

2020 SGA Candidates

All candidates were asked the following question and below are their responses
If elected, what specific initiatives would you pursue for the NKU Student Body?

Justice Candidates

Thomas "TJ" Cleary – Junior, Finance Major

I hope to comb through the bylaws/constitution as a justice to make sure they are consistent with the goals of the current administration and to make sure that no updates/revisions are needed.

Carlos Garcia – Sophomore, Computer Science

Environmentally friendly campus, more inclusion for housing residents on weekends

Jordan Murphy – Junior, Public Relations

Senator Candidates

Trevor Abraham – Junior, Psychology with a double minor in Neuroscience and Criminal Justice

If I were elected into SGA, i would pursue a potential greek life building where all students of greek life could go to hangout on campus and where all non-Greek life students could go to learn more about greek life. I would also pursue the idea of representation of our diversity among our food options. I feel as though we lack representation for a fair amount of our student body. Finally, I would pursue the idea that any student who has a parent working for the university should receive free tuition.

Jude Ampfer – Sophomore, Marketing

Currently, I am in the Student Advocacy Committee and would continue to pursue my resolution for a program to acclimate foreign exchange students to life on the American College Campus.

Daniel Davis – Sophomore, Computer Information Technology

Definitely push for more attention on veteran/military members issues. The biggest thing for me is making it easier for Reservists/National Guard/Active Duty have easier access to their GI bill benefits. As someone in the army reserves, this process can be unbelievably frustrating. Additionally, pushing for growth in the NKU ROTC program, which offers great benefits including a full ride scholarship and the opportunity to be a commissioned officer in the U.S. Army.

Ronald Delgado – Freshman, Political Science

A couple initiatives I would pursue for the student body include: Greater rewards for campus involvement, improving housing broadband capabilities, and advocating for greater student rights

Jackson Dungan – Junior, Criminal Justice

Get the SOTA stage redone, as it is a bit unsafe.

William Jones – Senior, Education

Special Education major

Brittany McCubbin – Junior, English

As a commuter student, one of the most important things I would like to focus on is inclusion of commuter students in more organizations. I think many organizations appear unavailable to commuter students so I would like to work with them to change that. Also, focusing on more options for students in dining areas on campus (allergies, vegan, dietary restrictions, etc.).

Hannah Miller, Freshman, Social Work

As a senator for SGA, I would like to create an American Sign Language minor, add printers to the Student Union and work with Fuel to create free laundry facilities for all students.

Hanson Nguyen – Freshman, Undeclared

I had an interest in ultrasound or sonography when coming to Northern Kentucky University, but I figured out they do not offer a program for that. We already have great opportunities for someone wanting to pursue a career in the medical field, and I would be interested in possibly adding a sonography or ultrasound program to Northern Kentucky University's list. Even though I am a commuter student, I would still want to gain information from residential students and help them anyway possible to improve their experience while away from home.

Field Oldham – Freshman, Political Science

Help to be a bridge between student government and the theatre program.

Keron Patton – Freshman, Exercise Science

My initiative is to add more sports teams on campus to utilize ourselves as a D1 sport.

Xavier Sullivan – Senior, Social Work

Pro LGBTQ+ increase student engagement More student involvement with administration

Isaac Turner – Freshman, Exercise Science

Increase of parking. More interest for events (games, campus events, retreats). Listening to what the students want.

Adam Uhlenbrock – Sophomore, Business

Making NKU a more appealing choice for Kentuckians

Ethan Wieland – Sophomore, Political Science

If elected, I would try to continue the efforts put forth by the current Senate to make campus life at Northern a fun, relaxed, and inclusive atmosphere that can be enjoyed by every student, regardless of their current levels of involvement or background. As a current member of the Committee of Academic Affairs, I would like to the opportunity to work on various projects that are ongoing with several of the members, as well as work on resolutions that are of my own doing that I believe could benefit our student body when it comes to their academics.

Secretary of Administration

Stephen Cordle – Junior, Political Science

I would work with the student body, members of the student senate, and the executive board of SGA to ensure the needs of the student body are communicated clearly to administration. My hope is to work seamlessly with SGA and administration officials to ensure that our students voices are being heard and understood.

Secretary of Student Involvement

Allan Millward – Junior, Political Science

I would continue to pursue resolutions I have passed in previous sessions or initiatives I am working on now these include but are by no means limited to: Extra credit for course evaluations Advisor evaluations for ALL academic advisors A re-evaluation of the plus minus grading scale A re-vamp of the Victor Talks format.

Secretary of Public Relations

Emily Miller – Freshman, Communication, Organizational Leadership

I would work towards redoing signage (such as those around campus and those that welcome people to NKU) - Improving relations with minority groups on campus in order to help them stay involved - Improving relations between SGA/students and faculty/staff - More joint events with other organizations on campus

President and Vice President

Lauren Goodwin – President – Junior, Criminal Justice

Mia Derks – Vice President – Sophomore, double- History and International Studies

Mia and I are running our campaign under the slogan of Transparency in Action. Essentially, we want to make student government transparent and accessible to all student groups so that everyone's voice is represented. We also want to increase transparency between student government and faculty and staff. If elected, we will seek to create more meaningful relationships with more faculty and staff on campus in order to better advocate for the students and affect change here on campus. We have specific initiatives we will take action upon to make this transparency a reality. We will focus on taking past resolutions and enacting them on campus. It will take teamwork with faculty, staff, and students to make this happen. In addition, in our administration, we plan on only passing resolutions that we can enact; we will not pass a resolution for the sake of numbers. We plan to actively engage with the administration and with students by continuously asking questions of them about what they want to see

on campus and about how we can make these changes happen. We cannot have transparency without having these conversations. We also plan to expand the concept of diversity within student government and on campus. We want everyone's unique life experience to be validated and represented. Finally, we want to make campus more commuter friendly. As a campus with such a large commuter student body, it is imperative that we engage this group of people in the conversation because they are an important part of campus. They are a diverse group on their own, and they need to have a voice. Through these initiatives, we will take action to increase transparency between students, student government, and the faculty and staff here at NKU, and we will make change happen.

Jessica Archer – President – Sophomore, Integrative Studies with focuses in Theatre, Organizational Leadership, and Management

Jacob Wilson – Vice President – Sophomore, Human Resource Management

My biggest motivator in running for this position is to make NKU a top choice, and not just a safe choice, because we are so much more than that. My goal is to bridge the gap between major bodies on campus by honing in on four major focuses: Unity, Inclusion, Safety, and Student Success. NKU is a very diverse campus, however, if those diverse groups aren't included in major conversations we cannot consider ourselves inclusive. I would like to set up a representative program so we not only reach different groups of students we're also outreaching to different colleges, organizations, and backgrounds in order to more effectively provide them a seat at the table. I am also heavily invested in the safety and upkeep of on campus housing as well as School of the Arts. Finally, I want to focus on a real student-real results approach. I want to be approachable to all students, not just those who know me, in order to best serve every student on this campus. You will see me in the classroom, on this campus, and in all different colleges learning how to best serve the students at every level.

Katelyn Estes – President - Freshman, Entrepreneurship

Zachary Dichtl – Vice President – Senior, CIT, Media Informatics, and Philosophy

I would want to pursue better representation in our Student Government Association. I would want to spend more time reaching out to organizations and encouraging their members to apply and ask what kind of resolutions they would like to see passed. I would want to put a larger focus on the health and safety on this campus. We are not a food allergy safe campus and I believe that is something that can be changed in the future very simply, along with working with NKU police to make our campus safer and teach students about different ways to make sure that they are safe. We already have a mental health week but I think that it could be expanded. My last point is Fuel NKU I believe that it is a great resource on this campus but it can do more for students. I would like to hold drives to collect school supplies and clothing. Possibly working with career services to create a business attire closet for students to wear to interviews.