

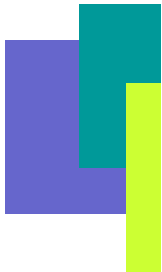


SGA students smiling and welcoming others

## "Leading the Pack: The Role of SGA at Loyola University" By Destiny Garrison

As you prepare to embark on your journey at Loyola University, you may have heard whispers of a powerful force that helps shape the campus experience, working diligently behind the scenes to amplify student voices and create positive change. This force is none other than the Student Government Association (SGA).

*"SGA is like the heartbeat of our campus. It's where students can voice their concerns and ideas."*



### Community Building

The Loyola University Student Government Association (SGA) is a dynamic organization that plays a crucial role in fostering a sense of community, empowering students, and effecting change on campus. To grasp the essence of SGA's role in the Loyola community, it is essential to understand the organization's fundamental purpose: SGA acts as a representative body, providing a platform for students to share their thoughts and concerns, thereby fostering a sense of community where everyone's voice matters.



SGA student acting as the "y" in the word Loyola

A sense of community is crucial to a fulfilling university experience. SGA frequently hosts events, ranging from multicultural festivals to social awareness campaigns, which help to create an environment where students from diverse backgrounds can come together, share experiences, and build meaningful connections. This sense of belonging contributes significantly to Loyola's close-knit community.

### A Bridge Between

In addition to uniting students, SGA serves as a crucial link between the student body and the university's administration. This connection between SGA and the administration enables constructive dialogues, fostering a collaborative atmosphere where student concerns are heard, considered, and often acted upon.

Empowering students to be agents of change is a cornerstone of SGA's mission. SGA offers a platform for students to identify areas of improvement, formulate solutions, and lead change efforts. By par-

ticipating in SGA, you not only learn about effective leadership but also gain the tools and confidence to create a lasting impact on campus, ensuring that the student perspective is taken into account when important decisions are made.

## Student-Led Initiatives

SGA also supports and nurtures student-led initiatives. The resources and mentorship provided by SGA are essential in turning student ideas into actionable projects. This not only benefits the individuals involved but also contributes to the overall betterment of the Loyola community.

I cannot discuss the impact of SGA without highlighting the numerous initiatives and projects it undertakes. These initiatives encompass a wide range of areas, from sustainability efforts to mental health awareness campaigns, all designed to improve your experience at Loyola. They reflect the dedication of SGA members to address pressing issues and bring about positive change.

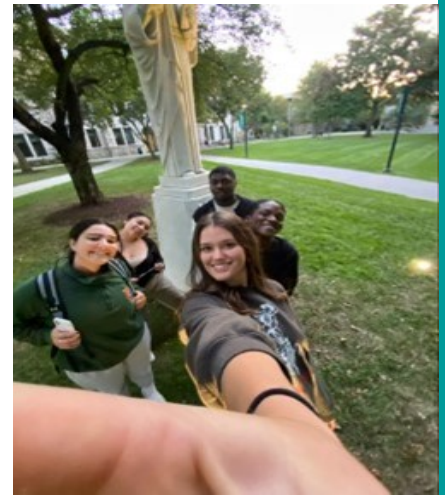
To further understand the great changes brought about by SGA, we turn to the testimonies of various students. In our interviews with Loyola students, we found numerous accounts of SGA's positive influence. Whether it's improved campus facilities, more accessible mental health resources, or a greater emphasis on sustainability, the efforts of SGA have resonated with students and enhanced their university experience. SGA is a powerful example of how a committed and united student body can influence and improve campus life.

The Student Government Association at Loyola University stands as a powerful force that fosters community, empowers students, and effectively brings about change. As you embark on your journey as part of the Class of 2028, take comfort in knowing that SGA is there to support and amplify your voice, helping to shape your Loyola experience for the better.

Welcome to the Loyola family, where together, we Connect and Make a Change.

*"WE ARE STUDENT LEADERS, BUILT TO SERVE"*

SGA, The Bridge



SGA members on the quad

*"Alone we can  
do so little;  
together we  
can do so  
much."*

*Helen Keller*



SGA members in Humanities







SGA students in front of McManus theater



Jules, smiling while holding a QR code



*“SGA has shown me that people of all ethnicities, backgrounds, and paths of life can come together and share a common goal, which is creating change.”*

*Destiny Garrison*



SGA students in front of the CIE



SGA members in front of the Reitz arena



Turkey Bowl Flyer



SGA Executive members