



# CLASSIFIED SENATE

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE

## ARC CLASSIFIED SENATE

## 2020 ELECTIONS NEWSLETTER

### Positions Available:

Position (# of positions available)	Candidates
Communications Officer (1)	Kristin Farlow
Secretary (1)	Carissa Thomas Beth Madigan
Senator - Administration & President's Office (1)	Beth Talbott
Senator - Instruction (2)	Viorica Petcan Jessica Taylor
Senator - Outreach & Workforce (1)	Liz Geisser
Senator - Student Services (4)	Mario Rodriguez Bee Curiel Caitlyn Spencer Shamona Thompson Ross
Senator At-Large (1)	Ryan Bonomo

### Elections Timeline:

The ARC Classified Senate Elections will take place online:

**September 28th 8 am to October 2nd 5 pm**

Each classified professional will receive an email with the link to the elections ballot.

Results will be announced on or before October 7th.

For questions, please contact Elections Chair Olga Prizhbilov at [prizhbo@arc.losrios.edu](mailto:prizhbo@arc.losrios.edu)

## Communications Officer

### Kristin Farlow



“I believe the Classified Senate is continuing to grow in a direction that makes us a necessary and stronger voice at ARC, and I feel as Communications Officer I would be able to continue to use my leadership skills to help guide the Senate.

Communication is highly important to me and building trust and strong relationships with Classified Professionals, Faculty, and Administrators is the networking I intend to bring to Senate. I feel that with my background in Communications and English, and given the amount of communication I presently initiate and handle, that my skills are well suited to seamlessly continue Senate communication in the Communications Officer role. I am working on a new newsletter platform and am working on quicker means of updating our website. I am passionate about Classified Professionals being able to thrive and grow. As Communication Officer, I will bring this passion to the forefront for our Senate and the Classified Professionals we represent.”

## Secretary (1 position available)

### Carissa Thomas



"I'm currently the classified senate secretary; I have a desire to continue to serve and improve within my position. I'm dedicated to promoting the advancement of classified professionals. I continually seek out and participate in training to develop better leadership skills. I've organized and presented the classified professional of the year award, the classified spotlight, and the annual classified PD event. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to learn and represent our ARC community as senate secretary."

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### Beth Madigan



"Experience, willingness and interest in documenting the meetings of the Classified Senate for all classified professionals is my motivation for offering my time and services as Secretary. In my position under the Vice President, Administration, I provide information and assistance to all 350 classified staffers."

## Senator Representing Administration & President's Office (1 Position Available)

### Beth Talbott



"I believe that I am a good candidate to represent our Classified Professionals because I care about their well being and would like to support them in their growth here at American River College."

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## Senator Representing Instruction (2 Positions Available)

### Viorica Petcan



"I am passionate about helping Classified Professionals stay informed and communicate better with their peers and administrators; I want to promote professional development and provide communication and mutual support."

## Jessica Taylor



"I want to represent Classified Professionals in this role to promote and strengthen the connection between our departments and the senate. At a time when we're remote and disconnected off campus, the ability to connect to our college is more important than ever. My hope is that through this role, I can provide a voice for professionals and their interests we're both on and off campus."

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## Senator Representing Outreach & Workforce (1 Position Available)

### Liz Geisser



Liz has worked for the WAC and RAD programs at ARC since 2014 and moved to the Natomas Outreach Center to help launch those programs for our students there in 2015. For the past two years, Liz has been serving as the Outreach Senator and has worked hard to provide a voice for the ARC Classified Professionals who work off site from the main campus. She would be honored to continue in this role so that she can continue to advocate on behalf of all Classified Professionals, particularly those who are not always in the position to advocate on their own behalf.

## Senator Representing Student Services (4 Positions Available)

### Bee Curiel



“Hello everyone, my name is Bee Curiel and I currently work with the SAGES Student Ambassador Program in the Center for Leadership and Development (Student Center). It would be an honor for me to represent classified professionals in Student Services because I am inspired everyday by the amazing work my colleagues do to improve campus life and support services for students on this campus. I step into Classified Senate with an open heart, with plenty of ideas, and a lot of enthusiasm. I want to be sure that our leadership on campus delivers a wide array of opportunities for professional and personal

development, no matter how many years you have served ARC. I am a relationship builder, a bit shy at first, but always willing to make and sustain new connections. I consider myself a visionary and often find myself drawn to experiences where I can serve and support those around me. I hope to get the pleasure of working with you all soon.”

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### Mario Rodriguez



“In my short time here at ARC I have worked on bringing new ideas, new projects, new concepts to increase more staff, faculty, student and community partners to get involved with ARC Center for Leadership and Development and love to continue those ideas in Classified Senate. Get more people at the table and get involved.”

## Caitlyn Spencer



"I have been on this campus for the last 10 years. I started out as a student, then a temp employee, and now a classified employee. I have seen this campus go through some amazing changes that help better our students. I would like to be involved in future conversations to help advocate and benefit our students and staff."

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## Shamona Thompson Ross



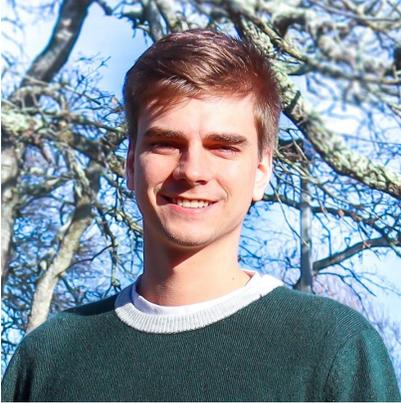
"I started working at ARC in Student Services in EOP&S department as a Student Assistant in 2013, then I was promoted to a Classified Temp 2016. I graduated from ARC in spring 2017 and I was the commencement speaker for my class. I was hired in Behavioral & Social Sciences department fall 2017 as the clerk II for the CE programs. In fall 2019 I was reassigned as the Administrative Assistant in the BSS department and spring 2020 I became the interim AA in BSS.

I accept the nomination to be a classified senator. I know that I should be one of the Classified Professional representatives because of my diverse background and also I have had the privilege of working within student service and instruction. I have an overview of some needs and wants of students and classified professionals. I would love to have the opportunity to learn and work with my colleagues at ARC in this capacity. I also have a great relationship with many people at ARC, so I know that working together will come naturally.

If given the opportunity to be a classified senator representative for instruction, I would bring my campus knowledge, my supportive nature, my energy and diversity to the senate."

## Senator At Large (1 Position Available)

### Ryan Bonomo



"I have a diverse professional background and bring many unique professional experiences to the table. Some widely recognized organizations I've worked at include Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, and CSU Chico. I've also worked at smaller organizations in Roseville, Santa Rosa, and Chico. My wide range of experiences brings unique insights to professions in general and technical professions in particular. I've also applied to Sac State's M.S. Software Engineering program for the Spring 2021 semester. If accepted, I will be pursuing an M.S. Software Engineering degree which will provide me insights to graduate studies."