

Greetings,

My name is Matthew Jackson, a native of Washington, DC double majoring in Political Science and Economics. In my three years as an undergraduate at SUNY Buffalo, I have watched the University transform from a COVID desert, devoid of anything remotely reminiscent of what college life should look like, to a bustling campus that is home to a plethora of activities pursued by over 30,000 students of innumerable backgrounds.

My entire college experience has been a series of real-world examples of how decisions made by few, even those made in the public's best interest, can have a major impact on the daily lives of thousands. Decisions such as the construction of our \$37.8 million One World Café, the implementation of a Fall break, or even the University's response to various club-sponsored speakers, were all made with minimal input from or awareness of the impact upon your average student. These are representative of the many reasons why I am seeking support in my bid for the University Council Student Representative position.

You have heard from me previously in the arena of how our school is managed when I sought your support in my campaign for the SA Treasurer position. I come to you now seeking additional support in my efforts to continue working on the commitments I made. As the student representative on the University Council, I will bridge the gap between student understanding and representation within the University Council's affairs by providing a voice coming directly from the student body of our concerns, and by relentlessly demanding swift, appropriate action from those who run our school.

Among the prominent issues I have had brought to my attention that impact a great many of us are:

- Appropriate remediation of the availability and accessibility of parking to UB students
- UB's response to activities that marginalize members of our community, complete with a lack of oversight or true repercussions for violations of established processes
- A substantial commitment to making UB affordable through scholarship assistance

These issues, among others, need to be tirelessly advocated at the highest levels of UB's day-to-day affairs. I am fully committed to representing the interests of every member of our diverse community. Serving as an advocate for those populations that go overlooked in society has been my calling since my childhood. To that end, I would like your support in my work to ensure a voice is given to all through electing me as this year's University Council Student Representative.

I look forward to continuing our work for the future.

Best,

Matthew Jackson

University at Buffalo class of 2024