



Hello UVM Community,

My name is Jahnessa Ryea. I am very excited to be running for SGA Senate!

Here is a bit about me:

- I am from Saint Albans, Vermont, about 30 minutes north of Burlington
- I am interning for the fourth-ever female Lieutenant Governor of VT, Molly Gray
- I served on a Restorative Justice panel for two years which taught me skills of mediation and how to support folks in making amends and learning new life skills
- I have a passion for community service and participating in activism and civil justice
- I currently serve on the Student Affairs Advisory Board, providing student insight to the Vice Provost and I've helped a local Vermonter campaign and run for Senate.

If elected, I want to:

- **Push for recognition and support of the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ community at UVM.** For too long, the University has stood idly by and remained quiet when the rights and well-being of LGBTQ+ and BIPOC students are being threatened. I want to work on creating venues for growth and positive change to create an environment that is safe and welcoming for all.
- **Establish a panel of students to aid in campus-wide emails from the President or Provost:** The downward stream of communication from the President can be confusing and problematic. The panel of students would aid the President, and the Provost in drafting email sent campus-wide, to provide all students with clear communications that are accessible to all audiences.
- **Include the environment in Learning Communities:** Learning Communities have become the foundation of housing at UVM. This is a perfect place to teach environmental justice, or incorporate green practices, such an initiative is long overdue!

- **Host annual “Mock Trial” competitions:** The opportunities for Pre-Law students at UVM are scarce, and this opportunity would allow our students to learn real-world disciplines and build on argument and critical thinking skills.
- **Implement restorative practices across all disciplines on campus:** Punishments for non-fatal offenses should be considered in a more restorative way, before the instant removal of scholarships, club positions, or on-campus housing. I have the experience and background to create a student run restorative panel to deal with a wide range of student offenses.

A vote for Jahnessa, is a vote to:

Support BIPOC and LGBTQ+ students

Create a green and sustainable environment

Implement new opportunities and events such as Mock Trials

Move from a punitive to restorative mindset when dealing with student infractions