



Meet your RUSGA Representatives 2022-23

Hello!

RUSGA is excited to serve the student body by promoting inclusivity, advocacy, academic support, and community. We would love to connect more with students and develop stronger relationships with you all. Please reach out and stay updated by contacting us and reviewing our RUSGA newsletter in the future.

Madelaine Johnson, Student Body President

Hello! My name is Madelaine Johnson and I am the elected RUSGA Student Body President for the 2022/23 academic year. I am a current junior studying Gender Justice and Law with a minor in Psychology. As a student leader in RUSGA I strive to create a safe space for marginalized and intersectional students whilst building community. Currently, I have been serving as a bridge between the University Administration and students, and have been collaborating with students, departments, staff and faculty, and the broader members of the institution to foster conversations and policy that uphold the needs, safety, diversity, and voices of *all* students. Within just the past two weeks, student voices have felt ignored, silenced, and pushed to the side and I want to acknowledge the efforts made by students to advocate for themselves and their peers. I attended the Student Summit and I am continuing to have conversations with students, faculty, and Administration on creating a student Transportation program, outlets for student feedback and engagement, and ways the University can foster more transparency and representation. I want to extend an invitation to any student who would like to chat with me and share your ideas, concerns, or get involved with the projects I am working on. I value your insight and experience and want to ensure that I am representing your voice and needs to the best of my ability. If you see Moose and me on campus, please say hi! You may contact me at either rusgaprs@regis.edu or mjohnson048@regis.edu.

Iris Jaramillo, Vice President of Representation

Hello! My name is Iris Jaramillo, and I am the Vice President of Representation and the Chair of the Student Senate. I am a junior majoring in Neuroscience with a minor in Education. I have been involved with RUSGA since my first year on campus as the Women's Identities Senator. I have been pushing for the period bill and am actively advocating for free period products on campus. My primary objective this year is to create a space where students feel safe and empowered to voice their concerns and celebrations. I hope to progress the student experience using feedback and a student-first mindset. I currently oversee this every other Monday at 7 pm in Claver 315 for Senate Sessions. I welcome all students to come and see firsthand the dedication and thoughtful decisions your elected senators make to ensure student funds are used appropriately. I work closely with faculty and upper administration through committees and conversations to ensure student voices are heard. I want to encourage you to remember that YOUR voice does matter, and I am here for YOU. When Senate is not in session, I have office hours every other Monday from 5-7 pm in the RUSGA office located in the student center. Please contact me at rusgavpr@regis.edu if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you this year!

Grecia Anaya, Vice President of Social Justice and Diversity

My name is Grecia Anaya and I am the VP of Social Justice and Diversity. This is my 4th year at Regis and 1st year in Pharmacy School! My focus this year is working on building community through intersectionality and education. I am currently working with the Office of Diversity and Student Lead Organizations to meet the diverse needs of Regis while supporting local initiatives and ensuring sustainability in events and programming. If you are interested in talking about how we can best meet the needs of the community, please email me at rusgavpsjd@regis.edu or my personal email at ganaya@regis.edu.

Chantele Owusu, Vice President of Academic Life

My name is Chantele Owusu better known as Channy and I am the VP of Academic Life. I am a current 4th year studying Biology with emphasis in Molecular Biology & Genetics and minoring in Sociology. This year I will be focusing on implementing measures that oversee the welfare of student academic life and advocating on issues that impact student life, academics, and quality of education through dialogue and utilizing student feedback to better represent and meet the needs of our collective student body. If you are interested in discussing aspects that contribute to enhancing the quality of student academics at Regis please email me at rusgavpal@regis.edu and I will get you connected!

Nelisse Niyongabo, Vice President of Involvement

My name is Nelisse Niyongabo and I am the VP of Involvement. I'm currently a nursing major with a minor in psychology and a senior! Starting this year, I had two goals in mind: create more involvement that involves equity and diversity through fun events and create more excitement around our athletics teams. Through this, I have worked with the Athletics Department to bring ice cream before games and hand out gifts during the games. I've also worked with the Programming Board to help create events such as Bingo Night and the club fair. I hope to create a memorable year for all students that you can look fondly to in the future. Please don't hesitate to reach out at rusgavpi@regis.edu and say hi on campus.

Alexandria Bernhardt, Chief of Staff

Hello! My name is Alexandria Bernhardt and I am RUSGA's Chief of Staff for the 2022/2023 school year. I am a junior double majoring in Peace and Justice and Music Performance. In my role, I support the cabinet in all roles, ensuring the organization, networking, and flow of RUSGA in its entirety. Additionally, I manage the RUSGA Instagram, aiming to build community outreach and connection with clubs, organizations, athletics, offices, and academic departments. If your organization would like support promoting your event, feel free to directly message me on Instagram @regis_rusga or email me directly at rusgacos@regis.edu.

Andrew Tabor, Chief Financial Officer

Hi everyone! My name is Andrew Tabor and I'm RUSGA's Chief Financial Officer. While it took a few weeks to get everything up and running, we are in full swing for everyone's budget request needs. We have our Appropriation Committee, which is composed of myself and six Senators, that meets weekly to discuss smaller requests, while the entire Senate oversees requests larger than \$2,000. RUSGA is dedicated to ensuring that the money students pay in fees gets spent on benefitting all students. With that in mind, we have been taking measures to ensure that requests for funding demonstrate plans for including equity, diversity, and inclusion at their core. All clubs and organizations on campus should have received an email from me regarding how the process for requesting funds is working this year, but if anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to rusgadof@regis.edu.

Tristan Chavez, Director of Information Technology Management

Hello, I am Tristan Chavez, the Director of IT Management for this year's RUSGA. I am here to deal with any technology issues and initiatives undertaken by your student government. So far this has included a bottom-up reworking and update of the rusga.org website so that your student government becomes more accessible and available to you. The website has been in disrepair for some time but hopefully with incremental improvement the website will become an invaluable resource for the student community.

Letters from Student Senators

Genavieve Szumski, Rueckert-Hartman College of Health Professions (RHCHP) Student Representative

As the student government senate representative for RHCHP I'd like to address my peers. I hear your voices loud and clear, and we will make changes. My main concerns currently regarding the college are to provide better communication between the admin of RHCHP and the students, as well as increase service opportunities to become more involved in our community. Institution wide I seek to provide better safety (lights, call posts, and faster response), better parking for students and staff, to ensure RUSGA

does their part to input change for the better, and to decrease student transfer rate while increasing student satisfaction annually. I have open ears and want to be a resource for my peers. We will make a change happen.

Eden Almgren, Interfaith Representative

The Student Summit last week was an eye-opening experience for our Regis community. It was incredibly empowering to see our students pack a lecture hall to show their support and solidarity in being a force for change at our institution. It is frustrating to feel that our concerns as a student body were met with unreceptive rigidity. As RUSGA members we have a responsibility to advocate for the students we represent. It is one of my goals (and a goal of many other senate members) to use my senate position to hear student concerns and form tangible solutions. Focusing on issues of diversity, accessibility, and equity; we want to perpetuate growth to make Regis University a better institution.

Kaylee Stouder, Member at Large

I would like to address the student body, and say how proud I am of everyone who spoke out freely at the Student Summit, on October 5, 2022. These statements were incredibly brave and unforgettable. The statements were also, I hope, eye opening to the entire student body and admin. We students must advocate for ourselves in times like this; times of large issues in our school administration and feelings of being ignored as a whole. I hope we can all, RUSGA members and those alike, try to communicate and work with the people Regis University is made up of to enact useful and meaningful change. I hope to uphold the RUSGA standards and invoke equality and equity in any way I am able to as a RUSGA senate member. I will take any opportunity to voice and address concerns brought to RUSGA's attention; I will take any opportunity to give a voice to students who need to be heard.

Aleena Gillette, Residence Village Representative

Hello! As the Student Government Representative for the Residence Village, I would like to address both this specific population and the general Regis community in stating my commitment to continue to advocate for our shared needs. It was incredibly affirming to witness the amount of people who showed up to the Student Summit on October 5th, 2022, and I appreciate everyone's commitment to work towards positive change even if you weren't able to attend. As your RUSGA Representative but also as a student with the same experiences, I have been really touched by your efforts to make Regis a better place. As I personally have had time to process what I heard at this event and in subsequent conversations, I hope that we can band together as a student body and as administrators to both fix some faults within our system as well as to encourage the aspects of student life that are going well. I urge you to reach out to me—please take advantage of my opportunity to listen to you and to translate your ideas further up! I strive to build relationships with you to create a community in which we can live as a community freely and kindly.

Helpful Links and Resources

RUSGA is dedicated towards providing effective and engaging modes of communication with the student body in an equitable manner. You can find our updates and other news on our Instagram: @regis_rusga and our website at www.rusga.org

Below is a list of RUSGA Executive and Cabinet Members and the emails you can reach us at.

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