

OCL Student Collective – 2023-2024 Election Ballot

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Candidates for Vice President Officer Position (please vote for one)

<p>iAsia Brown Fall 2023 Cohort <i>She/Her/Hers</i></p>	<p>In the dynamic realm of gaming, iAsia's multifaceted presence is nothing short of inspiring. Holding the pivotal position of a Senior Producer at Xbox, she exemplifies the blend of technical expertise and visionary leadership. iAsia drives conversations around the conspicuous absence of Black women in pivotal gaming roles, both behind the scenes and in the virtual worlds. Beyond her notable professional stature, iAsia's journey is emblematic of resilience, turning to gaming as a therapeutic escape after facing profound challenges under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy. But her influence doesn't stop at her personal experiences; it's expanded through her academic endeavors, leadership roles, and impassioned community outreach. iAsia's doctoral research, "None of the Heroes were Black Girls," resonates within Rossier's mission to create address inequalities and disrupt this anti-Blackness environment.</p>
<p>James Markell Dodd Fall 2023 Cohort <i>He/Him/His</i></p>	<p>The mission of the Rossier School resonates with James' personal constitution and his professional contributions as a servant leader in the marketplace. As a graduate of the Annenberg School of Journalism and Communications, he was selected in the litmus Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Access Certificate and Training in which he completed. This program enhanced his knowledge base academically and practically surround DEIA. As a corporate leader he feels that he brings the objective, passion, understanding, caring, and willing to work among a unified team for the greater good of the program which inadvertently impacts the overall success of the university! His background as a non-profit leader is paramount with development and fund-raising so that if committee has to fund-raise he has 20 years of proven experience in fund-raising as chief executive officer. As chairman of the board he has 20 years experience of working with boards, sub-committees, auxiliary committees, and volunteer committees for a common goal. This requires engaging and working with multiple personalities, interest, experienced professionals, and agendas to meet the needs of the organization in which you serve. His professional experience will be of value to participate in this program while also giving him the personal opportunity to give back to his dear USC and Trojan family as an alumnus and current doctoral student. Please take his application under serious consideration.</p>
<p>Demetrius Roberts Fall 2022 Cohort <i>He/Him/His</i></p>	<p>Demetrius is committed to USC Rossier's mission of advancing equity to underserved populations. He identifies as BIPOC, LGBTQ+, former foster, and veteran. He believes my experience, passion, voice, and academic studies can add value to the committee objectives of advancing equity and justice to marginalized communities. He hopes that by being nominated to the committee, he can provoke thoughtful discussion that benefits his current OCL colleagues and future Trojans! Fight-on!</p>

<p>C. Rose Williams Spring 2022 Cohort <i>She/Her/Hers</i></p>	<p>As a practitioner scholar exploring the experiences of Black women administrators at PWI's and how they navigate racialized trauma, Charlotte is grateful for the OCL program that strengthened her knowledge of theories and frameworks that center marginalized voices. This exposure not only gives language to her experience, it also affirms her work at the intersection of well-being and identity.</p> <p>She would be honored to serve on the OCL Student Collective to ensure that the Rossier School of Education continues to cultivate an environment that elevates voices to strategically advance our equity-minded mission and prioritize racial equity throughout our entire program.</p>
<p><i>Candidates for <u>Member Position</u> (please vote for up to three)</i></p>	
<p>Sara Ash Fall 2022 Cohort <i>She/Her/Hers</i></p>	<p>Sara has loved getting to know her fellow cohort and Trojans over the past year. As strong as the OCL program is she believes that there is still room for growth, to be more welcoming and less exclusionary to people from all diverse backgrounds (race, age, sexual identity, ability, etc.). She is proud to be a part of OCL, that has an organization like this that is committed to working on these issues. She wants to be part of the solution, and to help ensure future Trojans have an even better experience. Fight on!</p>
<p>Damien Danielly Spring 2021 Cohort <i>He/Him/His</i></p>	<p>Damien was always a great voice of reason and reality. He genuinely cares about people and supports them in any way possible. He generously shares information, connecting people to people or people to resources. He has spent significant time in the educational system working to elevate student voices and experiences, especially for Black/African American students. He is socially and politically aware, he is honest, and he is driven by purpose and being of service to others. All around, a really great human. He would add fantastic perspective and passion to the OCL Student Collective.</p>
<p>Martin Figueroa Fall 2022 Cohort <i>He/Him/His</i></p>	<p>Martin has worked his entire career promoting social justice, police and prison reforms. Martin has launched innovative criminal Justice programs statewide which has resulted in reduced recidivism rates. He would be honored to serve with the OCL student collective to enhance our community outreach and to explore how our program can continue to make positive impacts on our communities. Fight on!</p>
<p>Natalia Gonzalez Fall 2023 Cohort <i>She/Her/Hers</i></p>	<p>Natalia is eager to serve in the position for the OCL Student Collective because she is passionate about advancing equity, particularly within educational institutions. With a background in education and government relations, she believes her experiences can contribute a valuable perspective to the discussions and recommendations made on behalf of Rossier School of Education OCL program students. As a young Hispanic woman, she is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion, and she is dedicated to addressing racial equity issues and disrupting anti-Blackness in the program. She looks forward to actively representing students' interests, working with the Collective, and furthering our mission.</p>

<p>Angela D. Scott Fall 2023 Cohort <i>She/Her/Hers</i></p>	<p>Angela is a U.S. Navy Veteran, a single mom, and one of the few Black Women Leaders in the videogame industry. She is a rare find, acutely aware of the disparities faced by women and BIPOC individuals in gaming. Through community impact, she leads and collaborates on DEIA-focused initiatives to establish inclusive work environments. As a member of the OCL Collective, she'll draw from her personal experiences and industry expertise to uphold Rossier's dedication to promoting racial equity, nurturing inclusion, and confronting anti-Blackness. Let's unite our efforts to craft transformative policies and pave the way for a more equitable future.</p>
<p>Shawn Simmons Fall 2022 Cohort <i>He/Him/His</i></p>	<p>Experiencing injustice, inequitable treatment, and limited opportunities has allowed Shawn to create innovative, professional approaches in solving problems and leading others. He is interested in serving on the OCL Student Collective for these reasons, as well as to provide unique perspectives on important issues that affect all OCL students.</p>