Hello UVM! My name is Lauren Knopp, I use she/her pronouns, I am a part of the class of 2027 and I am from Nashua, New Hampshire.

I grew up in Ocean View, New Jersey and many of my experiences as a leader have been in an educational setting in New Jersey. I served on the Ocean City Board of Education, the New Jersey Board of Education, and was a research assistant for the National Association of State boards of Education. Through this work, I was able to review curriculum on the district level, review state learning standards on the state level, and explore the issues of mental health in public education on the national level, developing and outlining an action plan to certify more school psychologists. I have presented research to the CDC and ChildTrends and published an article on technology in eduction in The State Education Standard.

As a potential senator, there on category of issues in particular I would like to focus on: academic issues. This would include anything under the umbrella of course registration, course over-enrollment, and class availability. At my high school, I was a part of a task force assigned the job of amending course registration issues, as the enrollment numbers for core courses exceeded 40 students while others would lull at around 5. In addition to this, some teachers were forced to work more hours than their contract stated. By the time I graduated, all core courses hovered between 15-25 students and teachers had course-loads comparable to other teachers within their same discipline in Cape May County and Atlantic County. I hope that I can help amend issues with the academic setting.

I am running for SGA senate because I believe that continuously working towards the betterment of an organization is always worth the time and effort. I am diligent in everything that I do, and I can promise you that I will do everything within my power and experience to better the academic experience of UVM students if elected.

A little bit extra about me: I love to ski and snowshoe (smuggs for life), I love to read fantasy books, and I love nothing more than going cafe hopping with a good book and some money for "window shopping". I'm a math and computer science major currently (although I've been thinking about switching to economics). See you around campus, and vote Lauren Knopp for SGA Senator!