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Board Meeting

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# REPORT OF THE SECRETARY:

# SELECTION OF STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 2025-2026

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign**

The election for the student member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees for 2025-2026 for the Urbana-Champaign university was held February 25-27, 2025. Ms. Ariana Mizan was the declared winner.

The total number of votes cast for student trustee was 6354. The final tally is listed below:

Ariana Mizan 2545 (Declared winner)

Ezra Landman-Feigelson 822

Dylan Sarsany 291

No Vote 699

Ariana Mizan is a junior from Champaign, majoring in Strategy, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship in the Gies College of Business. She is also pursuing engineering coursework through the Hoeft Technology & Management Program, a joint initiative between Gies Business and Grainger Engineering. During her time at UIUC, Ariana volunteered with the Senate Public Engagement Committee and the Senate Committee for Student Life. She has chaired both the Food Insecurity Committee and the Student Belonging Committee on the Provost’s Undergraduate Student Advisory Board. Ariana also serves as a Gies Ambassador and a Campus Honors mentor, helping to support and guide new students. Beyond student leadership, she has been active in the entrepreneurial community at UIUC, working with nonprofit organizations like Enactus and Founders on various startup initiatives.

Ariana served as the student member of the Board of Trustees for 2024–2025 and looks forward to continuing her service with a commitment to supporting student well-being, strengthening campus community, and fostering open dialogue across the University of Illinois system.

**University of Illinois Chicago**

The election of the student member of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees for 2025-2026 for the Chicago university was held April 14, 2025. Mr. Quinn Basta was the declared winner.

There was only one candidate who ran for the student representative to the Board of Trustees from UIC. The tally for the certified candidate is listed below.

Quinn Basta 740 (Declared winner)

No vote 45

Quinn Basta, a Chicago native, is majoring in finance and minoring in real estate and entrepreneurship. In his time at UIC, Quinn served as president of the Business Student Advisory Board, Chief of Staff for the Undergraduate Student Government, and President of the Portfolio Management Team.

In his second term as student trustee, he is excited to continue working on ways to improve student life at UIC. He’s focused on opening doors to academic, leadership, and career opportunities, and on ensuring that both current and future students benefit from a connected, supportive, and empowering campus environment.

**University of Illinois Springfield**

The 2025-2026 Student Government Association (SGA) election, which included the election for the student representative of the University of Illinois Board of Trustees from the University of Illinois Springfield (UIS), was held April 9-10, 2025 and April 21, 2025. Mr. Joe Humphrey was the declared winner.

There were two candidates who ran to be the student representative to the Board of Trustees from UIS. The total number of votes cast for student trustee was 111. The final tally is listed below:

Joe Humphrey 61

Robert Demonte 39

No Vote 11

Joe Humphrey is a sophomore majoring in Biology. Born and raised in Springfield, he has cultivated a desire to serve those in his community. At UIS, he is involved in several organizations, and this involvement has provided him the privilege of serving as the vice chair of Student Organization Funding Association (SOFA). Through these roles, he has been able to connect with a vast number of students and to appreciate diverse perspectives. This has inspired his desire to amplify every voice.

He hopes to take the skills he has cultivated to advocate for the inclusivity of all students at UIS. As the student representative to the Board of Trustees, he hopes to reflect the needs and passions of the greater UIS community.