UVM Community,

Hello! I am Jahnessa Ryea, and I am happy to be running for my first term as a Senator in the Student Government Association. Here are some basic facts about me:

- I am a first-year studying Public Communication on the Pre-Law track
- I am from good ole' Vermont, just thirty minutes north of Burlington, in Saint Albans
- I have been serving on a Restorative Justice panel for two years and find it to be extremely eye-opening and interesting
- Nothing makes me happier than doing community service or participating in activism and civil justice
- I come from a background of leadership positions, including being President of the National Honor Society, Treasurer of Student Council and was even awarded a Student Council Award during my senior year of high school

If elected, I want to:

- **Establish a panel of students to aid in campus-wide electronic communications directed by the President or Provost:** More often than not, the downward stream of communication from the President can be confusing, and even problematic. This panel of students would aid the Present, and the Provost when needed in drafting mass communications such as email to be sent campus-wide, to provide all students with clear communications that is versatile to all audiences.
- **Include an environmental aspect in each of the Learning Communities:** As Learning Communities have become the foundation of housing at UVM, the LC’s and their required classes are the perfect place to teach more environmentally just material, due to students’ broad interests in activities and ideas other than Sustainability. At such a green campus, we should not just be teaching green ideals in one LC.

- **Have semi-annual “Mock Trial” competitions (similar to Business Case Competitions in Grossman):** The opportunities given to Pre-Law students at UVM is pretty scarce, and this opportunity, which could even be turned into a Mock Trial Society allows our students, Pre-Law and not, to be able to earn similar to real-world disciplines and build their argumentative 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, removal from club positions, or even removal from on-campus housing.