

SGA Elections: Candidate Profile 2025-2026 APPROVED

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Please complete the questions below by 11:59pm on Wednesday, October 15. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in ineligibility.

Candidate First and Last Name * Nick Watts

Candidate xavier email * watts1@xavier.edu

Contact cell phone number for Candidate * 513-503-5040

Office(s) Sought *
☒ President
☐ Vice President
☐ Senator

If elected, have you or the other member of your ticket served 1 full term as a senator by January 1st, 2026?
☒ Yes
☐ No (if no, your ticket is ineligible to run for executive positions)

Current Class Year * Junior
(eg First Year, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

Years at Xavier for Candidate or all members of the Ticket * 4

Candidate Major(s) and/or Minor(s) * Majors: PPP, History. Minor: American Founding and Constitution

Campaign Platform: In 30 words or less, state your campaign platform. (* We are focused on enhancing the student experience by improving student spaces, increasing community involvement, and ensuring a fair and transparent budgeting process for every student group.
For executive tickets, please have only one candidate complete this (Simply put n/a if your partner is submitting it). Failure to comply with the word limit may result in editing.

Qualifications: * SGA: One term as Senator, one half term as Chair of Academic Affairs Committee, one term as Association Vice President. Xavier Constitution Fellow. SORF Board Member. Administrative Director Intern at Ohio Supreme Court.
Please list qualifications that will help you in the office for which you are running. Tickets, please submit your individual qualifications.

Goals and/or Plans for Office * Ensuring a Fair, Transparent, and Equitable Budget Process: We are prepared to lead Xavier through the first year of the budgeting transition for fiscal year 2026. We are committed to cultivating a transparent and equitable funding process that uplifts every student organization. Our goal is to ensure that every organization has a clear framework for how funds are allocated. We will ensure that every student voice is heard and represented. We will host regular collaborative sessions and personally work with student leaders to answer any questions raised. Our administration will strive to make sure that each organization has the resources they need to continue to thrive at Xavier. Improving Student Spaces on Campus to Promote Community Building: r This past summer, Nick took part in the campus masterplan development process. He consistently advocated for improvements to the Yard, Academic Mall and Cintas Center to President Hanycz and other prominent members of the Xavier Administration. We plan to build on the work we have already started by improving the Xavier Yard to create a more welcoming and community-oriented space with the possible addition of hammocks and permanent seating areas. Our vision is for students to have even more spaces on campus where they can relax, connect and work together. Our ticket has also completed multiple student quality-of-life improvement goals set at the beginning of the last term. These include putting a printer in the Village

Apartments, adding dining dollar readers in Cintas, and improving the parking infrastructure in H-Lot. We plan to continue delivering for the student body by expanding dining dollar access to off-campus establishments like the new University Eatz and Arcade. Additionally, we will advocate for the resurfacing of campus roads and walkways. Safety at Xavier: We are committed to fostering stronger partnerships with XUPD and Norwood PD to improve safety for all students. We will advocate for increased street lighting on Norwood roads immediately surrounding campus so that students can feel safe inside well-lit areas both on and off campus. We will strengthen relationships through hosted forums between students and police departments of both Xavier and Norwood to create a safer and more cohesive community. Activating the Cintas Center: We believe that as it exists currently, the Cintas Center is underutilized. We are committed to advocating for more opportunities for student engagement at the arena outside of sporting events. We will build upon existing goodwill with the administration to bring occasions such as concerts, shows, and other entertainment for students to enjoy at Cintas. Civic Engagement on Campus SGA is Listening tables are a pillar of SGA's communication with the student body. During her two years as a Senator, Kathryn has hosted numerous listening sessions to hear directly from students regarding what their concerns from around campus are. Under a Watts-Cohen Administration, these tabling events would be even more frequent and intentional and will include further opportunities for dialogue for students to engage in while stopping by. Our ticket would love to work with the administration to host and facilitate a diverse group of community leaders to speak on campus. We aim to foster open dialogue and stronger connections between Xavier students and our surrounding community. During our two most recent and prominent examples of civic dialogue on campus, Nick worked closely with the administration to bring the debates of October 2024 and October 2025 to fruition.

Please list your top 5 goals and/or plans you wish to accomplish in office. Tickets, please submit have one candidate submit this.

Why are you interested in serving in the role(s) of the office(s) sought? *

I am passionate about using my talents to serve the student body as SGA President. I am a detail-oriented person who believes that everyone deserves a chance to be heard and that decisions need to be made free of any undue influence. I am a fair and impartial person who will always make the judgement call in the best interest of the student body of Xavier. As President, I would have a special opportunity to make a positive impact for the community that I love and have dedicated the last few years of my life to. During next year's budgeting process, we must set the right precedent that generations of future Xavier students can follow with confidence.

Tickets, submit individual answers here.

Please submit a headshot *

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Senate Candidates: please submit a photo of just yourself for this headshot. Executive Tickets: You may upload individual photos or one of your ticket.

Declaration of Candidacy

I do further declare that I have read and understand the Xavier University SGA Constitution and the current ElectionsCode, and that I am willing to comply with them. *

☒ I agree

☐ I disagree

I do further declare that I acknowledge the elections timeline and important election dates and understand the expectations of a candidate *

☒ I agree

☐ I disagree

I do further declare that I acknowledge the position expectations of the role of an Officer, and that I am willing to comply with them. *

☒ I agree

☐ I disagree

I hereby authorize the Office of Student Involvement, Gallagher Student Center, and Commuter Services to check mygrades and conduct for eligibility to run for the SGA position; and if elected, during the term of my office. *

☒ I agree

☐ I disagree



