

Student Advisory Board

2024-2025



Cadence Arnold

- Cadence is a senior from Hillsboro, Missouri. She majors in Exercise and Movement Science and hopes to become a Physical Therapist.
- She is serving her second term as the Director of Student Affairs for the Student Government Association, which has allowed her to work closely with the Division of Student Affairs.
- Her time at MSU has also included being a part of MO State Lead, Greek Week Committee, Bears Mentor Bears, and Salt Company.
- Cadence works as the Assistant Head House Manager at Juanita K. Hammons Hall, where she can enjoy a great deal of MSU and Broadway shows.



Katie Chandler

- Katie is a graduate student from Garden City, Kansas pursuing her master's in Communication with a certificate in Conflict & Dispute Resolution.
- She got her undergraduate degrees in Public Relations and Socio-Political Communication here at Missouri State.
- During her time as an undergraduate she served as the senior class president, multiple positions on the executive board for Sartorial Magazine, and as a SOAR leader, among other positions.
- She currently works as a Graduate Assistant for MSU in the Dean's Office and Advising Center for McQueary College of Health and Human Services.
- This is Katie's first year on the board.



Kathi Cooper

- Kathi is from Pleasant Hope, Missouri, and resides in Ozark.
- Kathi is a first-generation and non-traditional student.
- She is majoring in Social Work. She also has a double minor in Psychology and Criminology.
- She will receive a certificate in Forensic Child Psychology and Victim Advocacy with her degree.
- Her career focus will be on Child Abuse and Neglect and Forensic Interviewing.
- She is a mentor for Bears Mentoring Bears, a member of the Social Work Club, and President of the Non-Traditional Student Organization.
- This is Kathi's fourth term on the Student Advisory Board.



Kyra Cullers

- Kyra is a junior from Lancaster, Missouri.
- She is majoring in Nursing with a minor in Biomedical Science with a Health Science certificate.
- She is involved with various on-campus organizations such as the Student Nurse Organization (SNO), Biomedical Science Society, Bears L.E.A.D, and Student Government Association (SGA).
- Kyra is serving as SGA's Director of Health and Wellness for the 2024-2025 school year.
- She works at the Pharmacy on campus at Magers Health and Wellness as well as a nursing aide in a nursing home.
- This is Kyra's first year on the Student Advisory Board.



Shey Delahunt

- Shey is a first-year student at Missouri State University and serving his first year on the Student Advisory Board.
- Originally from St. Louis, he graduated from Lindbergh High School with a TCE from South Technical High School.
- He is majoring in Community/Regional Planning and Geography/Sustainability, with a minor in Public Administration.
- He is a member of the MSU Content Creation team in the Office of Strategic Communications.
- He participates in multiple on-campus organizations such as the Missouri Association of Planning Students, Paws to the Polls, Bearpawcapyse, and Missouri State's Collegiate DECA program.
- After graduation, he hopes to improve the community around him through modern and sustainable urban planning practices.



Christabel Ghansah

- Christabel is a Sophomore at Missouri State University, majoring in IT and Cybersecurity. She is originally from Ghana, West Africa.
- She is actively involved on campus as the Director for Diversity and Inclusion in the Student Government Association and serves as the Student Government Representative at the Staff Senate.
- Christabel is also the Community Service Chair and Event Coordinator for the African Student Association and participates in the Bears Mentoring Bears program.
- She is an URSA Major. Christabel has previously served as a Student Advisement Orientation and Registration (SOAR) Leader and is a mentor in the Global Leaders and Mentors (GLAM) program.
- She currently holds the position of Student Coordinator for the International Friends Program.
- This is Christabel's first year on the Student Advisory Board.



Michael Guilfoy

- Michael is a senior from St. Louis, Missouri.
- He is majoring in Political Science and Modern Language with an emphasis on German.
- He is an executive board member of SAAB and a student worker in the Office of Community and Global Partnerships.
- After graduating, Michael hopes to pursue a graduate degree and a career in Higher Education.
- Michael is enthusiastic about engaging with students from different cultural backgrounds through working with international students and attending international events on campus.
- This is Michael's first year on the Student Advisory Board.



Robert Thomas Gumersell

- Robert Thomas is from Springfield, Missouri.
- He graduated earlier this year from Ozarks Tech with his associate's degree in General Studies with Honors, then transferred to Missouri State as a junior.
- He is pursuing his Bachelor's degree in Communication at Missouri State and later plans to pursue his master's degree.
- He serves on the Student Government Association as the Director of University Affairs and is a member of the newly formed transfer Student Advisory Board for the Office of Admissions.



Bekah Gunter

- Bekah Guter is a junior majoring in Marketing with a focus on Advertising and Promotion.
- She is also double minoring in IT and Global Entrepreneurship and Management.
- Hailing from DeKalb, Missouri, Bekah currently serves as the President of the Student Activities Council.
- She participates in the Traditions Council, the Student Government Association, Women in Business, and the Homecoming Committee.
- Bekah is proud to be a Centennial Leaders scholar.



Susan Hardy

- Susan is a senior from Nixa, Missouri.
- She is majoring in History with minors in Classics and Anthropology.
- Susan currently serves as the student representative on the Board of Governors.
- She is a member of the Student Activities Council, University Ambassadors, Phi Alpha Theta, and the Vine Campus Ministry. She was a 2023-2024 Citizen Scholar.
- After graduation, Susan plans to pursue a Master's in Museum Studies. She hopes to work in programming or exhibits for museums and share her love for preserving and learning from history.
- This is Susan's third year on the Student Advisory Board.



Melyssa Hernandez

- Melyssa is a senior majoring in Psychology with minors in Sociology and Child Family Development. Hailing from Chicago, Illinois.
- Melyssa is excited to connect with everyone this year.
- This is her first year on the board, and she is actively involved on campus as the Vice President of Social Awareness for the Panhellenic Association, the Director of Diversity & Inclusion for the University Ambassadors, and a member of Alpha Omicron Pi, among other organizations.



Anthony Lakin

- Anthony Lakin is majoring in Cybersecurity and Application Development.
- Anthony joined the Student Advisory Board because he loves gaining insights into the university and helping keep students informed.
- He is also enthusiastic about being a voice for those who are often unheard.
- Anthony is a student employee in the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs.
- He is a member of Bears Mentoring Bears and the Student African American Brotherhood.



Caden Minnis

- Caden is in his first year of graduate school - MBA program.
- He received his undergraduate from Missouri State in Human Resources with a minor in Economics.
- Caden is from Blue Springs, Missouri but now lives in Independence, Missouri.
- He serves as the Graduate Assistant for New Student Orientation & Family Programs.
- During his undergraduate he participated in many organizations such as Theta Chi Fraternity, Student Government Association, Traditions Council, Student Activity Council, and Order of Omega.
- Caden loves to hang out with his family and friends, watch too much football on Sundays, and work out at the Foster Rec Center.



Reagan Mulungi Mwenyi

- Reagan is a second-year graduate student from Entebbe, Uganda, pursuing an M.S. in Student Affairs in Higher Education (SAHE).
- He is enthusiastic about Policy Impact Analysis, International Student Affairs, Agricultural Education, Residence Life Management, and Student Engagement.
- He works as a Business Services Graduate Assistant in Residence Life, Housing, and Dining Services and serves on the Department's Inclusive Engagement Committee.
- His career goal is to become a higher education researcher and pracademic who focuses on contemporary issues in higher education, approaches to creating inclusive campus environments and promoting underrepresented student engagement.



Lalitha Sai Pasala

- Lalitha Sai Pasala is an international student from India.
- She is a graduate student majoring in Computer Science and works as a graduate assistant in the Vice President of Student Affairs Office.
- She loves cooking and creating content.
- She has one and a half years of experience in the software field.
- She is a university-level tennis player.
- She hopes to become a full-stack developer and make a positive impact in the software field.
- This is Lalitha's first year on the Student Advisory Board.



Pragyan Pokhrel

- Pragyan is an international student from Nepal majoring in Mechanical Engineering Technology.
- He is enthusiastic about science, technology, and engineering, with a keen interest in mechanical equipment and cars.
- In addition to his academic pursuits, he is working as a student assistant in the Office of Student Affairs and volunteering as a Mentor in the Global Leaders and Mentors Program.
- Looking to the future, Pragyan aspires to become a successful mechanical engineer specializing in Green Technology.



Sam Wang

- Sam is a third-year student and is majoring in Anthropology with a minor in History, Sociology, and Non-Profit Leadership and is from Springfield, Missouri.
- He is also a member of SGA as the Chief of Staff, a University Ambassador, AmeriCorps through the Bear Pantry, Paws to the Polls, Cheese Club, Phi Alpha Theta, Phi Kappa Pi, Alpha Lambda, and an IES scholar.
- After graduating, Sam hopes to go to Graduate School for Anthropology, where he hopes to focus on Food Insecurity, where he will eventually teach Anthropology in Higher-Ed and work in the Non-Profit Sector.
- It is his second year on the Student Advisory Board, and he is excited to be back!



Kait Wrenn

- Kait is a second-year graduate student at Missouri State University from Moro, IL.
- She earned her Bachelor's degree in English Education with a minor in Spanish from Missouri State University and is now working towards her Master's Degree in Student Affairs in Higher Education.
- Kait is working as a Graduate Assistant in the Career Center where she supervises the Student Career Ambassadors.
- As a graduate student, Kaitlynn has gained experiences from higher education opportunities through internships, professional association involvement, and practicum experiences, and has given her time to help judge Homecoming and Greek Week events at Missouri State University.



Cecy Zubia

- Cecy is from Lowell, Arkansas and is majoring in Political Science with a minor in Criminology and Psychology and is a first-generation student.
- She is the President of Ursi Latinx, the only Latino organization on campus.
- She is in Student Government serving as a Commissioner for the Interpersonal Violence Prevention Committee (2024-2025).
- She also became Secretary for the American Association of University Women (2024-2025).
- She is now working as a Student Assistant in the Office of Student Affairs.
- She also possesses the Inclusive Excellence Scholarship.
- She served as a Bears Lead Ambassador and is now a regular member.
- She served as senator representing Ursi Latinx on the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for SGA.
- This is her third year serving on the Student Advisory Board.