

# MSA VOTERS GUIDE

Trying to figure out who to vote for next week? We've got you covered.

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SLATE INFORMATION	GOMEZ/HANNER	EJAZ/PARRIE	MCFARLAND/SEGERS
GOAL OF PLATFORM IN ONE SENTENCE	We want to break down any barrier keeping students from being successful in all things at Mizzou academically, financially and much more.	We want to serve students through representative leadership, challenge administrators/elected officials to meet our needs, and create a campus where everyone feels they belong.	We're looking to get back to basics, putting the invisible student at the forefront and tackling issues as students first.
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION	<b>Gomez:</b> biological sciences major from Ozark, Mo. <b>Hanner:</b> finance and international studies major from Fredericktown, Mo.	<b>Ejaz:</b> finance and political science major from Columbia <b>Parrie:</b> sociology and business major from Kansas City	<b>McFarland:</b> history and secondary education major from Alexandria, Va. <b>Segers:</b> political science and psychology major from Florissant, Mo. — transferred from Howard University
MSA EXPERIENCE	<b>Gomez:</b> Director of MSA communications, deputy chief of staff <b>Hanner:</b> Secretary of Auxiliaries, Budget chair	<b>Ejaz:</b> Campus and Community Relations Committee chair <b>Parrie:</b> None	<b>McFarland:</b> Senator, Social Justice Committee member <b>Segers:</b> Social Justice Committee member
OTHER INVOLVEMENT	<b>Gomez:</b> Delta Chi, Tour Team, Residential Life <b>Hanner:</b> Student Fee Review Committee, Chancellor's Budget Allocation Advisory Council, Residential Life	<b>Ejaz:</b> College Democrats <b>Parrie:</b> Sigma Sigma Sigma, Tour Team, Chancellor's Leadership Class, Diversity Peer Educator, United Ambassadors	<b>McFarland:</b> Residence Halls Association, Hatch Hall government <b>Segers:</b> Legion of Black Collegians, STRIPES, Jumpstart tutor
CAMPUS ISSUES DIVERSITY	Mizzou students come from a vast amount of backgrounds. We are concerned about inclusivity, education and representation of these marginalized and/or oppressed identities. We would start regular discussions including all resource/justice centers to hear their concerns and how MSA could help.	We intend to challenge the administration to add a diversity general education requirement by including a required course focused on all types of diversity, improve minority recruitment efforts, and work to effectively address sociocultural issues on campus.	Through InsideOut, Mizzou 49 and the Greek Liaison Office, we will take an aggressive approach to empowering students to take an active part in making Mizzou a more inclusive place. Capitalizing on the efforts already underway, we will lead as students first.
SEXUAL ASSAULT	We would continue the It's On Us initiative as well as largely promote the services we already have, such as Green Dot. We want to work more closely with other student groups on campus including ResLife, Greek Life and Athletics.	We will institute mandatory in-person peer-to-peer training with organizations like Green Dot that work to prevent sexual assault. We also want to ensure conversations on sexual assault include working to eliminate rape culture on campus.	Beyond continuing It's On Us, we will implement InsideOut, requiring every paid/elected position in MSA to be Green Dot and Safe Space trained and DPE facilitated, while asking the same of other joint session governments and ORG organizations.
AFFORDABILITY	The No. 1 reason students leave Mizzou is finance-related. We must begin educating students on what fees they pay, how they can reduce living/educational expenses, and other means which would make it more affordable to go to Mizzou.	We want to institute a permanent profit share between MSA and textbook distributors to lower textbook costs, review Campus Dining Services practices to improve affordability, and work with City Council and developers to promote affordable student housing.	Through our Academic Retention Initiative, we will require the MSA president to visually discuss the breakdown of the Student Activity Fee at Summer Welcome and institute a working student clause in syllabi along with QuickTip Guides.
MENTAL HEALTH	We must prioritize an increase of funding to entities like our counseling center as well as an educational effort to promote the awareness of their services. No student should have to wait or hesitate on the decision to seek help.	We hope to evaluate and expand MU Counseling services to make them more easily accessible to Mizzou students. This includes working alongside other organizations and allowing for appointments to be made online.	While pressuring for more funding for counseling resources on campus, we will act now with Lean On and increase exposure to existing resources and organizations while aiming to de-stigmatize the conversation of mental health.
CAMPUS SAFETY	We will work with the Disability Center to ensure this campus is continuing to prioritize the safety/accessibility of all students. Furthermore, we plan to expand Department of Student Services' "Safety Walk" to find and solve safety issues beyond campus.	We will advocate for the purchase and maintenance of a safe walk app and collaborate with City Council to improve pedestrian safety on and around campus.	Along with InsideOut, we will expand the Department of Student Communications with 21st century communication and increase exposure to available resources, what students can do, and what we as a campus are doing to make Mizzou safe.
ACADEMIC RETENTION	We plan to make a scholarship database for students to easily navigate, find and apply for scholarships pertinent to them. Further, we will work with college deans to ensure the line of communication between faculty and students is unhindered.	We believe the only way students can effectively learn is if they feel safe on campus. We want to emphasize the role of resource centers and establish a climate of acceptance and tolerance for all students at Mizzou.	We have an extensive Academic Retention Initiative. We will work with Academic Retention Services to facilitate their efforts, while getting serious about Financial Literacy in collaboration with the Residence Halls Association alongside creating QuickTip Guides and the Working Student Clause.
CHANGES TO MSA	Students need to be continuously updated and informed on what their student government is doing and spending their money on. From social media to monthly emails, we promise to keep all students in the loop.	We want to ensure that MSA is accountable and transparent, including creating a checklist tracking the Executive (cabinet)'s progress, holding regular town hall meetings and creating an alumni association for MSA to help build scholarship funds and endowments.	From Joint Session Reform to GLO to moving elections to April, we will be bold. We will be efficient and look at MSA as students first, conducting ourselves accordingly. We will leave MSA better than we found it.