



MAKELL OLSEN

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS SENATOR

Hey y'all! My name is Makell Olsen and I am running to be your 2022-23 School of Business Senator. Throughout my academic career I have been involved in many different organizations and have held multiple leadership positions within them. I currently serve on the Student Programming Board (SPB) coordinating, planning, and executing events for the student body as well as within Greek Life and beyond as the Social Director for Alpha Phi. I believe that being involved is an important part of college and I want to be able to help the students within the School of Business find those connections and involvement to better help their future career as well as present needs!

The focus of my platform is student connections. I believe that as we form various connections, not only does our knowledge grow and our skills improve, but it builds confidence within. Confidence of preparedness and of oneself. As cheesy as it sounds, my focus is you! I naturally possess the quality of care for others and I would love to have the opportunity to personally care for each student within the School of Business.

Connections with students: The School of Business already has an amazing foundation for getting students involved such as clubs, Business Week, and various other events. I am not looking to remodel this, but rather amplify what has already been laid down. I want to make sure that students are knowledgeable about what's happening around them within the school and how they can get involved now to benefit them not only presently but in the future as well. Many of my friends have been made because I chose to be involved. These friends have made it easier and more enjoyable for me to not only have a study group for classes but also figure out what I want to do with my future and learn about opportunities that I never knew existed.

Connections with faculty and staff: Sometimes it can be difficult to reach out to a department head for career advice, or even a professor for class help. In order to combat this, the student representatives of each major will be equipped with how to help each student in contacting who they need! The representatives' contact information will also be very accessible. These leaders are here to help ease the gap between students and faculty, whatever the need may be!

Connections with alumni: Alumni play a big part in what students choose to do after college as well as providing internship opportunities. I know many students who have had opportunities to work with alumni in their field, but I also know many students who don't know where, who, or how to reach out. In order to make this process easier for students, I want to compose a living contact list of alumni who are willing to be reached out to by current students for various opportunities as well as inviting alumni often to campus. Increasing student-alumni connections will help students feel more confident in various fields they're trying to pursue which in turn increases their chances of success!

Connections with the future: In order to help students feel more prepared for their future, I want to increase career exposure for all students. This includes providing more trips across all majors for students to experience and get to know companies and organizations inside and outside the state of Utah. This will provide students with on-field exposure and better help connect concepts they are learning in the classroom to their future careers.

As a senator, you will be my top priority! I want to make campus better for you because my focus is you. My goals are to help create a successful and confident future for you.