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A guide to the 2024 student government elections

Election season is in full swing at the University of Miami as two opposing tickets, the "Stand Forever" ticket and "Elevate," launch their Student Government campaigns with community events and giveaways planned throughout the week of Feb. 18.

During this year’s SG elections, students will vote in a new president, vice president, and treasurer as well as vote between new senate candidates. The polls opened on Monday, Feb 19 and close out on Wednesday, Feb 21.

The "Stand Forever" ticket is a team of three juniors competing for spots in the student government executive branch, with presidential candidate Roy Carrillo Zamora, vice presidential candidate Joshua Abel and treasurer candidate Zoe Mutombo.

As an administration, they plan to advocate for student employees by creating a Student Employee Liason within the president’s office. The Stand Forever ticket also encourages students to embrace their unique backgrounds as a way to engage with their peers in the student body.


Kat Hernandez is a junior from Miami, FL, majoring in history, political science and psychology with a minor in business law. From early on in her undergraduate career, Hernandez has been an active member of SG, starting in the Senate in the spring semester of her freshman year and is now currently serving as Speaker. In this role, Hernandez has worked on projects like providing free menstrual products in women's bathrooms across campus, making sure every restroom is fully stocked. Additionally, Hernandez created a first-generation student senate seat by working with First Gen Oasis. Outside of SG, she serves as vice president for internal finance for business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, as well as chair of the hospitality and finance committee for the commuter organization Great Start. In her bid for president, Hernandez hopes to create a platform of transparency and approachability while amplifying diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives across campus.

Bobbi Ward is a junior from Asheville, NC, majoring in political science with a minor in business law on track to pursue a dual MD-JD degree. Currently, Ward serves as recruitment chair for Phi Beta Kappa. Ward has brought in three new classes and nominated over 80 new members throughout her undergraduate experience. As a candidate for SG’s vice president, she promises to bring about change on campus and work with all the resources available to them through SG by supporting the promotion of diversity, equity and inclusion. Ward also aims to enhance participatory culture on campus and promote a stronger sense of belonging.

Additionally, both candidates are looking to make the most of their time here at the U, and we want to do our part as student leaders to elevate their voices and make sure that they are able to maximize their potential and be a part of their success.