

Vivianna Patino

Personal Statement

My name is Vivianna Patino and I am a sophomore at Chabot College. I'm majoring in Political Science and I'm interested in applying for the SSCC Student Trustee. I'm interested in this position because I would like to grow as a student and help out my peers with their needs and issues at Chabot College. As the SSCC Student Trustee, I would have the opportunity to draft resolutions and documents regarding legislative matters for our school and be the representative for all of the students in our college to voice out our issues and advocate for them. I am beyond driven to take this chance to show what I can offer to the Student Senate and Chabot College as a whole. I am majoring in Political Science and I plan on becoming a policymaker or a congresswoman. I was inspired to major in political science because of the significant issues that I believe we need to take action on issues such as minimum wage, affordable housing, and immigration and so many others. I, myself, am a product of immigration and without the fight that my parents went through, I wouldn't be where I am today. Therefore, I want to be part of the change and give people the opportunity to live better lives. Three words I would use to describe myself would be determined, ambitious, and open-minded because I am a person of my word and refuse to give up on myself and others. I enjoy taking risks and challenging myself to try new things and I love hearing everyone's ideas and opinions when I am working with a group. As a member of the SSCC to help improve the Chabot community, I would like to increase and find opportunities to help students mentally and academically with new programs or events like possibly a "Meet Your Major" event where each department has a booth or in this time a specific breakout room in a zoom meeting where you can talk to alumni, graduates, or current students of that major and they can discuss what it entails and what the career path looks like for students

who are curious or who aren't sure of what they are majoring in yet or would just like more information so they can have the opportunity to have a more in-depth description and idea of what they want to do in the future. Another idea that I would like to bring to Chabot would include Inclusivity and Racial Implicit Bias training for not only staff, but students and our Senate Members because I believe it's extremely crucial. Last year, I have sat through many meetings with our board and have been able to learn a lot and see where we can improve. In conclusion, I believe that I would be a great asset to the student Senate of Chabot College and I would love to run as your Student Trustee because it would give me the opportunity to help so many students and be their representative.