



# Hadia Ashfaq

**Running For:** LPC Student Trustee

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**Major:** Business Administration & Political Science

## **Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?**

Hi there! I am Hadia Ashfaq, a first-year student at Las Positas College, currently serving as a senator since my time here at LPC! I am deeply committed to making a difference within our student body, which is the reason I joined student government in the first place. As a newcomer to LPC, I've personally experienced the challenges of finding a sense of belonging and community in a new environment. I've come to the understanding that there are many students, like myself, who may have felt the same way coming into community college. My goal is to change that!

I'm running for the LPC Student Trustee position because I truly believe in the power of engagement and inclusivity, which is important within the college experience. I want to create a welcoming atmosphere where every student feels valued and supported. Through my experience as a senator, I've seen the positive impact we can have when students come together through various acts of kindness to interactive events that are hosted throughout each month! I'm dedicated to amplifying student voices, advocating for their needs, and ensuring that everyone finds their place at LPC, which is why I decided to take a step forward to run for this position. I hope to take ideas from all students across campus and make sure every thought is amplified and heard by our district board.

Together, join me, Hadia Ashfaq in running for Student Trustee! Let's build a stronger, more connected community where every student thrives.

## **Please list your current or past leadership experience:**

I have numerous experiences in Student Government and leadership! I have been an active member since my freshman year of high school, totaling 4 years excluding middle school. Aside from membership, I have held two year-long positions.

I first held the position of Junior Class treasurer. I was responsible for managing budgets, fundraisers, and planning of events for the class of 2023. I coordinated 400+ students in homecoming preparations, worked alongside the ASB Treasurer to manage funds, and managed all social media accounts for the junior class.

The second position I held was ASB Treasurer. I allocated a \$40,000 budget, which I was responsible for managing finances for schoolwide operations, sports, and clubs, ensuring that all expenses and revenues were accounted for through the school year. Under this role, I implemented new budgeting strategies to streamline the financial processes of ASB. I worked closely with our financial Accountant and respected commissioners to plan and execute successful meetings to oversee all fundraisers, purchase orders, fund transfers, and reimbursement requests on a weekly basis.

As for general leadership, I have held multiple roles in numerous fields. First, I served as Vice President of Competition for my high school's DECA chapter for two continuous years. As the VP of Competition for DECA for 2 year-long terms, I've had the opportunity to lead and mentor students in the areas of Business Administration, Project Management, Law and Ethics, Human resources, and Research Operations. I work closely with competitors throughout the summer term in the form of workshops, and during the school year, to help them construct business portfolios for their designated categories on a bi-weekly basis. Organized, executed, and judged at our chapter's first Mini Competition. Overall, my experience as VP of Competition for DECA has provided me with invaluable skills in project management, teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving. It has also allowed me to leave a positive impact on our rapidly growing chapter, helping students to achieve their goals one-on-one in the world of business and competition.

I also served as my high school Mock Trial's Treasurer for two years. As elected Treasurer for two consecutive terms, I managed the Mountain House Mock Trial team's finances and ensured that all expenses were accounted for. I was responsible for developing and managing the team's budget when necessary, keeping accurate financial records, and providing regular reports to our advisor and executive team alike. I developed skills in budgeting, financial management, problem-solving, working under pressure, and teamwork. As a mock trial competitor, I have been able to apply my analytical skills to complex legal cases, such as those created by the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

Currently, I am serving as LPC's MSA Outreach and Marketing Officer, LPC-FBLA's Secretary, and LPCSG's Student Senate!

**What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?**

What sets me apart is my extensive leadership background spanning over four years, starting from high school. I've held pivotal roles such as Junior Class Treasurer and ASB Treasurer, coordinating events, and implementing innovative financial strategies. Additionally, I've excelled as Vice President of Competition for DECA, where I mentored students and organized successful competitions. Serving as Mock Trial Treasurer honed my financial management skills and ability to work under pressure. Currently, I'm actively involved in LPC as MSA Outreach and Marketing Officer, LPC-FBLA's Secretary, and LPCSG's Student Senate member. My multifaceted leadership experience combined with a knack for creativity makes me a dynamic candidate ready to make an impact.

I am creative with any ideas I bring to the table, and I love to reach out to the student body. In the end of the day I am proud of the difference I have made in the past with my leadership positions and I truly hope to do even better at LPC!

**What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?**

I aim to enhance student life by fostering a more inclusive and supportive community at LPC. One key area of focus is improving resources and support networks for students who are newcomers. This is possible by collaborating with counseling services to expand access to resources and organize wellness events. Additionally, I'll work to enhance campus diversity and cultural awareness through initiatives such as cultural exchange programs, diversity workshops, and celebrations of various cultural heritage months. By actively listening to student concerns and advocating for their needs, I'm committed to creating a campus environment where every student feels valued and supported. I would love for more communities on campus to get the recognition they deserve and foster a better environment on campus!