My Platform

First and foremost, I believe in student power. This is why I support the creation of a **Union of Students**. We aren’t burdening the administration when we use our collective voice, we are coming together and demanding that they work *with* us instead of *around* us.

- Students are what make UVM work and I believe that we deserve more than lengthy, unclear emails and half-answers. Accountability is key. **I want to work towards more meaningful communication between students and the administration**, both through SGA and through direct correspondence. More frequent, succinct, and transparent dialogue regarding essential information is needed. It’s important for us to know that the administration will address the concerns of *all* students.

- Currently there is only one Campus Victim Advocate at UVM and sexual harassment training for clubs, including SGA, is not strictly enforced. This is not adequate. **I will fight for mandatory, continuous sexual harassment training for all clubs and to increase the number of Victim Advocates available.** Students should be actively informed of the resources at their disposal and encouraged to use them. It is a priority of mine to help make UVM a place where victims are not silenced or shamed, but where they are supported and listened to.

- **The diversity of student identities at UVM is something to be upheld and uplifted.** We need to be dedicated to inclusivity year-round. This means increasing funds and establishing permanent locations for existing identity centers as well as making room for the creation of new ones. I would also like to propose mandatory training for incoming freshman centered around recognizing and eliminating microaggressions. As a current freshman, I know this would benefit the UVM community as we grow and welcome new students on campus.

- **UVM’s divestment from the fossil fuel industry is extremely important to students.** Only by moving *past* the SGA and staging demonstrations at board meetings was Organize able to prompt the administration to create a Sustainability Work Group. Fundamentally, the SGA should not serve as a roadblock for groups like Organize; SGA should act as an advocate for students and their demands. **Climate change is a looming and dangerous reality.** As a supposed “green school”, I want to continue to push the administration to do its part and consider environmentally sustainable investment alternatives.

About Me

Hi! My name is Madelyne and I’m running for my first term as SGA Senator. I’m excited and ready to create change! Here’s a little bit about me.

- I’m a freshman majoring in Psychological Sciences in CAS and I’m strongly considering minoring in Political Science

- I’m from New York City, where I grew up with my two sisters (one of them is my twin!) and I went to Columbia Secondary School.

- I have interned at the American Museum of Natural History (my favorite place in the world) for the past 2 summers and will do so this summer as well! I also volunteer at Governors Island, a National Parks Service Green Conserve off of Manhattan that reduces the city’s CO2 emissions. Both have helped me cultivate a passion for the earth and its wellbeing!

- My hobbies include making super specific Spotify playlists, drawing, and imagining a world in which Bernie won in 2016……

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