

Why do you want to serve on the LAVC student government board? What do you expect to accomplish? Why should students vote for you?

Hello! I'm Andrii Lysak ! As Commissioner of Political Affairs, my primary responsibility will be to ensure that students at LAVC are informed and engaged in the political issues that directly impact their education and future. Coming from Ukraine, a country that has been fighting for its independence and democratic values, I have seen how politics is important. As the Vice President of the Ukrainian Student Union and an active member of the college campus life , I know the importance of advocacy, representation, and making sure that student voices are heard. Too often, students feel apolitical, I want to change that by creating a system that keeps students informed and involved.

Beyond just informing students, I will actively advocate for student rights at the state and district level to ensure that LAVC students have strong representation. College policies, state funding, and legislative decisions influence our everyday lives, and we need someone who will fight to protect student interests. As a Ukrainian student, I deeply understand the value of having a voice in decision-making, and I want to make sure that LAVC students are not left out of important conversations. I plan to work with student advocacy groups, college officials, and organizations that represent student interests to ensure that LAVC is well represented when it comes to decisions about funding, education policy, and student rights. Our voices matter, and I will do everything in my power to make sure , that it works.

Ensuring that student elections are conducted fairly and transparently is essential for a strong and representative student government. I will work to increase voter participation, raise awareness about student elections. A strong democracy begins with active student involvement, and I want to ensure that every student at LAVC has a voice in the process.

In addition to advocacy and elections, I want to change the way students see political engagement. Many students feel like politics is boring and it doesn't really matter for them but I want to show them that it can be engaging, meaningful, and even fun. Imagine events like Constitution Day, interactive debates, Presidents' Day activities, and political forums where students can openly discuss issues that matter to them. These events will provide students with a safe and respectful space to talk about their views, understand different perspectives, and feel connected to the world of politics in a way that isn't intimidating or overwhelming. Politics isn't just about government, it's about our lives, our education, and our future. It's the art of the deal.

Most importantly, I want to protect and advocate for all students, ensuring that every student, regardless of their immigration status, financial background, or personal struggles, has access to education and resources. As a Ukrainian student who has had to adapt to a new country, a new system, and a new way of life, I understand how difficult it can be to navigate college life when facing unique challenges. I will work to ensure that no student is left behind by advocating for better campus resources, stronger support systems, and policies that put students first. Education should never be a privilege, it is a right, and I will make sure that every student at LAVC has the support, representation, and opportunities they deserve. I was participating in

March in March, for advocating students rights. At the moment, when i've heard that it's even available,