

Sydney Kasmer

CANDIDATE PLATFORM FOR UVM SGA SENATE SPRING 2023

Hi, my name is Sydney Kasmer, and I'm running to be a part of your UVM SGA Senate. Currently I'm a sophomore double majoring in Environmental Studies and Business Administration. I'm an extremely qualified candidate for this position; I have a lot of leadership experience on and off-campus, and I aim to fully use the skills I've learned from these experiences as a Senate member. Through my involvement in various clubs such as the Outing Club, the UVM Ski and Snowboard Club, Girl Gains, etc., I have developed strong time-management and organizational skills, an ability to productively work with my peers, tremendous insight into the needs and wants of UVM students across campus, and most importantly, my voice. And, if I were to be elected to the Student Senate, I would ensure that every student's voice is also heard. I genuinely believe that every student's opinion at UVM is incredibly valuable, and I want to constantly engage in discussions with students about what matters the most to them and how SGA can make it a reality.

When recently listening to my peers about their biggest on-campus concerns, it is no surprise that one of UVM's main issues revolves around our environmental footprint and sustainability. This being said, I am extremely invested in making this my main priority when elected to the Senate. I have many ideas on how to address some of these massive environmental concerns such as:

- Creating more opportunities for students to participate in community service events.
- Enhancing climate resilience on campus by managing stormwater and runoff through sustainable urban design concepts.
- Starting a campus garden.
- Using leftover food from dining halls to help feed the homeless around Burlington.
- Reducing paper waste and e-waste.

Along with many more. With my qualifications, experience, ideas and enthusiasm, I have the utmost confidence that I can be a voice for exponential change at UVM. Thank you so much for your consideration.