

Throughout my time at UVM there have been numerous occasions in which I wished things were done differently. There were moments I even found myself calling my mom, or best friend from home just to tell them just how frustrated I was. However, I soon realized that I was doing a lot of complaining but not a lot of “doing”. From then on I didn’t just think about the things that bothered me, but instead started thinking about solutions for solving them. Extending library hours (especially on weekends), opening up more “in between class” spots; as currently the library is holding down the fort. Adding more late night dining options, putting more emphasis on the ability for students to create their own clubs/intramural sports, and overall fostering a student body that has school spirit. Unfortunately though, the problem still remained of not having the platform to work towards these goals. This is why I am running for SGA Senate, I want to advocate for the changes UVM students want to see.

My senior year of highschool, as Environmental club President, I worked with my mentor teacher in applying for a grant that would allow for composting to take place at our school. Even to apply for this grant we had to fight to get permission from the school. As although the initial cost for the composting system would be covered, the upkeep would be up to the school. This taught me the importance of advocating for what you believe in, and not backing down even when met with setbacks.

Thankfully, we got the grant and began working with the company to put this plan into place. Through this process, we were able to set in motion an impactful, and sustainable practice that hopefully will better the community for years to come; and this would not have been possible if not for the advocacy that took place.

A core value I have is holding strong to what you believe is right. Of course minds can change when new information is presented, but being able to not back down when faced with disagreement is invaluable. I would love to be this type of advocate for the UVM student population through the platform of a member of the SGA Senate. I would love to not just think about changes I wish I could make, but actually work towards making them. The SGA Senate is a platform where people who are all advocates for what they believe in, get to work together to make the best changes possible. This is why I would love to be elected to an SGA Senator position.