LAVC – both this college and the people who make it a community – means a great deal to me. As a high school dropout, LAVC has not just given me a second chance at an academic career – it has given me the chance to excel. And as someone who has been socially isolated for most of my life, this place has enabled me to foster connections with more weird and wonderful people than I know what to do with. That is why I'm running to become Commissioner of Student Life – I want to give back to this community which has given me so much. Which is why as Commissioner of Student Life my first priority will be to strengthen and grow our campus community. I will strive to improve the visibility of our ASU clubs, and work to facilitate clearer communication between campus clubs and potential new members. I will seek to establish recurring free-form social events such as weekly board game nights which can act as gateways for students who are looking to become more involved in campus life and to build connections, but who aren't sure where to start. And I will work to build new connections between students already actively participating in campus life, by working with club leaders to organize inter-club collaborative events between the memberships of clubs with common interests. That said, I recognize that having ambitious ideas is one thing – having the skill and persistence to implement them is another. I'll admit my experience in student government is limited, but I am eager to learn and I am known to learn fast. If I am elected as Commissioner of Student Life, I vow to approach the position with the humility, diligence, and dedication required to pursue the betterment of our campus community through any unexpected hardship. It is the least I can do for a community which has changed my life so much for the better.