

SGA Elections 2017-2018

Candidates for President

Dorothy Johnson



Hi. My name is Dorothy J. Johnson; I am running for President of the Student Government Association. I am a student just like you. My GPA is 3.7. I have attended Olive-Harvey- College since March of 2013 and have received my GED certificate in June 2016. I have served as a senator and am currently the elected Vice President of SGA and have actively served on many committees.

I have attended Illinois Community College Board Advisory Committees meeting in Springfield Illinois. I am currently an ambassador for the One Million Degrees Program and currently a Star Scholar. I have served as President of the Gateway Scholars Club for a year in a half and continue to consult the club. I was an in-home licensed day care provider for six years, and the director of the Kingdom Kids as well as teaching Sunday school class on Sunday s at the Allen Metropolitan Church.

Lastly, I have been accepted into the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) international Honors Society and have received a certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Service to our youth, a certificate from the Gateway from the Gateway Scholars Club in appreciation for helping to promote the Gateway program. I have also been recognized by the former Student Government Association in recognition of service volunteering to assist with various activities and received a Flying Star Award.

To sum it up, I am a people person. I work well with others. I personally feel that I would be an asset to SGA because I am a strong working person. I keep my word. I work hard at whatever I do. I decided to run for President of the Student Government Association because I feel that I have the strength and the knowledge to hold that position. Every goal that I set my heart and soul into, I was able to accomplish. I can't promise you a hundred, percent, but I can promise you that I would strive for 99 ½ percent. So working with the student body of SGA not only would it be a pleasure, but it would also be another accomplishment for me.

Candidates for Vice President

Kelly Cox



I am an adult learner, returning to school after thirty years of work experience. My return was after being downsized and struggling to find consistent employment. Without a degree, I found it difficult to get an interview for jobs to which I was qualified, based on experience. When deciding my major, I concluded that science would give me a wide range of options. My interests were initially in the areas of botany and pharmacology. However, I have concluded that Environmental Biology would give me the most rewarding career.

My background is in administrative support and field operations. Former work experience has allowed me to become an expert user of the entire Microsoft suite of software; including Access and Publisher. I have a working knowledge of many software solutions; including data analysis software. As a Field Operations Supervisor for the US Census; I managed a team of 12 Leaders and as many as 200 Field Representatives. I am familiar with administrative procedures for reporting outcomes, measuring project performance and maintaining accurate

records of accountability.

My past experience includes designing and securing funding for a 12-week Summer camp focused on conservation, recycling and outdoor exploration. This \$244,000 project employed five adults and fifty youth who were paired youth ages 4 to 14. The daily activities, from 9 am to 3 pm, allowed all participates to explore, create and learn the benefits of outdoor recreation. But most importantly, it kept the teens and youth free for violence and danger. While this program was sponsored by a local church. I believe my program design and grant writing abilities could be utilized to help more youth be safe during the Summer.

I believe that my maturity and temperament would be an asset to the Student Government Association in many ways. I hope to share my leadership ability with an open mind; fueled by a desire to improve my educational experience myself and all Olive Harvey Student.

Candidates for Secretary

Safiyah Shakir



Greetings fellow OHC students, My name is Safiyah Shakir. I am honored with this opportunity to be a candidate and potential Secretary of the Student Government Association. A brief history about myself; I am a current freshman here at OHC. My major is Early Childhood Education. I have maintained a high GPA of 3.7. I am part of several clubs including African American Studies Association, Phi Theta Kappa, and Student Government Association. When I graduate, I hope to open up my own school and teach children the very same leadership skills I learn from Student Government.

I began working with SGA as a senator in the Fall semester of 2016 (my first semester here at Olive-Harvey). I joined with the ambition to not only help other students but also learn leadership skills that I could transfer over to my life outside of Olive-Harvey. Through that experience, I worked closely with a team of members who had a passion for being the voice of the students at Olive-Harvey and making a difference in the Olive-Harvey community. I learned valuable skills on how to be a leader, better time management, how to be a spokesperson for others etc. This semester I would like to further those skills by becoming Secretary of Student Government. Through this I believe that I will hone my note taking skills, develop skills needed to run a meeting, further communications between Student Government and faculty, develop a better appreciation for public speaking, and continue being a voice for the students of Olive-Harvey.

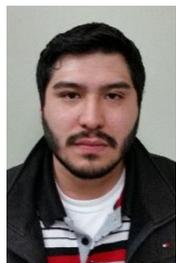
Candidates for Treasurer

Vacant



Candidates for Senator

Joseph Lugo



Born February 21, 1993, raised in Chicago originally from the Southside of the Pilsen neighborhood. Now resides on the East Side of Chicago. The Proud son of hard working Immigrants who knows what it means to struggle, worry and work hard. Second youngest of 3 brothers and 2 sisters, attended public elementary school and high school. The second person in his family to go to college and who is currently attending Olive-Harvey. Pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice, in the hope to one day obtain a career in law enforcement as a police officer in the city of Chicago.

I am running for office because I want to be the change, to help the students who feel left out or who feel that they don't have a voice that matters. I want to empower the students and engage them to know what can be done better and done right or what problems they might encounter. I believe every person's opinion matters even if students don't believe it does. I want to show them that this system is for them and show them how it can help them achieve higher learning. I may not know much about the way the system works yet but I am a quick study and I do not plan on letting any person down. Especially people who count on me to be their voice in matters that affect them. The reason why I am running is because I believe if you can make a positive difference in someone's life you should try. Even if the problem does not affect you personally it does not mean people around you won't be impacted. It is true that you are born alone and die alone but this does not mean we should navigate this world alone.

Maurice Rodgers



Hello, my name is Maurice Rodgers and I would like to be considered for a senator position within Olive-Harvey's Student Government Association (SGA). For the remainder of the 2016 fall semester, I have attended meetings, helped with events and engaged with other members within the association. I was introduced to the SGA through the Vice President, Dorothy Johnson. Her warm welcoming attitude and strong concern for the student body intrigued me. At that time, I wasn't considering joining the team. It was when I witnessed a particular event that would change my mind, in addition, to pursuing a seat in office that I began to see the issues we students face each semester. For example, the Ventra (U Pass) that's only designated for full time students is unfair. Many of our part time students struggle with transportation issues daily. Many other problems have arisen throughout my time at Olive-Harvey College. Furthermore, the students of OHC need and deserve a strong student body, that's not afraid to challenge the status quo.

My role as a future senator of Olive-Harvey's Student Government Association would be to advocate for my fellow classmates. I will make it an obligation to let the student's concerns be heard through me as a student leader. As a senator for SGA, I will make the commitment to excellence for the betterment of OHC students. Even though our institution is not a huge college or university, each student should be guaranteed a great college experience. In short, if elected senator, I will commit to the students and work with staff to ensure that we can collectively provide students with a better college experience. I plan to introduce more creative strategies to the association, and to do more planning of events for the student body. Also, I am optimistic that I will grow as a student leader. My hope is to learn more qualities about myself, build my academic and leadership experience through SGA, while being useful to the student body. I will be a great candidate for the position, and hopefully I can grow to take on more responsibilities through my term.