



Welcome to 2018, Spartans!

Associated Students (A.S.) continues to mark its 120th year celebration of student advocacy, leadership and service. We officially kick off A.S. elections on February 1st! If you are interested in being an advocate for students for the 2018-2019 academic year, visit as.sjsu.edu/vote. Find the dates for Candidate Orientation and Ethics sessions in this newsletter. Personally, running as a candidate was one of the best decisions I made in my college career. I hope other students will find that to be the case for them, too.

We are happy to welcome a new member to the A.S. Board of Directors! Kyle Norman was appointed in December as the new Director of Internal Affairs. He succeeded Thi Tran who graduated in the fall. "I'm looking forward to making, conquering and reporting all concerns and proposals for any change in policy that affects our campus community and Associated Students. In my term, I'd like to maintain and amend the Elections Regulation Manual and ensure all parliamentary procedures are followed and intact," says Kyle, a third year Philosophy major.

As you may remember from last year, we had a CSU-wide tuition increase that A.S. lobbied against. Unfortunately, the increase happened. Recently, the CSU Board of Trustees proposed yet another CSU tuition increase. They will vote on March 20th on this decision. If you're interested in efforts to stop the tuition increase, please contact Director of External Affairs, Dotu Hospidales at oladotun.hospidales@sjsu.edu.

Over winter break, A.S. professional staff and the Board of Directors attended a retreat focused on budget development, assessment and student leadership. We strengthened our knowledge of the ins and outs of Associated Students, which is essential to more effectively contribute to the campus community.

We encourage students to apply to the A.S. Scholarship Program, with \$81,000 in total awards for the 2018-2019 academic year. To learn more, visit sjsu.academicworks.com. Applications will be accepted until April 13th.

If you're interested in serving on the Spartan Shops Board of Directors, email A.S. President Ariadna Manzo at ariadna.manzo@sjsu.edu.

Keep up with Associated Students' through our social media platforms and posters. We're here to help make your student experience both exciting and successful!

Until next time,

A.S. Student Government Corner is a monthly update from your Director of Communications, Nayeli Lopez, nayeli.lopez@sjsu.edu.