

Hello, y'all! My name is Iz Lucero, and I use they/them pronouns. I am originally from Rockland County, NY, and my family is from the Philippines. I am a new transfer student this Spring 2024 semester majoring in Global Studies with Junior standing. I was on the student senate at my previous school (Lehigh University), serving on the Club Affairs committee.

I am particularly passionate about the environment and sustainability, LGBTQIA+ issues, supporting and representing students of color and other minorities, and advocating for holistic care for all students.

Why these topics?

Environment and Sustainability:

At Lehigh, I was a head eco-rep, leading a team to plan multiple events to educate and encourage students to move towards more sustainable practices to better our planet. I also worked as a youth representative for an NGO at the United Nations, whose mission centered on education regarding ecological issues. Some of my duties in this role included articulating the goals of the NGO at the United Nations in New York City and improving the programs presented by the NGO.

LGBTQIA+:

I identify as queer and non-binary. I understand from first-hand experience what it's like growing up queer, especially in a not so accepting environment, and I wouldn't wish that upon anyone. I transferred from my previous school due to a lack of acceptance of my identity. I want to be a support and advocate for LGBTQIA+ students, and I want them to feel truly represented.

Being a Student of Color and Lifting up Other Minorities:

I am proudly the child of two immigrants. I love this identity and the culture that comes with it. UVM, being a PWI, can be difficult for students of color and other minorities to navigate. I am also a global studies major and understand the importance of elevating the voices of those often not heard, not necessarily speaking for them. As a member of the SGA, I promise to always use a culturally sensitive approach to best serve the student body.

Holistic Approach for Students:

I have personally struggled with my mental and physical health. I know what it's like, and being a college student adds much stress to simply existing in the world. As a member of SGA I am not just serving you as a student, I am serving you as a whole person. I think a holistic approach is necessary because there are so many facets to each person and I want to do my best to accurately represent and help YOU!

I know I've only been at UVM for a short amount of time, but I already love it here, and I want to make it a place everyone can also love. I also recognize that the university could do with some improvements. I want to make those possible by listening to you and elevating your voice to enhance your college experience.