

Student Advisory Board

2022-2023



Kathi Cooper

- Kathi is a first-generation student as a third-year social work major. She is also working towards a certificate in Forensic Child Psychology.
- Her career focus will be child abuse and neglect and adult addictions.
- She is from Pleasant Hope, Missouri and resides in Springfield.
- She is the current President for the Non-Traditional Student Organization, a member of the Social Work Club, and Psychology Club.
- This is Kathi's second year on the Student Advisory Board



Armani Eason

- Armani (she/her) is a first-generation graduate student from Chicago, Illinois
- She graduated from MSU with her bachelors double majoring in Fashion Design and Intercultural Communications and Diversity
- She is currently attending our Student Affairs in Higher Education graduate program where she will be graduating in May 2023.
- She works as a graduate assistant in our Office of Multicultural Programs.
- This is Armani's fourth year on the Student Advisory Board.



Kelly Flanigan

- Kelly is a Junior from Saint Louis, Missouri majoring in Business Management Human Resources
- She serves as the Secretary for Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity
- She serves as an RA in the Blair-Shannon Residence Hall
- Kelly is a Chase Leadership Development intern for JP Morgan Chase & Co.
- Kelly serves as a mentor for Bears L.E.A.D



Susan Hardy

- Susan Hardy is a sophomore from Nixa, Missouri.
- She is majoring in Public Relations with a double minor in History and Archaeology. She is a part of the Honors College.
- Susan serves as the Director of Student Affairs for the Student Government Association and served as a senator on the Student Affairs Committee during the 2021-2022 school year.
- She is involved in Student Activities Council as a member of the Public Affairs Committee.
- Upon graduation, Susan hopes to work for the Smithsonian Institute in the Office of Public Affairs.
- This is Susan's first year on the Student Advisory Board.



Tristan Hogan

- Tristan is a Junior studying English Literature with a minor in History and is from Arnold, MD.
- Currently serves as the President of Theta Chi Fraternity.
- Is involved on campus as a University Ambassador and URSA Major
- A member of Order of Omega, the Greek Life Honor Society as well as Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society.



Anthony Lakin

- Hello, my name is Anthony Lakin, and I am a sophomore at Missouri State University with a Bachelor of Science in Information Tech.
- I am originally from Kampala Uganda but now live in Kansas City, Kansas. I have moved a lot throughout my childhood giving me unique perspectives of the areas and communities I lived.
- All though there were parts rocky and rough, I can use my exposures to different environments and situations as assets. My upbringing is what made me, and I have learned so much from it and am still learning.
- I will be a great addition to the Student Advisory Board not because of my story, but my ability to listen to others unique stories and use all of our stories for a combined perspective.



Nathan Lewton

- Nathan Lewton is a Senior with double majors in Theatre & Spanish Translation and is from Hannibal, MO
- He has served as the Giveaways Chair & President of Traditions Council, Fundraising Chair & Homecoming Chair for his fraternity, a SOAR Leader, an URSA Major, and Greek Jam Coordinator for the 2021 Greek Week
- He currently serves as the President of Theta Chi Fraternity, Director of University Advancement for Student Government Association, and the Director of Greek Week
- This is Nathan's first year on the Student Advisory Board



Alec Nee

- Alec is a senior studying Finance - Corporate & Investments
- He is from Lee's Summit, Missouri.
- He has served as Chapter President of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, SGA Student Senator, and SGA Chief Wyrick Commissioner.
- Along with the Advisory Board, he currently serves as Interfraternity Council (IFC) President.
- After graduation he plans to pursue law school!



Umutoni Sebunyenzi

- Junior
- Studying Political Science with a Minor in Sociology and Communications
- President of African Student Association
- Resident Assistant
- Member of Sister Circle
- Junior Mentor at A Girl Like Me Network



Ayreana Shephard

- Year: Senior
- Hometown: Kansas City, MO
- Major: Hospitality Leadership with an emphasis on food and beverage, club management, and senior living management.
- I'm the campus events chair for SAC, vice president for Surviving Souls, and the event coordinator for NSMH.
- I am a university ambassador, hospitality student ambassador, and BearCLAW tutor.
- I am a member of hospitality leaders of tomorrow, CNAS committee board member, Sister Circle and Eta Sigma Delta Hospitality Honor Society.
- I was a SOAR leader and URSA major.
- This is my first year on the Student Advisor Board.



Reiley Snavelly

- Reiley is a second-year graduate student from Wentzville, MO
- She is in the Student Affairs in higher Education Master's program
- She serves as a Graduate assistant in Residence life, Housing and Dining as an Assistant Hall Director for Blair Shannon and Freddy.
- On campus, she is the president of Student Affairs Graduate Association, and sits on the Alumni Association Board of Directors



Ruben Soria

- Ruben is in his second year of the Student Affairs in Higher Education Master's Program and works as the Graduate Assistant for the Facilities and Operations department.
- He is a first-generation, Latino, college graduate from Los Angeles, California.
- He received his Associates degree with Honors from Santa Monica College where he also played soccer for two years. Ruben then transferred to the University of California, Los Angeles where he majored in Psychology and graduated with honors while also playing soccer for his final two years.
- Ruben is a part of the NACDA professional organization.
- After graduation Ruben hopes to become a student-athlete academic advisor for a Division I institution in Southern California.



Rachel Weaver

- Rachel Weaver is senior from Dallas Texas, majoring in Public Relations.
- She serves as the Advocacy and Service coordinator for Residence Hall Association and the Fundraiser Chair for Sister Circle.
- She is a member of the NAACP chapter here on campus and is a student intern for the MSU Athletics Communication Department.
- After graduating Rachel plans on interning with the Dallas Mavericks in their communications and public relations/media department.



Orlando Williams

- Orlando is a Senior from Saint Louis, Missouri majoring in Child & Family Development with an emphasis in Youth Development
- He is the President of the Sigma Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc and the Director of Compliance for the National Pan-Hellenic Council
- He serves as Campus Pastor of OCCUPY Campus Ministries and is also a fourth-year student worker in the College of Education, Department of Childhood Education & Family Studies
- He is also a member of the Missouri Association of Blacks in High Education (MABHE), Missouri State Teachers Association (MSTA), and the MSU's College of Education Advising Council
- This is Orlando's third year on the Student Advisory Board



Cecy Zubia

- I am a sophomore at Missouri state university
- Political Science with a minor in public law
- I am a returning student in BearsLead a first-generation group on campus for students. I am a part of the Inclusive excellence scholarship, which involves many students of different minorities and backgrounds, the scholarship includes a big part community service.
- I am very involved with activism dealing with minority rights for Hispanics, BLM, LGBTQ rights, Native rights, women rights and more. I am very active in going to marches and petitioning in my local town for this.