectives through our proven leadership capabilities will result in the capacity of us to listen, identify, and address student issues.

PLATFORM

- 1 Improve international/transfer student/spring admits transition process.
- 2 Discontinue non-USC solicitors on campus.
- 3 More late-night programming.
- 4 Sustainability.
- 5 Compost.
- 6 More recycling.
- 7 Water stations.
- 8 Switching out water fountains in buildings such as THH and VKC.
- 9 Universal fingerprint.
- 10 USC gender neutral housing.

The following candidates either did not respond to requests from the *Daily Trojan* or declined to be included in this supplement:

SAMUEL CASCANTE
candidate for commuter senator

DEVON CHIAPELLO
candidate for Greek senator

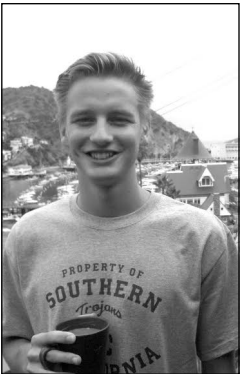
VONG XAVIER NGUYEN
candidate for commuter senator

COMMUTER



MICHAEL JOHNSON
I was born in Dallas, Texas on Aug. 21, 1986. Shortly after high school, I joined the Marine Corps. I graduated from boot camp in January 2005 and the School of Infantry three months later. I was assigned to 3rd Battalion 7th Marines based out of MCAGCC 29 Palms, Calif. With 3/7, I did two tours to Iraq, both in Ar Ramadi. After my second tour, I was diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury which was sustained from multiple IED blasts while in Iraq. In 2008, I transferred to Naval Medical Center San Diego to undergo evaluation and treatment. While in treatment, I started school half time at San Diego Mesa College and slowly worked my way up to a full-time student status. After moving to Los Angeles in 2010, I continued my education at Pasadena City College from which I transferred to the Viterbi School of Engineering here at USC.

- PLATFORM
- 1 Make campus activities more accommodating for commuter students.
 - 2 Unify the student body (i.e. Commuter, Resident and Greek students).
 - 3 Be a strong voice and activist for the commuter populations needs and concerns.



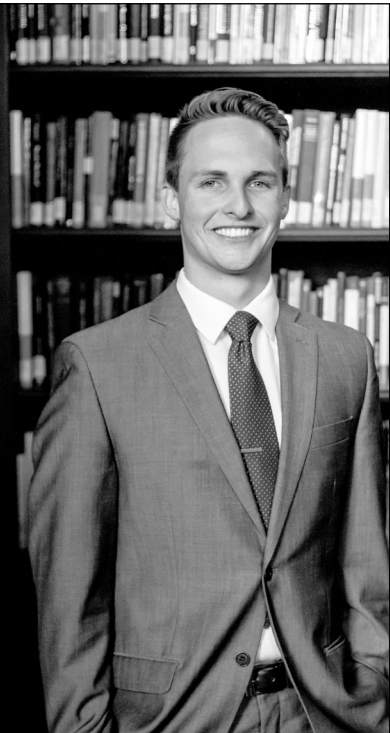
HAYDEN SMITH
My name is Hayden Smith, and I'm currently a commuting Trojan from Long Beach, Calif. Fortunately, I have had the pleasure of growing up in the small town of Seal Beach, Calif. for the majority of my life. I recently transferred to USC from Orange Coast College where I spent a year completing general education coursework. Upon arriving at USC, it did not take long to notice how blessed I was to attend such a unique, diverse and awarding university. I decided to declare international relations as my major because international relations places a high priority on approaching, analyzing, and finding solutions to problems from multiple points of view. I believe that every problem has a manageable solution that only results from compromise. As a person, I value honesty, loyalty and creativeness. We are so fortunate to go to school in such an eventful city. I love going to concerts and experiencing live music around Los Angeles. If I am not in the city, then I am at one of the beaches in Southern California. As your Commuter Senator, we can drive toward a brighter future for USC.

- PLATFORM
- 1 Listening and advocating for commuters of USC.
 - 2 Create a system that matches commuters with internships opportunities near their residence.
 - 3 Create a study space specifically for commuters which they could utilize for study and relaxation between classes.
 - 4 Install emergency terminals in parking structures to enhance public safety.
 - 5 Ensuring all commuters have game day parking.
 - 6 Working actively with other members of USG to increase funding for Program Board



BRIANNA THORPE
Being one of seven children, I have always valued family and community in my life. I was born in Los Angeles, Calif. on Feb. 23, 1995 and grew up in the city of Covina. I was involved in leadership at a young age and was an intelligent and outspoken child. This desire to be a leader followed me into adulthood and has allowed me to hold positions such as President of the NAACP Youth Council and Public Relations chair of For All Mankind. Last semester, I attended a small private college, Loyola Marymount University. Unlike USC, LMU had a close commuter community where everyone knew each other and events for commuters were held regularly. If I am elected, I will create that community at USC. My slogan is "connecting commuters, creating communities" because as commuters, it is important to be connected to other commuters and to the Trojan family. It is easy to feel disconnected from campus and certain luxuries that on-campus students have, such as going back to a dorm, are not offered to commuters. My campaign advocates for working with USC to get a commuter lounge to relax, meet other commuters and hang out in. Furthermore, I will plan activities for commuters and improve communication between the university and commuters.

GREEK



LOGAN BURKHEAD
I am a sophomore majoring in political science from Newport Beach, Calif. I am a member of the Undergraduate Student Government, currently serving as the Assistant Director for Academic Policy on the Academic Affairs Committee, as well as a member of Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity. As a member of USG, I have developed the skills and relationships to find practical and effective solutions to issues that students care about. As a member of the Greek community, I have been heavily involved in my fraternity and seen The Row drastically evolve and change with new policies. As a Greek Senator, I will utilize my experience as a student leader as well as remain aware and invested in the interests of USC students and the Greek community to create meaningful and innovative changes.

- PLATFORM
- 1 Increase funding to improve existing athletic recreational facilities.
 - 2 Continued expansion of University Social Policy to include more flexibility and weekday programming.
 - 3 More student input on future facilities in the University Village.
 - 4 Renovate Leavey Library

PROVIDENCE ILLISEVICH
I am a sophomore majoring in Industrial and Systems Engineering. I currently serve as a Senate Aide in USG under Greek Senator Nicole Schrad. I am also involved elsewhere on campus and on The Row. Last year, I was a junior delegate in the Panhellenic Council for Delta Gamma, as well as a member of numerous academic and service organizations including Women and Youth Supporting Each Other, the Institute of Industrial Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, Engineers without Borders, and Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society. If elected, my most important objective as a Greek Senator would be to make the relationship and interactions between the students on the row, USG, and the university's administration more transparent. The student body — particularly students in Greek organizations — should feel as if they have a say in what goes on at USC. I want to be a resource for students so that it is easier for them to know what is going on and to voice their opinions.

