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College of Arts & Sciences Class of 2024
Major: Law, History, and Society
Position sought: Transfer Student Senator

Hey everyone, I'm Ethan Thorpe and I'm running for Transfer Senator. I'm originally from Connecticut and have been living in Singapore for the past four years. Here are some super interesting facts about me: - My hobbies include pretty much any sport, hiking, and karaoke - My favourite song is Dear Maria, Count Me In by All Time Low - Favourite movies are Good Will Hunting and Lion King - I plan on a double major in Law, History, and Society and PoliSci. As the hopeful transfer senator, I am coming into Vanderbilt with a completely new perspective. I am very opinionated and will not shy away from a challenge so I genuinely hope to create meaningful, lasting change within the Vanderbilt community. Here are some of my key policy initiatives: For Community: I know that it can be difficult as transfers to find a community among returning students. I hope to foster a more unified environment between our two cohorts and create stronger sophomore/junior classes. For Mental Health: My mom always noted how important Mental health days can be. As such, I plan to argue for FOUR DAY WORK WEEKS interspersed through the year in order to allow us to destress more, especially during particularly difficult weeks. For Environment: DIVEST!!! The university should be protecting our interests, not investing in fossil fuels which continue to threaten our futures. For Nashville: 1 UNUSED MEAL SWIPE=1 MEAL DONATED. I plan to draft legislation mandating that Vanderbilt donate one meal to a local food bank for each unused meal swipe. LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU WANT! If elected, I will publicise an email where anyone can send their policy suggestions. If I like your idea, I will respond and we can work together on drafting the legislation exactly how you want it! Anchor Down!

Ben Carlow, he/him, Benjamin.carlow@vanderbilt.edu
College of Arts & Sciences Class of 2025
Major: Economics
Position Sought: First-Year Senator

I'm Ben Carlow, just a freshman lad who wants incremental change within our school, especially our dorms. Minor changes such as paper towels in the bathroom, more zoom friendly protocol for classes (for students with covid or any other sickness), improved dining, and free printing could enhance our lives at Vanderbilt in an exponential manner; minute changes that remedy minor inconveniences, potentially, could provide more time for fulfilling activities: getting a fresh cut from your hairdresser, raiding the munchie mart,

dabbling in the fine arts, or even becoming a walk-on D1 athlete for our football team. The myriad of opportunities for Vanderbilt students is quite overwhelming, which I'm sure you're feeling; however, the platform I am running on aims at ALLEVIATING YOUR STRESS. The immense workload of many classes may burden you, so there is no need for the minor inconveniences Vanderbilt presents. If you're sick--do you want to have no access to lectures? If you wash your hands--do you want to utilize your shirt as a paper towel? If you need to print an entire encyclopedia for your class-- do you genuinely want to pay (shouldn't Vanderbilt cover these costs)? Students at Vanderbilt always have excelled in school, so don't let these minor stresses hold you back. If you want these lingering issues within our commons to come to a halt--BEN IS YOUR BEST BET.

Bowman Talbot, he/him/his, bowman.b.talbot@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Sciences Class of 2024

Major(s): Political Science and History

Minor(s): Spanish

Position Sought: Second-Year Senator

My name is Bowman Talbot and I would be honored to represent the class of 2024 as one of your VSG senators. I am dedicated to serving the needs of every member of our class to achieve a better and more inclusive student experience at Vanderbilt. I have served in leadership positions both on and off campus, including in an organization similar to VSG for the Mayor of Covington, Louisiana. But enough about me; here's how I will serve you. Unfortunately, Vanderbilt has used the pandemic as an excuse to slash student services. On my first day representing you, I will introduce legislation to call upon the administration to return to the 2019 dining experience. This will include provisions for extended dining hours, the complete opening of every dining facility on campus, and other arrangements to ensure students are receiving what they pay for. I will also work with the other members of VSG to introduce an exchange program to swap meal swipes for meal money as an alternative to on campus dining. Being forced to stand in line for extended periods of time or having to go without meals in order to attend classes is unacceptable. Basic necessities should not be limited to "protect" this university's bottom line. Beyond dining, my primary campaign focus is on you, the class of 2024. I believe everyone should have an equal opportunity to express themselves and their passions. I will work to ensure every student organization has the opportunity to present their ideas through the introduction of the VSG Student Organization Committee. This committee will work to find accommodations for every student organization on campus and ensure students can always find new ways to get involved, including the introduction of a Spring Org Fair. I look forward to representing you!

David Mailman, he/him, david.h.mailman@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Science Class of 2024

Major(s): History and Asian Studies

Minor(s): Saxophone Performance

Position Sought: Second-Year Senator

Hi everybody! My name is David Mailman (he/him), and I want to *deliver* as one of your next Second-Year Senators. In the last year, Vanderbilt University has underserved us all, and we all know that VU can do better: VSG Senate shouldn't stand by the wayside. I hope that you'll let me fight for you in VSG, and I promise to deliver: 1. Getting higher-ups to come down low Daniel Diermeier should not be having executive meetings in the Zeppos penthouse. He, and the rest of Vanderbilt's administration, should be listening to your voices on a regular, up close basis so that your concerns never go unheard. VSG should push administrators to meet with the student body at regularly held and easily accessible student moderated events. 2. Solidarity Forever Reaffirming VSG support for graduate student unionization, an end to Vanderbilt-inflicted food insecurity, and proper appreciation of dining staff and all essential members of the Vanderbilt community. Through bill after bill after bill, VSG should advocate for everyone at Vanderbilt so that everyone's future is secure. 3. Divest, Together! VSG may not control Vanderbilt's endowment, but it can be a body which continually and unambiguously agitates for fossil fuel divestment. While resolutions passed in the last year calling for fossil fuel divestment were a strong start, VSG ought to serve as big an amplifier with as much organizational muscle behind the divest movement as it possibly can muster. Stronger resolutions; more social media; and formal, officialized workings with Dores Divest to create a unified, broad coalition for change. Once again, I want to deliver for you, and the entire Vanderbilt community. A mailman's duty is to serve, and this mailman wants to serve you. Please feel free to reach me @david_the_mailman; I hope to have your vote this year!

Rahan Arasteh, He/Him/They, rahan.arasteh@vanderbilt.edu

Peabody College, 2023

Major(s) : HOD & Political Science

Minor(s) : Spanish and Data Science

Position Sought: Third-Year Senator

Hi again! My name is Rahan Arasteh and I am running to be one of your Third-Year Senators for the 2021-2022 school year. You can see a brief overview of my platform below. 1) Improve VandyVan/Vandy Ride Services VandyVans are one of the most

important offerings at Vandy, allowing us to safely travel around campus. However, they are sorely lacking in some fundamental ways. As senator, I would push for a second Black Line bus, to ensure timely pickups for the only route that stops at EBI and Central Library. Additionally, I would increase accessibility by putting up clearer signs at stops and allowing for easier tracking of busses, so VandyVans become even more reliable than they currently are. 2) Expand MunchieMart Offerings It is no secret that over the past few years, MunchieMart has gone from an amazing resource on the meal plan to a shell of its former self. If re-elected senator, I will negotiate with administration and dining to add more drink and snack options to the Munchie meal plan offerings. Munchie served as an important food source for students our freshman year and I will fight to make sure it becomes one again. 3) Abolish IFC/Panhel Greek Life Historically White Greek organizations on this campus have long caused harm to marginalized populations at Vandy. From racial biases in recruitment, to a history of abuse and hazing during rush, these organizations only perpetuate the worst of American college culture. As I did last year, if re-elected senator, I will fight to get Greek orgs off of campus and repurpose their space for cultural organizations, such as ALAS, BSA, Lambda, and other MLC orgs. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out on social media @rahanarasteh or call/text 949-394-2047.

Ian Stripling Jenson, he/him/his, ian.s.jenson@vanderbilt.edu

Blair School of Music class of 2023

Major(s) : Violin Performance, Political Science, and Law, History, & Society

Minor(s) : Philosophy

Position Sought: Blair School of Music Senator

I, Ian Stripling Jenson, am asking to be re-elected as your Senator representing the Blair School of Music for the upcoming year. The past year has forced our community to grapple with many unique challenges and has ushered in a new era of potential for campus-wide change-- there has truly never been a better time to push our university to honor its commitment to advance the diversity, inclusivity, and institutional sustainability of our learning community. After listening to the issues faced by students at Blair, I have found that Vanderbilt has consistently fallen short in three key areas which demand immediate attention; 1. Abolish Vanderbilt IFC/Panhellenic Greek Life. Greek Life is demonstrably and inextricably tied to the unacceptably high number of sexual assaults on campus and systematically underrepresents marginalized communities at Vanderbilt. We cannot continue tiptoeing around the fact that sexual violence cannot be effectively prevented, nor institutional barriers to success for disadvantaged students deconstructed, without confronting our support for organizations that enable predatory behavior and which do not share our community's values. 2. Support Further Green

Initiatives on Campus While nominal steps have been taken by Vanderbilt towards becoming more sustainable, many basic concerns held by Blair students about our university's moral stake in addressing climate change are still going unheard. As your Senator, I will use my role to advocate for the DivestVU movement and for our community members who are already being affected by climate-driven natural disasters.

3. Address Vanderbilt's Excessive Summer Tuition Cost. Vanderbilt's high summer tuition cost, paired with its reticence to provide summer financial aid for its students, continues to create an unacceptable barrier to success for low-income students when combined with policies restricting students' ability to take summer classes elsewhere.

Thanks, y'all-- please feel free to contact me at (512) 745-4337!

Deveandre Johnson, she/they, deveandre.johnson@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Science Class of 2023

Major(s)/Minor(s): MHS & AADS

Position Sought: Third-Year Senator

Hello! My name is Deveandre Johnson and I'm running for 3rd Year Senator! I am majoring in African American Diaspora Studies and Medicine, Health, and Society on the pre-law/pre-med track! I have learned a lot during the past couple years here at Vanderbilt and I would love to have the opportunity to represent the 3rd Year Class for the 2021-2022 academic year. Below I have outlined my main platform points and would love to answer any and all questions you have after reading! Please feel free to reach out to me, my information is listed below!

i. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vanderbilt is a campus with a wide variety of students that come from all walks of life. As such it is crucial that we strive to respect and accommodate everyone on campus to ensure everyone feels at home here at Vanderbilt. This includes supporting our multicultural organizations, our LGBTQI+ student population, as well as our students with disabilities both visible and invisible. As your 3rd Year Senator I will strive to protect these student populations and work to create initiatives that lead with them in mind.

ii. Health and Wellness As we all know mental health is a growing concern amongst the young adult population and being under a stressful environment such as Vanderbilt can only exacerbate existing mental health concerns as well as create new ones. My goal is to be a loud voice for students battling mental health problems and create initiatives and programs that support student's well being. In addition, I have heard the complaints about dining and will work to be a student voice to administration to improve the dining experience on campus as I understand the impact nutrition has on personal wellbeing.

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Ari Sasson, he/him, ari.sasson@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Science Class of 2024

Major(s): Law History and Society and Political Science

Minor(s): Economics

Position Sought: Second-Year Senator

If elected to the senate, I will fight for increased campus efficiency and mobility, environmental consciousness, and emotional and physical well being. To do so, I will strive to implement the following programs or upgrades on campus: Efficiency and Mobility: EXPAND VANDY VAN ACCESSIBILITY, EXPLORE ALTERNATIVE MODES OF CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION (scooter rental service, affordable bike sharing, dedicated bike lanes on certain routes) IMPROVE CAMPUS NAVIGATION (place directional signs and detailed campus maps around campus) Environmental Consciousness: Support initiatives for increased solar panel usage, encourage the reduction of single-use plastic, Increase the convenience of recycling Emotional and Physical Well Being: REFORM CAMPUS DINING OPTIONS (sponsor student-run dining options, implement student voice in grab-and-go options), INCENTIVIZE REC CENTER USAGE (Provide rewards for consistent attendance, Collaborate with student organizations) INCREASE EVENTS FOR STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH (Bring puppies on campus during finals week, etc.)

Joseph Humphries, he/him/his, joseph.m.humphries@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Science Class of 2023

Major(s)/Minor(s): Physics, Philosophy

Position Sought: Arts & Science Senator

Hello students! My name is Joseph Humphries, and I am running to be one of your Arts & Science Senators for this school year. As campus returns to semi-normal, it is becoming abundantly clear that there are several issues to address. The following platform details some of my ideas for improving our campus environment and building a more efficient student government. 1) Campus Dining I would like to expand dining hours so that there are more options available for students with classes during common eating times. I would also like to get meal swipe restrictions taken off all items in Munchie Marts. Lastly, I would like to write legislation requesting that a donation is made to food banks for every meal swipe that goes unused. 2) Environmental Sustainability I completely support the mission of Divest VU, and I am happy to work on any legislation to facilitate divestment from fossil fuels. Additionally, I would like to request that space be allocated for more greenhouses on campus for projects and research, especially since the greenhouse on top of Stevenson was taken down. Given the dire environmental circumstances at hand, Vanderbilt should want to contribute to a solution for climate change. Having the resources to carry out research in this area is a

first step. 3) Connecting with Other Student Governments I want to develop a central website for student governments at peer institutions to upload legislation from their Senates, articles describing successful initiatives, and ideas for structural design of government. This site would provide a valuable resource for everyone in student government, and it could help our achievements gain publicity as well. These are just a few examples of what I want to accomplish as your Senator. Please feel free to contact me at joseph.m.humphries@vanderbilt.edu with any questions.

Angela Yan, she/her/hers, angela.yan@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Science Class of 2024

Major(s): Public Policy Studies and Economics

Minor(s): Chinese Language and Culture

Position Sought: Arts & Sciences Senator

I, Angela Yan, hope to represent you as Arts & Science Senator. I want to continue Bridging the Gap between VSG and the student body to ensure Vanderbilt serves underrepresented students. As your Senator, I will pursue these initiatives: Support academic success: 1. Increase diversity in Vanderbilt's faculty in fields where BIPOC, LGBTQ+, and gender minorities are underrepresented. 2. Advocate for an AADS class requirement for A&S. 3. Promote accessibility through mandating Zoom captions and recorded lectures. 4. Advocate for applying financial aid to study abroad and Maymesters. 5. Increase funding for Experience Vanderbilt to allow more students to engage in extracurriculars. Promote diversity & inclusion: 1. Expand physical spaces for the Student Access Service, Project Safe, and identity organizations. 2. Create an office for First-Generation Low-Income students. 3. Remove the fee for students on financial aid and international students to stay on campus during the summer. Environment: 1. Push Vanderbilt to divest from fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy. 2. Support a meal donation program where students can use unused swipes to benefit food banks. 3. Improve ease of recycling on campus. Thank you for reading my platform. Don't hesitate to reach out to me: angela.yan@vanderbilt.edu or 561-229-3527. I can't wait to hear from you!

Ian Morgan, he/him/his, ian.p.morgan@vanderbilt.edu

School of Engineering Class of 2025

Major(s): Mechanical Engineering

Minor(s): Piano Performance

Position Sought: First-Year Senator

I, Ian Morgan, am asking to be one of your first-year Senators in order to make Vanderbilt a more welcoming and inclusive place, one that inspires each and every student to pursue their dreams and fulfill their greatest potential. As your Senator I will reach out to various groups with different backgrounds and interests to understand how to best serve the entire Vanderbilt student community. Initially, I will strive to accomplish the following: 1. Digitize dorm room access in Commons We live in an increasingly digital world. And with the recent introduction of the mobile Commodore Card app, the natural next step is to digitize room access across Ingram Commons. This is why I am proposing the installation of mobile scanners, much like the existing ones already being used to access every building on campus, for all freshman dorm rooms. 2. Expand Munchie Mart meal swipe access We've all seen it: the swarms of freshmen flocking to Commons Munchie Mart on Sunday evenings to cash in their leftover meal swipes. Sadly, students are unjustly limited to using these swipes on a select few items. As your Senator, I will work to expand meal swipe access in Munchie Marts to include all food items, so that we can spend our dining money the way we want and no swipe goes wasted. 3. Add e-scooters to Commodore Card E-scooters are an increasingly popular option for public transportation. With several companies already having a strong presence in Nashville, these eco-friendly rides make an ideal choice for students who need to travel quickly across campus. If elected, I will propose establishing a partnership between Vanderbilt and local e-scooter companies to make scooters a viable on-campus transportation option, accessible to any student with their Commodore Card.

Ryan Zix, he/him/his, ryan.t.zix@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Science Class of 2025

Major(s): MHS

Position Sought: First-Year Senator

Hello. I am Ryan Zix, and I am running for a First-Year Senator position in VSG to bring experience to the Senate and to bring progress to the Vanderbilt community at large. To begin, I have had years of experience with both leading a student body as well as having discussions with faculty during my time in student government, serving as a class representative my junior year and as the secretary my senior year. This time in student government has given me an appreciation for the aspects of service, representation, leadership, and communication that are necessary for this role in VSG. Secondly, I participated in four years of Congressional Debate, in which I wrote and debated pieces of legislation with other high school students, and was recognized for

my work in this event on the local, state, and national levels. This means that I have four years of experience imitating what the VSG Senate does regularly, and so I would be acclimated to the motions, jargon, and other parliamentary procedures even before I attend my first session. In addition to my experience in these fields, I will always bring passion to the Senate session. Those who know me can testify that I bring energy and liveliness to everything I do, and I can assure everyone that I will stand behind what I advocate for, bringing everything I've got in order to make sure that beneficial resolutions pass and improper resolutions fail. I pride myself on being open to discussion, so if you wish to reach out to me or learn more about me, feel free to email me at ryan.t.zix@vanderbilt.edu. Thank you for taking time to read this blurb. I look forward to getting to know you all!

Yihan Li, he/him/his, Yihan Li

College of Arts & Science Class of 2023

Major(s): economics and math

Position Sought: Third-Year Senator

Good morning Does! My name is Yihan, and this is my third consecutive year running for the senate. So much has happened during the past three years, and I am confident to have acquired the abilities necessary to represent the best interest of my constituents. In the COVID-19 era, the safety and well-being of students are my priorities, and I wish to work with my fellow senators in providing a safe environment as well as a sociable and high-quality campus life. My specific goals are as follows: Dining Experience: a) Reintroduce the reservation service on GET app, with more commodious features such as live-updated waiting time and notifications of meal status b) Update GET app to show dining options in each of the dining halls Make sure the items of high demand in current munchie marts are in stock at all times. Extend the operating hours. c) Bring back the 'donate a side' campaign Residential Experience: a) More off-campus housing availability for upperclassmen b) Card access to your best friend's house c) Provide more common kitchen wares in residential hall kitchens Campus Experience: a) Set up several umbrella self-service stations on campus b) Set up a platform where students trade unused or pre-owned goods (i.e. textbooks, scooters, decors, furniture).

Zev Sernik, he/him/his, zev.m.sernik@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Science Class of 2022

Major(s)/Minor(s): Public Policy Studies, Economics & History

Position Sought: Fourth-Year Senator

Hi, I'm Zev Sernik and I'm running to be your Fourth-Year Representative in Senate. For the past two years I have had the privilege of representing our class in Senate, and I have relished the opportunity to positively impact our campus community by helping to facilitate a more enjoyable Vanderbilt experience for all students. During my time in VSG, I have supported and advocated for initiatives to increase security on campus and make Vanderbilt more inclusive, both financially and socially. I look forward to continuing to improve the lives of my fellow students this upcoming year as your Fourth-Year Senator. This year, there are two specific projects that I plan on advocating in favor of:

1. Greater access to mental health resources. Under ordinary circumstances, college is an extraordinarily challenging time for most people. This year especially, with the continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need for student support is an even greater concern. While Vanderbilt offers resources for students struggling with mental health issues, the full extent of these resources is often not known by students. In addition to promoting greater visibility and understanding of current mental health resources, I intend to advocate for legislation that improves upon the existing support structure.
2. I would also like to create an easier way for students to have their voices heard. While I understand that mandatory town halls exist, they are infrequent and at inconvenient times. When I'm re-elected Senator, I will regularly organize Zoom calls to listen to the complaints and suggestions of Fourth-Year students. If you have any questions, or if you would like to discuss ideas for socially-distant ways to have fun and engage with other students, please reach out to me at zev.m.sernik@vanderbilt.edu.

Matt Geleta, he/him/his, Matthew.r.geleta@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Science Class of 2023

Major(s): Economics and Political Science

Minor(s): Business

Position Sought: Arts & Science Senator

Hey Vandy! My name is Matt Geleta, and I'm a junior majoring in Economics / Political Science. Last year, I was your Arts & Science Senator, and remain committed to bettering the Vanderbilt community. As Senator, I will prioritize the following 3 policy

areas: 1) Dining Overhaul: As an RA, the most common complaint I've heard from my residents is about the state of dining. The hours are too short, the options are too limited, and the quality of service we receive is ridiculous for the price we pay. Overall hours must be expanded, wait times decreased, and Rand has to be open for dinner! I will immediately schedule meetings with dining representatives to advocate these reforms. 2) Reintegrating Campus: Vanderbilt students have remained strong throughout the pandemic, but many have lost a sense of community. I want to bring that back. I will work with campus partners to safely implement programming events that strengthen bonds within A&S. Last year, many students were studying remotely and living off-campus. I will make it a priority to reintroduce these students to the Vanderbilt they came to love. 3) Student Safety. Students thrive in a safe living-learning environment. We need to add more blue lights, increase lighting on campus, and expand Vandy Vans operating hours to decrease the risk of crime. Last year, I cosponsored legislation that aimed at protecting the student body, but there is always room for improvement when it comes to keeping our campus safe. I was privileged to serve as your A&S Senator last year, and it would be my honor to continue that commitment this year. Using my past experience and current ideas, I will advocate on YOUR behalf to create a better future for the entire Vanderbilt community. Thanks for your time and consideration - Go 'Dores!

Garfield Tingyu Zhang, he/him, Garfield Tingyu Zhang
College of Arts & Science Class of 2023
Major(s): Psychology
Position Sought: Third-Year Senator

1. Better Campus Dining Experience - shorter line, more dining options, better service and better food, longer munchie hour - dining hall buffet get rid of per trip meat restriction 2 .Smarter, cleaner trashcan installed around campus 3. Promote fairness and equality 4. Bring back free squirrel stickers and posters! 5. Your opinion matters! DM me on instagram tingyu_garfield to let your voice heard!

Michael Chen, he/him/his, michael.s.chen@vanderbilt.edu
School of Engineering Class of 2025
Major(s): Biomedical and Electrical Engineering
Minor(s): Undecided
Position Sought: First-Year Senator

Wassup, Class of 2025?!!! My name is Michael Chen, and I am running to be your First-Year Senator in Vanderbilt Student Government. These past few weeks have been chaotic, busy, and novel for all of us, but through it all, one theme has come up: our administration is not paying enough attention to student needs. We must hold administration accountable for this to protect the needs of the student body. With our dining halls and Munchie Marts mired in a continuous cycle of food and staff shortages as well as reduced hours, it is clear that they simply don't give us students enough thought. If they talk the talk, then they must walk the walk and deliver on their promises of excellent food. As a senator, I would also push for additional initiatives promoting equity and inclusion, supporting current projects such as health product distribution while also advocating for stronger stances on social issues that pertain to today's world, especially for minority groups. As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, this issue is particularly important because it ensures that no one is denied opportunities simply because of who they are. Finally, I would also heavily emphasize the importance of involving my first-year constituents while participating in the Senate to better understand and represent their opinions. By actively communicating with fellow students on the Commons and hearing their thoughts about important issues, I can make VSG and the Senate a much more accessible institution for our entire class, and ensure that our needs are heard by the entire student body and the administration. Vote Michael Chen for Accountability, Accessibility, and Advocacy, and above all, remember to stay safe and Anchor Down!

Zack Maaieh, he/him, zakaria.m.maaieh@vanderbilt.edu

College of Arts & Science Class of 2025

Major(s): Economics and Political Science

Minor(s): Data science

Position Sought: First-Year Senator

I, Zack Maaieh, am asking to be your first-year senator so we can work together to elevate every first-year's voice to improve our school. As an advocate back home, I've learned the necessity of spending more time listening than talking so my advocacy accurately reflects my peers' needs. Already, I've focused on hearing my classmates, and strive to advocate for the following: 1) Increasing lighting around campus: - Walking around campus at night can feel unsafe because of insufficient lighting. I would advocate for improvements to nighttime lighting by increasing the number and strength of lights. 2) Improving communication and availability of Vandy Ride: - Currently, little information is shared with first-years about accessing Vandy Ride. Additionally, buses only run from 6 PM to 1 AM. I would advocate for clearer communication about accessing rides and extended hours to help students get around campus. 3) Bringing back dining services and increasing meal plan flexibility: - In the past, first-years had a

24/7 Commons Munchie Mart and more options using a meal swipe. I would advocate to extend hours for the Commons Munchie Mart—the only Munchie closed for breakfast and lunch—and allow students to access different food options with a swipe. - Every year at Vanderbilt, meal plans have a required number of meals, and after freshman year, the plans cost more per-meal. As your Senator, I would advocate for flexibility and an equitable pricing system so we will have a fairer price-per-meal in the future. While I can't guarantee these changes will come if I am elected, I promise that as your senator, I will put my all into fixing these and other issues we face as students. Thank you for taking the time to read! If you have any questions please reach out at zakaria.m.maaieh@vanderbilt.edu or (567)694-9540!

Tae Kim, he/him, tae.kim@vanderbilt.edu
College of Arts & Science Class of 2025
Major(s): Economics
Position Sought: First-Year Senator

Who can rep 225 lbs.? I can. Just kidding, I'm small. What's up Vandy Freshmen! My name is Tae Kim, and I am a first-year Vanderbilt student majoring in Economics. I am pumped to be running as your First-Year senator, and I have high hopes for the class of 2025. For this 21'-22' school year to go in the right direction, I am determined to do whatever it takes to make this the best year ever. As your First-Year senator, I will ensure that the following issues get resolved to ensure that everyone is comfortable and has fun. The first issue I will be tackling is the food situation. The limited dining hall hours, lack of quality in food, and the exhausting hours are issues that need to be resolved immediately. We have paid too much money to be receiving food we aren't satisfied with. The second objective as your First-Year senator will be to increase floor/house funding. I want my fellow first-years to have fun while staying safe; however, this is quite difficult with such low floor/house funding. I want to increase that funding to establish an entertaining and secure living environment. The third goal will be to increase Vanderbilt's spirit. Whether it's towels or shirts, I want to distribute free Vanderbilt merchandise as it will strengthen our Commodore spirits. Not only that, you get FREE stuff. The last idea I want to implement as your First-Year Senator will be to prioritize mental health. As classes get more rigorous and midterms/finals come up, it's crucial that people take care of their social, psychological, and mental wellbeing and have the resources to find that stability.

Hananeel Morinville, she/her, hananeel.morinville@vanderbilt.edu
College of Arts & Science Class of 2025
Major(s): History and Political Science
Position Sought: First-Year Senator

Amplify your voice, amplify your time, amplify your experience. The best way to create a diverse, inclusive, and equitable Vanderbilt is if your voice, time, and experience is being amplified. There are several different areas that need to be strengthened or improved at Vanderbilt to maximize our experience: Expanding mental health resources. While these resources exist on our campus, an expansion would amplify student life and increase productivity. Fostering a stronger community between the class of '25 and alumni. This makes it easier to network and build meaningful, lasting connections that could easily turn into career opportunities. Increasing our impact in Nashville. Vanderbilt is well equipped to play a larger direct role in helping solve or address issues that Nashville is faced with. This further establishes our presence and shines a spotlight on our community outreach efforts. Establish safe spaces for Freshmen to communicate with administration about issues that matter. Create an organized system that gives first year students access to images of their room/suite. Prioritize the needs of underrepresented groups and ensure these groups are both seen and heard. As First-Year Senator, I'm not here to speak for you or even be your voice, my sole purpose is to amplify your voice. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns: hananeel.morinville@vanderbilt.edu

Maia Reynolds, she/her/hers, maia.j.reynolds@vanderbilt.edu
College of Arts & Science Class of 2023
Major(s): Math
Minor(s): Art History
Position Sought: Transfer Student Senator

I am a transfer student planning on graduating in 2023 with a major in mathematics and a minor in history of art. At my previous university, I served on the Student Senate as a Representative on the Student Life Committee and as Student Treasurer, where I managed funding for all student organizations, chaired budget meetings, and served on the Executive Committee. I have extensive leadership experience outside of student government as a stage manager, senior member of my previous college's philanthropy committee and investment club, and teacher's assistant for Introduction to Economics. I am accustomed to advocating for students and working alongside the administration to accomplish goals, and I look forward to being your representative on all matters concerning transfer students and your student experience! I am committed to creating a welcoming, safe and inclusive environment for all students at Vanderbilt, but I will especially focus my efforts on easing the transition to Vanderbilt for transfer students. I will enhance communication between Vanderbilt and transfer students about the transfer process and life on campus, especially regarding the matters of utilizing all of

the resources available to us as students and obtaining parking permits. I will work on issues such as simplifying the transfer credit approval process, bettering course registration for transfers, and providing more extensive academic advising. In addition, I will work towards improving students' quality of life, especially hardships and disruptions on campus due to COVID. Despite only being here a few short weeks, I already have a multitude of ideas on how to improve Vanderbilt, and I am always available and excited to listen to student suggestions.

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College of Arts & Science

Major(s)/Minor(s): Molecular & Cellular Biology and Spanish

Position Sought: Second-Year Senator

I, Makala Desargent, am asking to become your Second-Year Senator to make Vanderbilt a more inclusive, safe environment that is conducive to academic excellence for individuals of all backgrounds and interests. As a Senator, I would first reach out to individuals and student organizations to understand how I can work with Vanderbilt Student Government to fulfill student's needs and promote collaboration on campus-wide issues. Additionally, I would strive to do the following: 1.) Improve campus safety, community, and everyday life on campus This past year, I worked with VSG as a member of the campus life committee. During my time on the committee, we completed various initiatives, such as working with the school to open the recreation center for use during the pandemic, as well as adding free menstrual products in bathrooms across campus. Some more initiatives that I hope to accomplish this upcoming year include adding more lights to campus so that it is not as dark at night, allowing students to use meal swipes to pay for snacks, drinks, and other items at munchie marts, incorporating a rollback program for unused meal swipes, and so much more. 2.) Collaborate with professors and administration to improve awareness of issues that are important to students. I want to work with various campus organizations and student resources to encourage the Faculty and administration to be more transparent and engage more with the student body. I will work with these groups to further the conversation on issues such as promoting equity and inclusion, mental health awareness, free printing, more inclusive dining options, improved sustainability, increased support for dining workers, and much more. Thank you for taking the time to read my platform! If you have any questions or would like to talk, please contact me at mak.desargent@vanderbilt.edu 😊

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College of Arts & Science Class of 2024

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Position Sought: Second-Year Senator

My name is Gabriela Nguena Jones. I am running for 2nd-year Senator, and I would like to list some ideas I would love to see implemented at Vanderbilt. First, the topic of food security and nutrition. I believe that the staff should be paid better wages and there should be increased staffing for dining, which would allow Rand to be open for dinner. We should enforce that all items sold at Vanderbilt are available for a meal swipe and produce a system that encourages this exchange. In addition, there should be increased funding and more selections for the Taste of Nashville, and along with this, there should either be a reduction in the cost of the meal package we pay for at Vanderbilt, or an option that encourages student autonomy on the flexibility of meals we decide to purchase. Finally, we should allow Vandy Vans to run early in the morning as well as find solutions to allow for students who don't have reliable transportation to be taken to grocery stores. Second, I would like to talk about mental health and wellness. Vanderbilt should implement mental health days, allowing students to utilize those days for self-care and engage in wellness activities. There should also be increased funding and staff for the UCC. By increasing the number of counselors, especially those of more diverse backgrounds, it will ultimately be beneficial to Vanderbilt's students. Finally, other important initiatives I would like to see implemented at Vanderbilt include: Free printing A Sophomore Orientation partial refund Expanded funding for opportunities in Experience Vanderbilt Added rental bicycles and scooters to navigate on campus Free parking for all students Aid given towards the mutual aid fund for the student population.