

Please accept my application for a senator position on the Associated Students of The University of Montana Western Senate. A position in the Senate would allow me to develop my skills and abilities further. As a business major, I find it extremely important to practice leadership skills.

If I am elected as a senator, I will bring knowledge and experience to Student Government. I served as a senator, Vice President, and President of Student Government at Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) in Kalispell, Montana.

During my time at FVCC (Fall 20 - Spring 22), Student Government projects consisted of communicating with the student body by surveying students to discover their needs and concerns, creating a "Take What You Need" rack, supporting the campus food pantry, and developing a new space for a student lounge. We were tasked with overseeing a \$60,000 student activity fee budget and properly allocating it out to club sports, campus rec, and student organizations. The most difficult challenge was keeping students engaged and supported after the COVID shutdown in the Spring of 2020.

I believe the best way to serve the students at UMW is to hear their voices through surveys, tabling events, and other interactions. This will allow ASUMW to respect and act upon their voice. One area of concern for most students is the rising cost of living expenses. I believe further developing the food pantry and providing additional resources and support would help alleviate some stress. Also, supporting student health and wellness needs are important.

In addition to my Student Government role at FVCC, I was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and AICE Disability Support Club. Community service has been a big part of my life growing up. As an Eagle Scout, I have served at numerous non-profits. Volunteering as a Kalispell Chamber of Commerce Student Ambassador and a FVCC Foundation Student Ambassador were highlights of my time at FVCC. However, the greatest highlight was being nominated to speak at my graduation.

Through these experiences, I have gained valuable leadership skills including time management, communications, public speaking, running effective meetings, networking, and event planning. With this skill set and a passion for learning, I believe I would be a good asset to ASUMW.

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