

# Fall 2025 Student Senate Elections

## General Assembly

### 12 general student senators who represent the Bethlehem Campus at-large

**Carmine Picone:** *"Representing the student body and addressing concerns, challenges, and new opportunities is very important to me. I would like to continue serving the NCC community as a member of the Student Senate, improving student life and campus qualities for the better.... One thing I hope to accomplish as a Student Senator would be increasing opportunities for deserving students. Becoming a student representative on the different councils and caucuses on campus would be a wonderful addition to a person's resume. Thus, my hope is to continue pushing for more engagement and more opportunities."*

**Demetrios Rallis:** *"I love the community at NCC and getting involved in as much as possible!.... Leave a legacy for the next generation"*

**Jazilynn Ortiz:** *"I believe I would be important part of a team since I believe making a change.... I will love to make more clubs and make fundraisers for pediatric cancer. Making the campus community more involved with schools culture and events."*

**Ganeshy Hernandez Eduardo:** *"Deep down; I harbor the conviction that teamwork fosters diverse capacities to generate innovation, creativity, productivity, and commitment; and it is this synergy that motivates me to run for the STUDENT SENATE and, from there, to experience this extraordinary life.... My main objective is to collaborate firmly focused on student well-being; uniting our strengths, ideas, and efforts to promote inclusion and participation in our sector through cultural events, academic support programs, and strengthening communication."*

**Kaitlyn Zile:** *"I am running for Student Senate because I want to get more involved on campus and meet other classmates with the same goals as me. I want to surround myself with well rounded individuals and I think this is a perfect opportunity to do so.... The main thing I want to accomplish as a Student Senator is gearing my focus to looking out for the students on campus and showing that everyone who goes to NCC is important and cared for. I would also like to help students have a more enjoyable college experience and get involved on campus and make friends."*

**Issak Beckett:** *"Ultimately, I want NCC to become the best version of itself it can be.... I would want student senate to get more people involved in the running of the school."*

**JaHida Gilbert:** *"To become a active voice in the community I'm apart of and to also expand my knowledge, while I am a leader at residence hall I wanna take a bigger step and or apart of the*

college as a whole.... I wish to put the clubs and resources more in the public eye , many clubs & resources go unnoticed because they are not promoted and that could be the club that a student is missing I want to make sure our community is strong and w.e I have to do I will do."

**Anthony DeShields:** "I have great ideas for the college that would not only benefit the students and staff here but bring more people to NCC and increase transfer rates and create opportunities for students as well.... Creating a way to connect and make students feel heard, because they have a voice just like the people in the senate or just staff in general. Making students feel heard is important and needed for NCC to thrive and be successful."

**James Vandeyajt:** "To be more involved in my student body, and help create growth on campus for students and faculty alike.... Making students lives easier through the college processes of navigating academics and financial Aid. I would also like to help students that may feel left out, find a place to make them more comfortable while at NCC by advocating for students to join more clubs, and get more involved daily at NCC."

**Ryan Little:** "I have been a student at NCC for three semesters now. But before that, I was a business owner, a manager, a tech in a hospital, and a music producer. I have leadership skills outside the typical students and experience in high stress problem solving. I hope to share these skills with a team with diverse skills and experiences to seek out ways to improve our student experience and grow my own leadership capabilities.... My main focus is to address high stress and anxiety among students. While also developing how NCC can improve student knowledge on resources available to them and build a culture that lifts students up, wherever they may need it."

**Lauren Rouse:** "Above anything else, I want to be a voice for students with challenging circumstances, because I have challenging circumstances. Students who have to work two jobs on top of going to school, or work extra hard to make up for neglected education in high school, deserve to have a voice in Student Senate and someone who strives to help them feel included in campus affairs.... I want to make our campus into a safe "third space" for students. Not home, not work, but somewhere safe to be to make friends. I hope to add more areas outdoors for students to enjoy- games like corn hole, seating designed for conversation, and maybe some boardgames to keep in student life for students to borrow."

**Wilmary Abreu Duarte:** "I am running for student senate because I think this would be a great opportunity for me to actually get involved around campus and make friends but also helping NCC students.... As a student senate I would like to build a closer community with students and hearing their concerns or anything that they would like to see on campus."

**Mitchelle Mwasi:** "Be the voice of students who feel like they can't voice their opinions.... To marginalize people, groups and clubs."

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## Online Student Senator

### 1 student senator who represents the Online Campus & Virtual students

**Chase Aguila:** *"I'm running to be a voice for hardworking students balancing jobs, school, and life. I want to bring fresh ideas, improve campus engagement, and make sure all students feel heard and supported....I hope to improve student involvement by creating more networking, career, and leadership opportunities especially for transfer and first-generation students so everyone feels more connected, supported, and prepared for success beyond NCC."*

**Ernest Robinson:** *"I am running for student senate to make the lives of the students better and represent the online students so they are included in the college.... to help out the college and try to make sure the emergency service majors are included and have a club."*

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## First Year Student Senator

### 1 student senator who represents first-year students (less than 26 credits)

**Jameelah Gonzalez:** *"I'm running for Student Senate because it's a great way to learn new skills, meet people, and get involved. I'm hoping to grow as a leader, work with different perspectives, and prepare for future opportunities in college and beyond.... I'm excited to hopefully bring fresh ideas and energy to the Student Senate. I want to make sure everyone feels heard and help turn student suggestions into real changes that make our campus a better place for all of us."*

**Kaziyah Crippen:** *"I am running for Student Senate because I am a friendly and outgoing person who enjoys connecting with others. I want to use my energy and enthusiasm to make a positive impact within our school community. Serving on the Senate would give me the opportunity to contribute to meaningful initiatives and help represent the voices of my peers.... One thing I hope to accomplish as a Student Senator is to create more opportunities for student involvement through new clubs and events. I want every student to feel included and excited about participating in school activities. By encouraging a more connected and engaged student body, we can make our school an even better place to learn and grow."*

**Isabella Mathews:** *"I am running for Student Senate because I care about making sure every student's voice is heard. I enjoy being a leader and helping represent my classmates' ideas so we can make our school a better place for everyone. I want to make a positive difference in our school. Whether that improving school spirit, creating fun events, or helping with important issues, I want to be part of the team that makes those changes happen! .... I would like to make it easier for students to share their ideas and concerns and focus on making sure that students at NCC feel supported, whether that's through mental health awareness or resources for academic success."*

**Japjee Mundi:** *"I'm running to represent first-year students because I believe it's important they feel connected and supported. As a new student myself, I know it can be overwhelming. I want to listen to concerns, work together, and find practical ways to support first-years and all other students at NCC.... As a new first-year student at NCC, I believe it would help new students to have mentorship beyond current programs by creating a peer-led support system for first-years. This could help them navigate campus life, access resources, and get involved while connecting with returning/experienced students."*

**Stanely Garcia:** *I would like to be an advocate for international students, I believe certain vulnerabilities can be discussed because of emotion intelligence and past experiences in philanthropy*