

LSA Secretary Candidate Statements

Sammy Beatty

I thought instead of a long candidate statement, I'd stick to my theme and write a little poem with a nod to Dr. Suess' *Green Eggs and Ham*.

You may have seen my signs this week.
Secretary is the job I seek.

Let's start with something about me.
My friends know me as Sammy B.

I like to read, I like to write.
I'll be accessible day and night.

I'll take the notes and post them too
Cuz that's what you're supposed to do.

I do not like not having fun.
I do not like getting nothing done.

I do not like sitting on the side.
My blood runs deep with Aggie pride.

So when it comes to voting time,
I hope that you'll recite this rhyme:

Who's the best for this program?
Well yes, of course, it's Sam-I-am!

Seriously, I hope you will vote for me. While I do like to have fun, I take my responsibilities quite seriously. And I will do my best to serve you.

-Sammy Beatty for LSA Secretary

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1L Representative Candidate Statements

Annie Batanides

Hello fellow members of the King Hall Community!

Although I have just begun my three-year journey here at King Hall, I am eager to get more involved in the community and start leaving my mark at the school! I want to share my enthusiasm and passion for life and

learning with the rest of King Hall. I am also confident that my skills at organizing and planning will make me an excellent candidate to represent the 1L class as an LSA 1L representative.

Being elected a 1L representative requires being elected by the entire 1L class. So if you are reading this and are a 1L student like me, you will have the power to choose who your 1L representatives will be. To help you with this decision, I will tell you a little bit about myself.

I graduated from UC Davis 2 years ago with a BS degree in Environmental Policy. While attending Davis, I devoted much of my time working with the non-profit public interest groups: the California Public Interest Research Group (CALPIRG) and Environment California. As a Coordinator for the Global Warming Solutions campaign, I took the initiative and came up with several ideas, and then recruited and organized students to make them a reality. Some of these included, the assistance of our campaign in the LEED certification of a building on campus; a “green” concert showcasing forms of renewable energy; and a panel of local officials, professors, students and scientists discussing common carbon-emission goals for the city of Davis.

I also have extensive experience organizing students to support environmental legislation: organizing parades, visibility events, and speaking at a forum for the support of 2008’s proposition 1A. These are just a few of the events I was most excited about, but I hope it shows I am not new to the idea of planning and organizing my fellow peers and community members to accomplish a common goal.

I have also worked in the California state capitol under an Assemblywoman, interned at the City Clerk’s office in the City of Davis, volunteered with the Human Rights Campaign, volunteered at an elementary school second-grade classroom, and been a field coordinator for grassroots campaigns. I believe all this experience has made me an excellent leader and I am therefore fully confident in my ability to take on the position of 1L representative.

Aside from the “resume facts” I wrote about, I am also a fun person with diverse interests. I have studied in the rainforest of Australia, I have run 3 full marathons, teach Cardio Dance classes at the ARC (starting next week!), am a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, am enthralled in art (painting and drawing), and love reading fantasy books (which my sisters say only involve “wizards and dragons” ...not true!) Lastly I have the cutest Chihuahua-terrier mix dog in the world!

If I haven’t met you already please feel comfortable approaching me and asking me questions on campus or through Facebook. If nothing else I look at this campaign as an opportunity to get to know more classmates!

Thank you so much for your time spent reading this! (I know as law students we have an abundance of spare time, right?) And congratulations, everyone, on making it past our first couple weeks! I’m certain this year will turn out to be a great one!

Remember—get off your Fannie and Vote for Annie! Because I will work mine off for you when elected!

Sincerely,

Annie Batanides

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Kathryn Bilder

Dear Fellow 1Ls,

The past weeks have been full of excitement, hard work, and friendly new faces! For me, the friendly new faces have certainly been the best part. I chose to attend King Hall because of the community, and I chose to run for LSA 1L Representative because I want to be an active and contributing member of this wonderful community.

As a 1L representative, I promise to work hard and speak up for the entire class of 2014. Since we attend a relatively small law school, I believe it is the duty of the class representative to personally know those whom he or she is representing. Although I have not yet met all of you, I will make it a priority to meet and befriend my classmates. If elected, I would reach out to you in order to discover issues that I can address as 1L representative.

Two of the largest responsibilities of the 1L representatives are ordering business cards for the class and planning a mixer with all of the other UC Davis graduate schools. Given my organization and attention to detail, I will execute the business card task in a timely manner so that our class has professional cards for interviewing and networking. As a social event planner, I have a lot of experience. I worked part-time for a caterer and event planner for 3 years, and I served as social chair for my sorority. As social chair, I planned events for 50 to 500 individuals. If elected 1L representative, I promise that we would certainly have a mixer to remember!

I ask for your vote for 1L Representative because I will work with you, my classmates, to make our King Hall experience not only an educational one, but a fun one as well. I truly look forward to getting to know you all in the coming months, and I hope that you will consider my candidacy as you vote this week.

Respectfully,

Kathryn Bilder

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Briana Fitzpatrick

To my fellow 1Ls,

My name is Briana Fitzpatrick and I am running for 1L Representative. You may have seen some of my fliers around the school, but in case you haven't, I'd like to refresh you with my slogan: "Vote Briana Fitzpatrick, The Legal Eagle Eye! I may be blind in one eye, but I'll never be blind to your needs!" Despite the silly nature of the slogan, I think it honestly represents the qualities that will make me the best 1L representative.

First of all, I really am blind in one eye. I was born that way, there is not any way to fix it, and it became something that I laugh about almost every single day. In a sense, that's one of the reasons why I think I would be a great 1L Representative: I never take myself too seriously. I am nearly always laughing at something (most of the time myself) and everyday I enjoy what life has given me. I think to be a great 1L rep, it is important to enjoy doing the job. It would be a pleasure and a blast to represent, in my humble opinion, one of the best 1L classes that Davis has had in years.

Secondly, as a joke, I call my good eye "The Eagle Eye" and I figured since I'm in law school, it's only fair to change it to "The Legal Eagle Eye." What started out as a joke is also another reason why I would be a great 1L Representative: My attention to detail. 1L Representatives are in charge of planning the grad school mixer and the class business cards. I can guarantee that in doing my part to complete these projects I will not let any detail escape me. I am an avid organizer (it's embarrassing, really) and I love planning events. I promise that as your 1L Representative, my Eagle Eye won't miss a thing.

Finally, although the slogan "I may be blind in one eye, but I won't be blind to your needs" is kind of ridiculous, I really do mean it. It is important to have a representative who is approachable and easy to talk to, and as your 1L rep that is what I will be. I am always open to suggestions, questions and ideas. If I am elected as your 1L Representative, and you think I suck, then please tell me. If I'm elected and you think I'm awesome, feel free to tell me that too! In short, as your 1L representative I will do my best to be available to talk, hang out and generally get to know every single person in our class.

So don't forget: Vote Briana Fitzpatrick, The Legal Eagle Eye for your 1L Representative!

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Briana

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Claire Jacobson

Ke\$ha once said, "Throw some glitter, make it rain." That is exactly what I intend to do at our grad school mixer that the 1L reps will plan. If you are worried about my taste because I quoted Ke\$ha, rest assured that I will consult multiple opinions when ordering our business cards, the second part of our role.

In all seriousness, it would be an honor to represent the class of 2014. I plan to keep things light, fun, and easy as our studies will most likely consume our energy and time. Given my leadership experiences within Teach for America and as a team captain for my undergrad water polo team, I feel confident and ready to serve my fellow 1Lers. King Hall Class of 2014- "this place about to blow."

Vote Claire Jacobson for your 1L representative!

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Madalyn Macarr

Dear 1L Classmates,

I'd like to begin by telling you a little bit about why I chose to run for the position of LSA 1L Representative. Student government is not something I have become involved in so far in the past. In fact, it was the last thing on my radar when we received that e-mail from Rabia last week about the elections. I was about to click "mark as read" and go back to my reading when I started thinking about how much I have enjoyed my experience so far at King Hall.

From the first time I began meeting you, my classmates and future colleagues at that welcome barbeque, I knew I had made the right choice in coming to King Hall. Although we've only been here for three weeks now, the sense of community, congeniality, and constant desire to lend a helping hand is astounding. Speaking with friends who go to other law schools only confirms what I already believe to be true – there really is no place better to embark on this career path as KH. It is for this reason that I'd like to become involved in any way I can to represent our interests and desires to LSA.

In addition to attending all the LSA meetings and voting on issues regarding student group funding, one of the main responsibilities of the 1L Rep is to put together a mixer among all the UC Davis graduate schools. I am confident that this is the type of project I would not only enjoy working on, but wouldn't mind putting in whatever extra time and work was needed to ensure a great success. Moreover, if elected, I would love to meet and hear from all of you about your interests and student groups/organizations. I understand that the people in any club are

passionate about that subject matter, whether others share that interest or not; I would be sure to vote on funding issues in an equitable way and would do my best to help each organization achieve their goals.

I humbly ask for your vote for our 1L Class Representative position. I would love having this opportunity to start giving back to our community which I feel so blessed to be a part of.

Sincerely,
Madalyn Macarr

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Jason Nayagam

Dear King Hall Class of 2014,

My name is Jayson Nayagam and I am running to be your 1L LSA Representative. Voltair said, "Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers." I believe these words to be quite sage in the realm of politics and student government. Representatives are undoubtedly expected to be innovators in their own right. They have to come up with solutions to their constituents' complex problems. However, the truly great representatives do not try to do this alone. In keeping with this line of thinking, I pledge to solicit help and advice from my fellow classmates. I do not have all the answers; I would be lying if I said that I did. If elected, I will rely upon the counsel of my fellow law students to address the needs of the King Hall community.

The LSA is responsible for a vital component of the law school experience: student life and activities. From guest speakers to clubs, LSA board members are charged with managing the funding for activities on campus. The LSA's budget comes from the very tuition that you and I pay to attend King Hall: this is not lost on me. I understand that it is a great financial and emotional burden to attend law school. I pledge to advocate for the responsible allocation of LSA funds to events and organizations that will truly enrich your law school experience. Student organizations, along with LSA events and bar reviews, provide students with the opportunity to interact with each other on a level that is not always feasible in a classroom setting. As some of you heard this past week in briefing sessions, law school is as much about learning to collaborate as it is about learning the intricacies of the law. The people in your class will be among your best friends and your future colleagues. I will work to ensure that every member in the King Hall community feels connected to their classmates as well as to those in the class who share their particular interests.

Again, my name is Jayson Nayagam and I am running to be your 1L Representative. I would very much appreciate your vote in the upcoming election.

Sincerely,

Jayson Nayagam

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Section A-B Representative

Benjamin E. Strauss

Dear Section A and B,

I believe in getting to the point quickly which is why my statement will be short. For those of you who do not know me, my name is Ben Strauss. My brief time at King Hall has fostered a great appreciation for the community we have here. This appreciation has inspired me to become more involved within the King Hall community. I am committed to strengthening the bond we all share as King Hall students, both in and outside of the classroom. By serving as the primary liaison between you and the LSA, I will voice all of the interests of our section and do everything in my power to get our interests acted upon. In addition to my function as a liaison I will be responsible for organizing the Fall Graduate School mixer. I will use this Mixer, as well as many more social events, as an opportunity to strengthen our community outside of the classroom. The Mixer will prove to be a pleasant escape from our carrels in the library. I would like to let you all know more about what I wish to do as your Section Representative. When you see me around King Hall please stop and say "hi". Let me know any questions or concerns you may be having throughout your time here at King Hall; or just let me know what you thought of our "effort" against ASU this weekend.

Sincerely,

Benjamin E. Strauss

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Madeleine Weisz

My name is Madeleine Weisz and I am running for A-B section representative. My responsibilities as section rep will be to attend all meetings of the LSA board, to organize the section gifts for our professors at the end of the semester, to work on assignments and projects

as directed by the LSA executive officers, to assist our class representatives in multiple endeavors, and to keep our section informed of any and all pertinent goings-on. I would excel in this position thanks to my efficient and effective communication skills, my dedicated work ethic, and my friendly disposition. Please vote for Madeleine to be your A-B section rep!

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Educational Policy Representative

Doug Bojack

My name is Doug Bojack and I am running to be your 1L Educational Policy Representative. I would actively seek out your input, listen intently to your concerns and clearly and forcefully raise your concerns. As your representative, I would raise your issues as a voting member of the LSA's Educational Policy Committee. Your representative is also your voice in faculty meetings on subject matter as well as with the Dean regarding curriculum changes and other policy matters. I bring a clear understanding of this position and the compassion and strength to represent the class of 2014. I will make sure our voices are heard and I will do my best to assure the continuation of quality education at King Hall.

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Hank Nguyen

My name is Hank Nguyen. I am a fellow 1L. Nothing has ever made me as proud as I was the moment we first climbed the steps of King Hall. No doubt each and every one of us has worked hard, but we all know that getting here was really just the first step. The next steps we take will be the ones that define where we are going and who we will become. I feel that in making these choices for ourselves, we must let nothing get in our way. That is why I am running to be your Education Policy Representative. A vote for Hank is a vote for opportunity.

It is the job of the Education Policy Rep to vote on changes in the school curriculum, but I will do much more than that. If you elect me, your voice will be heard.

As your 1L Education Policy Representative, I will always advocate for your interests. I will have open forums both online and in person, where you can speak your mind. I believe in transparency. I will share with you what new courses are being proposed and ask you for your opinion. Got an idea for a new course? Looking to start a journal? Talk to me; my door will always be open.

Class of 2014, I can say without reservation that I have yet to encounter a group of people so brimming with potential, with such bright minds and such diverse interests. I firmly believe that

our education should help us explore every interest and ensure that we grow to be exactly the kind of lawyers we want to be.

I have the experience, dedication, and vision to help King Hall reach its full academic potential. Having attained my undergraduate degree at UC Davis, I bleed blue and gold. No other candidate knows Davis as well as I do. As former president of the Model United Nations team here at UC Davis, I have the leadership and negotiation experience to stand up to those who would cut our opportunities. Also with two years of sales experience, I know how to overcome objections and win people to our side.

When your education is on the line, ask yourself this: "It's 3 am and the phone is ringing. Who do want to answer the call?"

You can trust Hank. This Wednesday, vote Hank Nguyen for Education Policy Representative.

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Edwin Steussy

The pursuit of academic excellence is the premiere reason for each of us to attend King Hall. Every other consideration, by its very nature, is secondary to that purpose. Our ranking with US News and World Report, the average salary of the matriculating class, the national (and international) distribution of our alumni all pale in comparison to the glue that holds us together: academic excellence.

The nature of that excellence extends beyond the selection of our professors or the choices of our future elective curriculum topics. Academic excellence requires that each and every one of us performs to his or her utmost both here in Davis and when practicing law in our professional futures. As we enter the world of law, each of us will be indelibly tagged with the flag of King Hall and, thus, it is in all of our interests that each and every one of us excels. With each of our individual successes, the brand of King Hall might be brightened, piece by piece and bit by bit, so that it may then shine on all of us equally.

This is why the non-competitive philosophy of King Hall is so compelling. In this school and possibly in this school alone, we help one another to achieve success. This is not law school of John Goodman's Paper Chase. And we don't want it to be.

I am personally committed to this effort. In the short time I have been here, I started the Facebook group for my section, allowing us to share information with each other quickly and efficiently. Late night studiers now have an easy task of deciphering the next day's reading assignments by asking their peers. We've seen their questions answered almost immediately by one of the sixty members of the group.

I've taken pictures of professors' cryptic chalkboards and posted them for all of us to study, rather than jealously guarding them as might be natural at other schools. I've located difficult-

to-find texts and scanned them so that everyone in my class has access to all of the material prior to a class session.

I am running for 1L Educational Policy Representative to continue this quest for academic excellence for all of us. I have demonstrated my commitment with my actions listed above. Further, as the senior member of King Hall 2014, my voice is more likely to resonate with the faculty than anyone else' in the class.

I ask for your vote. But regardless of who becomes the representative, I insist we support him or her with all of our actions and all of our will. Academic excellence is worth fighting for, and King Hall is a unique crucible to develop that excellence.

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Irene Williams

To My 1L Family,

Hello, my name is **Irene Williams** and I am *the* person you want to represent you as Education Policy Representative!

Over the last few weeks, since that very first day of Intro Week, I have made it my goal to meet and get to know every, single one of you. For me, it had nothing to do with politics and everything to do with me being me. As those of you who have met me can testify, I am loud. I am honest. And though I have no trouble with speaking up, I am definitely a listener. Class of 2014, this is exactly the type of person you need to represent you as Education Policy Representative.

If elected, my job would be to be your voice, to represent your interests, and to make sure that I effectively relay, and advocate for you whenever it is that our faculty meet to make decisions regarding your curriculum.

While I am full of personality, outspoken, and hard-working, I think it is important to note that if elected, I would come into this position with plenty of experience under my belt. That's right, I'm no rookie!

Prior to law school, I spent the last three years working for a company in the Bay Area in a position that required diligence, advocacy, team work, speaking up, and sheer determination. I was required to regularly seek the input of my fellow co-workers, to relay that input to a higher authority, and to effectively advocate on behalf of others. In addition, I held a number of elected positions throughout my tenure as a student at The University of Texas at Austin, where I took advantage of the opportunities afforded me and used those opportunities to advocate for the greater good. And as an added bonus, as the tenth born child of thirteen children, I have had my entire lifetime to polish these skills. In short, let's just say that growing up with 8

brothers and 4 sisters gave me plenty of practice at being an effective advocate and representative.

Given my personal background and work history, I think that it would be fair to say that I would have no problems representing you.

So as you go to vote this Wednesday, September 7th, I ask that you keep in mind what it is that you want, what it is you need, and what it is you require in someone whose job is to represent you. After all, isn't this position about you?

Vote **Irene Williams** for Education Policy Representative because I put the "YOU" in "YOUR Representative!"