



Ruth Jones

At-Large Senator

Riverside Community College/Region IX

Hello my name is Ruth Jones, and I have had the honor of being elected as your 2009-10 SSSCC Senator at Large. I have always had a passion for higher education. I am double majoring in Philosophy and History with an emphasis in Ancient Mythology and Theology while pursuing a degree as a Physician Assistant. In 2007, at the age of 17, I graduated with my high school diploma and Associates in both Arts and Science from Riverside Community College: Moreno Valley Campus. While attending Community College I was persuaded to join the local student government. Most would assume I joined because of my passion for politics, but my reasoning behind my decision was quite the opposite. Contrary to popular belief, I loathed politics and would avoid it at all costs. I was persuaded to join student government by my first love: food. I got started by planning BBQ's and other campus events. From there I was drafted to the Supreme Court as Secretary, then to the District Judicial Board as Secretary, to Student Trustee in 2008 and Region IX as Secretary. After graduating with my Certificate as a Emergency Medical Technician, I was elected to the Student Trustee Association of California Community Colleges

as (yup! You guessed it!) Secretary. During my tenure as Student Trustee I noticed that, not only my college district, but colleges across the state were suffering from budget cuts, sustainability issues, organization/governmental issues, text books, smoking, and the list goes on. But the more I talked to my constituents across the state I realized a lot of these identical issues have been alleviated or even completely solved by other colleges in the state. How is it that we as community colleges are suffering from problems, when the answer is just an email or call away? So I decided to run for Senator at Large, not intending to win, but with the sole intention of getting my message out there. I wanted to remind California's Community Colleges that in order to solve our issues we need to go back to the basics and focus on COLLABORATION. The importance of open and affective communication throughout the state, and that is what I strive to bring to the SSSCC.

Currently I serve as Secretary of the Relations with Local Senates Committee, Elections Committee, Rules Committee, and member of the Resolutions Committee. As a proud mother to be, I am determined to ensure that my daughter has open, affordable access to higher education. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of not only advocating on a local level, but staying connected to your region and the SSSCC by calling in to our meetings from time to time. Well love to hearing from you and would like your input. How can we truly represent you if we never hear what you have to say?

SSCC Committees:

Elections Committee
Relations with Local Senates Committee
Resolutions Committee
Rules Committee

We at the Student Senate serve for the benefit of all California Community College students, so please feel free to share your thoughts with me. I can be reached with the listed information.

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