

# A LETTER FROM THE 2018-2019 EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

## Joshua Eddinger-Lucero



Fellow Bears,

Thank you for taking the time to read the 2018-2019 annual report of the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) Student Government Association (SGA). On behalf of the Student Government Association's Executive Board and Senate, it has been an honor and privilege to serve this incredible university that we call home. The accomplishments of our year are reflections of the hard work and dedication of countless UCA students, faculty, staff, and administrators who desire to give voices to students and see our university improve each and every day.

We formulated four strategic priorities this year - improving community and civic engagement, enhancing student engagement and experience, increasing transparency and accountability, and promoting shared governance. In addition to projects that helped accomplish these strategic priorities, this report includes many other programs and projects that were completed throughout the course of the year.

We are grateful to have had the opportunity to serve a university we so deeply love and appreciate. Though a short amount of time in UCA's 112-year history, we hope that our time serving through student government has left the University of Central Arkansas an even better university than it was a year ago.

I extend my deepest appreciation to our hardworking Executive Board, exceptional advisors, and dedicated senators who worked tirelessly to complete our campus initiatives and enhance our fellow Bears' experience. I am excited for the 2019-2020 Executive Officers, and look forward to their successes in the coming year.

GO BEARS!

*Joshua Eddinger-Lucero*

Joshua Eddinger-Lucero, Executive President 2018-2019  
University of Central Arkansas Student Government Association

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

THE SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL STRIVE TO:

## 1. IMPROVE COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Established the Bear Advocacy Group (B.A.G.)

Sponsored "Save AR Students" 2019 Substance Abuse Awareness Week

Co-Sponsored Party at the Polls 2018 Election Day Event

## 2. ENHANCE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND EXPERIENCE

Championed the Return of and Sponsored the 2018 Freshman Convocation

Allocated Funds to Bear Boots on the Ground Alternative Break Trips

Sponsored the Free Feminine Hygiene Products Dispenser Initiative

## 3. INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Hosted Four Successful Presidential Town Halls

Established the first-ever SGA Annual Report for Distribution to Campus

Created an Informational Video to Tell Students About SGA

## 4. PROMOTE SHARED GOVERNANCE

Established first-ever meeting of the Vice Presidents of Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and the SGA

Co-Sponsored the first-ever Holiday Dinner & Game Night on Campus

Presented to Faculty Senate on Open Education Resources Initiative

# 2018-2019 ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR



Former Speaker of the Arkansas House of Representatives and Director of Governmental Affairs and External Relations for the University of Central Arkansas, Mr. Jeremy Gillam, received the Student Government Association's Administrator/Ally of the Year award for 2018-2019. Upon his arrival to UCA, Mr. Gillam has been an avid supporter of the SGA and the initiatives we have proposed. With the assistance of Mr. Gillam, the UCA SGA was able to host a successful Arkansas

Association of Students Annual Meeting in the Athletic Skyboxes on February 8th. That annual gathering of student government leaders from across the State of Arkansas provided an opportunity for student leaders in our state to network, collaborate, and hear updates about higher education in Arkansas. The SGA also enhanced Day at the Capitol on February 28th, an annual event where student leaders from across the state spend the day in Little Rock at the Arkansas Capitol advocating for higher education and issues that face college students. The SGA is grateful for the support Mr. Gillam has shown our organization this year, and we look forward to another great year ahead.



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

This year the Student Government Association was fortunate to have several hardworking senators. Among them, were several UCA seniors that went above and beyond to fulfill the duties of their offices. The SGA is extremely grateful for their service this year and wish them the best of luck as they start the next chapter of their lives.



**Bror Thirion**  
Senior Class President



**Tyler Murphey**  
Senior Class Representative



**Erin Street**  
Senior Class Representative



**Riley Tribble**  
CLA Representative



**Mary Beth Ivie**  
CHBS Representative



**Founique Sefon Sory**  
Senior Class Representative

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## Rose McGarrity



Fellow Bears,

My name is Rose McGarrity, and I'm looking forward to serving the student body as the 2019-2020 Executive President of the Student Government Association (SGA)! It has been a great honor to serve on this organization and represent the student body for the last three years, and I'm ready to continue my service to this incredible university.

During my time on SGA, I've seen the impact this organization can have and the difference it can make in the lives of students. SGA started Bear Patrol, brought the Zagster Bike Share Program to campus, and added free feminine hygiene product dispensers to all women's and gender neutral bathrooms at the University of Central Arkansas.

As Executive President, I will listen to student concerns and work diligently to meet their needs. A few things I want to accomplish as president include getting childcare on campus for students, expanding resources pertaining to mental health, and allocating funds to build a gazebo. I plan to achieve these objectives by working closely with SGA senators and students who share these passions.

I want SGA to more fully embrace one of its core values - transparency. I will promote the fact that students are allowed to attend our weekly senate meetings to voice their concerns directly to the body. The SGA will continue to be an organization that acts and advocates on behalf of UCA students to ensure their success and achievement.

GO BEARS!

Rose McGarrity, Executive President 2019-2020

University of Central Arkansas Student Government Association

# 2019-2020 SGA EXECUTIVE BOARD

As the 2018-2019 academic year comes to a close, the Student Government Association is excited to welcome the 2019-2020 Executive Board into their new roles. Each of these individuals has served the SGA and the student body of the University of Central Arkansas in many capacities during their time at UCA, and next year will be no different. Like their predecessors, this group of officers will put students first in all that they do and work to ensure the success and achievement of all UCA students.



**Rose McGarrity**  
Executive President



**Will Teeter**  
Executive Vice President



**Jamaal Lockings**  
Vice President of Operations



**Jennifer Cale**  
Vice President of Finance