

Veronica Green

Senate Candidate for Class of 2023



### BIOGRAPHY:

Hey everyone! I am very excited for this election and to see so many of my classmates dedicate their free time to bettering the Allegheny campus and community. At Allegheny, I am currently pursuing a degree in

Political Science, with minors in Middle East and North African Studies and Arabic. I am an ambitious student that wants to become more involved on campus by pursuing opportunities and projects that would enhance the Allegheny experience. I am particularly interested in increasing my involvement with ASG and putting my skills to good use.

### MY SENATE GOALS:

The COVID-19 pandemic and protocols have shed light on some institutional, facility, and communication problems on campus that need to be addressed to make Allegheny a comfortable and safe environment for all post-pandemic. Here are some key issues of importance that I would address if elected:

1. **Access to Clean Water:** As many people at Allegheny, ensuring a environmentally safe environment is a crucial issue to me. If elected, I would push for more refillable water fountains to be put on nearly every floor in residence halls and academic buildings. Having access to clean and filtered water, which we cannot get from a regular water fountain, is very important for the health of students. This year, there have been accessible water problems in Brooks, Walker, Steffee, College Court, and more buildings that need to be fixed.
2. **Environmental Sustainability:** While I do not know if I have the power to implement change in this area, I would at least like to open up a conversation about switching the light fixtures in residential and academic buildings to more sustainable options. The lights in the residential buildings are on 24/7, which use an excessive amount of electricity. My peers and I agree that a change needs to be made. The fluorescent lights are also very harsh on the eyes, making it difficult for people who suffer from migraines or other health conditions to focus in class.
3. **Safety at Night:** It can be intimidating to walk around Allegheny at night, especially in areas with no light fixtures. While I believe energy consumption should decrease, safety is more important. I would like to put light fixtures around Ravine, College Court, and the parking lot and alleyway behind Pelletier. These light fixtures could work like the lamps around campus, only turn on in the evening. Furthermore, we can look at energy efficient ways of lighting the campus. An ultimate goal of mine is to make this campus as safe as possible.
4. **Mental Health and Faculty Communication:** As college students we have a lot on our plate with course work, separation from family, living independently, finances, asking the stressful question of “what am I going to do with my degree?” The last thing that we need is to be put in a position where we have to prioritize class attendance before our mental health. We have all felt the effects of having only two random days off this semester, with many of our professors assigning big projects due a day or two after, ultimately defeating the purpose of a mental health day. I want to start a dialogue between students and professors that will hopefully create changes to class policies with emphasis on the importance of mental health. If possible, I would like to implement some sort of policy that prohibits professors from assigning large projects over campus-wide breaks, so that students can maintain a healthy academic-social life balance.
5. **Support and Funding for the Arts:** If there is one thing that I would say I felt the most passionate about, it would be increasing visibility and funding for the arts. We have seen COVID-19 accommodations be implemented for our athletic departments, while the arts have been ignored. There are students on campus who are pursuing majors in the arts to make careers for themselves in acting, stage management, music performance, music education, and so forth. It is time that we focus on providing these students with the funding and support that they need to set them up for success after they leave Allegheny.
6. **Quesadillas:** A very important part of the Allegheny experience are the quesadillas from Kins. With the new menu, we have missed them more than we could ever have imagined. I would like to personally beg Parkhurst, on behalf of our class, to reimplement the amazing quesadillas into their menus, because let's be honest, have we really been happy since they've been gone?