**Carolina Focella**  
Representing *Sigma Sigma Sigma*  
Major: Public Health

### Candidate’s Statement:

Being a Senior at Montclair State University, I have had years of experience with the campus and have had one of the best college experiences I ever could have imagined. Not only do I live my values as an individual and a Sigma Sigma Sigma, but a RedHawk as well. As a commuter, I am the example for other commuters who think that just because they have a car means they can’t be involved on campus. I choose to spend my time here at Montclair state university doing something memorable and something that will leave an impact on the community. I have consistently been on Dean's list, and an active member within Bonner and Tri Sigma. Through my position as NPC Council President, I started a new initiative here that promotes all of greek life. A week long initiative called Your Promise to Greek Life Week, where all greeks could write a post it, to what their promise to greek life is for the semester for the whole campus to see. My love for the campus, greek life, and the community goes beyond staying on campus for a few extra hours every day, but doing everything that I can to promote greek unity and campus pride. I believe Montclair is a great campus but can also be better than it already is. My goal is to lead by example and encourage other students to leave something impactful and memorable behind.

### Charity of Choice:

Robbie Page Memorial Fund

### Highlights from candidate’s recommendations:

“Carolina is one of the most passionate people I have ever met, every task or challenge she is given she excels in. She currently is an active member of her sorority, the NPC president, an Assistant Director for Greek Council and a Bonner Leader. Her enthusiasm is contagious with everyone she meets and she is always trying to find ways to make MSU a better place for everyone.”

“Carolina has always been a positive influence on the MSU community. She always has a smile on her face and is there to help her peers. Carolina is well known from the Bonner and Greek communities as well. She leads by example and is there to support others when they are in need.”
**Danison Fronda**
Representing *RecBoard*
Major: Accounting
Minor: Dance

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<td>I believe that I am the best representative of Montclair State University because I know what it means to be a Red Hawk. As a transfer student coming into MSU, I was nervous about one thing, making a mark on this campus. Despite this being only my 3rd year here, I've grown into the leader I am today because of the encouraging faculty, staff, and students of MSU. Everyday that I step foot back on this campus, being a commuter and all, I make every effort to be a part of this community and to do something to give back to it. I believe that this desire to help others is accurately represented by my involvement with the Student Recreation Center, multiple Student Organizations of the SGA, and the Red Hawk Pride Society. Lastly, I believe that my ability to connect with people within a short span of time separates me from other candidates. By possessing this quality, a Homecoming Royal will easily be capable of welcoming all students who set foot on this campus in the hopes that they can make Montclair State University their home just as it has become a home for me.</td>
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<td>“Danison is very mature, intelligent and motivated. He is a hard worker who possesses excellent communication and superb analytical skills. He was very involved in class discussions and activities. He is a team player and uses his enthusiasm for learning to greatly encourage the other students...Danison’s energy, motivation and enthusiasm are infectious and serve to inspire all those who are fortunate enough to come in contact with him... I am certain that he will represent the entire student body of Montclair State University with the highest degree of integrity.”</td>
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<td>“His constant pleasant and caring disposition is infectious. Everyone who meets Danison is drawn to how authentic and genuine he is. He is extremely inclusive, reaching out to all students to help them feel included, accepted and involved! He is both strong and kind. His love for Montclair State University and RecBoard are always in the forefront of everything he does on Campus.”</td>
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### Aashna Jariwala

Representing **Theta Kappa Chi**

Major: Business Marketing with a concentration in Sports, Events, & Tourism

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**Candidate’s Statement:**

Running for Homecoming Royalty you must represent our Montclair State Community in the best possible light. I feel that I would be a great candidate for this because throughout my time at Montclair I have become a knowledgeable student leader. A few of the values that our school hold are Communication, Knowledge and Leadership. Throughout my time here at Montclair I have realized that these values are aligned with the values I hold for myself. I am greatly aware of the events occurring at MSU not only as a student, but as a Service Assistant and an active Greek Member. I take pride in calling myself a MSU Redhawk and in making our university a better place for all students. It would be an honor to be elected as Homecoming Royalty.

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**Charity of Choice:**

St. Joseph’s Children's Hospital

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**Highlights from candidate’s recommendations:**

“Aashna would be a great nominee to be elected for MSU Royalty because of her passion and dedication to MSU. Last year Aashna was awarded Greek Woman of the Year because of her overwhelming support and passion for the Greek community."

“Aashna Jariwala has worked hard to help grow, develop, and drive her sorority to success. She has continuously asked for feedback on her ideas to make positive changes to not only her organization but to all of Greek life at MSU. Even when some members of her organization did not see the positive changes she wanted to make, she pushed through and implemented them. These changes ended up making a positive impact on her sorority and brought members together in the end. Most people who know her will only say positive things because of the leader she is 24/7.”
**Michael Ladines**  
Representing **Theta Xi**  
Major: Business Administration w/ concentrations in Management and Marketing

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<td>I am the best representative of Montclair State University because I am a culmination of the all the categories that define our school and mission. Montclair State University and myself share a symbiotic relationship. This university has served as a catalyst for the development of my education and personal growth, but to the same effect I have made an unparalleled effort to submerge myself in all areas to help the university flourish and prosper. As Director of Greek Affairs, President of Theta Xi and an Area Supervisor at Campus Recreation each of these respected positions serve as a channel for myself to exemplify scholarship, service, integrity and pride. Not only do I capitalize on these amazing opportunities to support myself and the university, but they give me a position bigger than myself to encourage involvement of all of my peers. Simply put, as a senior taking 12 credits, I am not running for this position because my organization asked me to, but because I love Montclair State University.</td>
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<td>Cerebral Palsy for my fraternity brother Kenan Tutkun.</td>
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<td>“Mickey is always there to lend a helping hand and support his fellow students. He can always be seen at events on campus to support others.”</td>
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<td>“Michael should be elected to represent Montclair State University because he is the true definition of a Red Hawk. Between being President of his fraternity, the Director of Greek Affairs and an Area Supervisor of club sports in the Student Recreation Center, Michael embodies the ideal values of an exemplary Montclair State University student. He is an essential part of the Student Recreation Center, which I could only believe carries over to the rest of his on campus involvement.”</td>
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Ariana Locascio  
Representing Sigma Delta Phi  
Major: Family and Child Studies with concentration in family services

Candidate's Statement:
I believe that I am the best representative of Montclair State University because in my past three years here, I feel that I have really found myself. I found my comfort at Montclair State it has become my home away from home. Throughout the transitional period of entering college three years ago, I have grown into the person I am today. I found my sorority, Sigma Delta Phi, which I am currently president of. I have been able to hold many different leadership roles in my sorority as historian, vice president and now president. I was also the president of the Inter Sorority Council last year. I enjoy being a leader and taking an active part in the community. I enjoy volunteering and helping others. For the past year and half I have been volunteering at a hospital and for almost a year I have been volunteering at a grief counseling facility. One of my goals and priority’s is to make a difference. I feel as though I represent the Montclair State community at large by being a well-rounded, outgoing and personable person.

Charity of Choice:  
Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Highlights from candidate’s recommendations:
“Ariana Locascio should be elected because of her leadership, dedication, and passion for MSU. Through her leadership, Ariana has also been able to overcome roadblocks as she faces new challenges. Her passion for MSU is evident in her interests for community service and in working with other organizations outside of greek life.”

“Ariana is truly an involved student leader both on campus and in the community. She consistently gives of her time by participating in extracurricular activities that help further MSU’s mission and volunteers helping children and families in the community. Ariana has a strong dedication to learning and helping others, and her professionalism and work ethic are in the top 5 percent of undergraduate students I advise. I find it especially relevant that Ariana has a great academic record, demonstrates a high degree of follow-through, and I firmly believe she has a great foundation of knowledge and leadership ability.”
Samantha Napolitano
Representing Sigma Delta Tau
Major: Psychology
Minor: Elementary Education

Candidate’s Statement:
I truly feel that I am the best representative of Montclair State University because MSU has helped to mold me into the person I am today. From being actively involved in my sorority, Sigma Delta Tau, to Players, to the Order of Omega National Honor Society, Montclair has given me incredible experiences and friendships that I could have never made elsewhere. I have learned time management, how to adjust to new situations and how to make the most of college, all while maintaining a 3.6 GPA. I have also done countless hours of community service and given back to the community in ways I never thought possible.

When I came to MSU as a freshman, I was extremely homesick and wanted to move back home. But Montclair greeted me with open arms and helped motivate me to get involved on campus with as many things possible. Here I am, as a senior three years later, and I never want to leave Montclair State.

I want to inspire those who might feel the same as I did freshman year and show them that Montclair has so much to offer. Never did I think that I would be able to run for Homecoming Royal back then, yet here I am. I want to represent MSU and show all students, current and future, that college can be the best four years of your life if you work hard, get involved and take advantage of all the amazing things MSU has to offer.

Charity of Choice:
Susan G. Komen, Race for the Cure.

Highlights from candidate’s recommendations:
“Sam is an inquisitive, talented, friendly, perceptive, and kind young woman, and I strongly support her nomination to represent our University as Homecoming Royalty.”

“The fact that she is able to so successfully manage her studies in addition to playing such an active role in the Montclair State community is very impressive and stands as an excellent example for all students seeking to thrive at MSU and succeed in their academics. When I consider all of these factors together, and the fact that she is kind, funny, and very engaging, I feel the word that best describes Sam is inspirational. I cannot imagine a student more deserving of this honor and can only conclude that the Montclair State student body will benefit greatly by having such an accomplished woman as a role model.”
### Samantha Osso

Representing **Phi Sigma Sigma**

**Major:** Psychology  
**Minor:** Art

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**Candidate’s Statement:**

Montclair State University has been my home away from home since 2012 when I embarked on my college career. As a freshman, I came into this school as a psychology major, very few friends, and completely confused as to where life was going to take me. Throughout the past three years a lot has changed since then. I became a part of the Greek Community by joining Phi Sigma Sigma, embraced my love for dance, added a minor in art, and made bonds with people that will last forever. Although I am still not too sure as to where life is going to take me, I do know that while I figure that out I will always hold myself to a high standard in everything I take on. I will continue to push myself as hard as I can especially when it comes to academics and volunteer work. I will be consistent in all my relationships in the way that I am willing to do whatever I can do for others, and have always believed that it is best to treat others how I would like to be treated. With these qualities I know I can represent the Montclair State community in a very positive way just as I have represented my family, my sorority, and myself!

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**Charity of Choice:**

The Make A Wish Foundation

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**Highlights from candidate’s recommendations:**

“She was a hard worker and approached every assignment, while difficult, with a positive attitude...I am confident that the skills and poise Samantha demonstrated as a student in my course would also translate to making her an excellent candidate to represent Montclair State University as Homecoming Royalty.”

“She is very bright, and is able to articulate and express herself her questions, and her ideas very clearly...I can confidently say that Samantha Osso is an excellent student and deserves the distinction your nomination provides. I am sure she will receive your selection as another motivation to continue her efforts in the student community and meet her goals with renewed conviction.”
Amanda San Lucas
Representing Delta Phi Epsilon
Major: Organizational Communication
Minor: Economics

Candidate's Statement:

I am the best representative of Montclair State University because of my dedication to this school and my pride in being a Red Hawk. I exhibit qualities of a well-rounded student, with strengths in all areas of scholastic, service, integrity and pride in my university. As a Red Hawk, academics are my number one priority and I take my education very seriously. My hard work in the classroom has placed me as a member and President of Order of Omega Honor Society as well as, a recipient of a Merit Scholarship Award. My dedication to MSU is found outside of the classroom as well. I am a very involved member of Greek Life on campus. Currently, I am the President of Delta Phi Epsilon National Sorority. Previously, I have served as the Vice President of Programming for the organization and planned a large philanthropy event with over 250 guests to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Along with this, I have also held the position of Assistant Director of Government and Administration of Greek Council. I have also participated in Relay for Life and National Day of Service at MSU. My dedication to this campus and my community shows that I am a team-oriented person and continuously devote my time to helping others. My time at MSU has made me a student leader and I strongly believe that I embody what it truly means to be a Red Hawk.

Charity of Choice:
The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Highlights from candidate’s recommendations:

“Ms. San Lucas demonstrates outstanding leadership and scholarship in all she does. She serves as a mentor and role model to the entire Greek Life community at Montclair State and pushes organizations and members to be better. Furthermore, she appropriately and passionately challenges the administration of the University to grow, develop, and support the Greek community. Amanda is viewed as an advocate and change agent within the Greek community at Montclair State. In doing so, she positively represents and upholds the highest standards and values that are the foundation of her sorority. Amanda exudes the characteristics a strong, caring, and motivated leader.”

“I believe Amanda is a great representative to be elected as MSU Homecoming Royalty because she is involved on campus, a great representation of her organization and passionate about the MSU community. She embodies true leadership within the community, specifically the SGA and her sorority. She is constantly always stepping up and finding more ways to be involved and give back to the community.”
Nick Tsinkelis
Representing **Pi Kappa Alpha**
Major: Finance
Minor: Economics

**Candidate’s Statement:**

As the first member of my entire family to go to college, I have set the bar high for my younger siblings by making dean’s list for the past two semesters while maintaining a cumulative GPA of a 3.2. I have always put others’ needs in front of my own, and being a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha has allowed me to continue doing that by giving back to my community. I recently participated in Pike Hike and Relay for Life, but these are only some of the many events that I take part in throughout the year. As an upstanding member of a greek organization on campus, I hope to be given the opportunity to continue expanding and informing people about the greek community and all that it has to offer, which will better Montclair State University as a whole. My experience as an athlete, musician, and being a part of a greek organization made me a well rounded individual and that is something that sets me a part from others.

**Charity of Choice:**

Wounded Warriors Project

**Highlights from candidate’s recommendations:**

“Nick is a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity He is a finance major with a minor in economics. He is highly involved in his fraternity especially his dedication to the community service aspect. Nick would be a good nominee for MSU Royalty because of his hard work within the organization.”

“I have noticed that Nick has stepped up in many ways and becoming one of the leaders and most respected members in his organization. When I think of how I would describe him in a few words of being a genuine, trust worthy, responsible and exceptionally well-rounded person.”
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<td>My name is Grant Verity, a junior here at Montclair State, and a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity. I'm running for homecoming royalty for many reasons. Montclair State is my home, a place were I continue to grow into the man I want to be. Being a member of the Sigma Pi fraternity not only made me value scholarship, but also encouraged chivalry and diffuse culture in my life that I get to spread towards other. Embodying these quality’s has helped me instill them on my fellow classmates and everyone I meet. Being a student leader here at Montclair State, I have devoted many hours to service the university such as hosting on campus events, to raise money for charities like the Amazing Day Foundation for suicide awareness and Donate Life for organ donation. I also work in the registrar office to generate a positive image on campus, and remain involved for the community in other ways. I strive my best to be a face for this university and represent these qualities on and off campus. With my people skills, charisma, determination, positivity and leadership skills, I'm the perfect candidate for homecoming royalty.</td>
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<td>“I am proud to continue to witness Grant’s growth, not only as a student, but as a confident, determined young man. As his mentor, I have had the opportunity to observe (and on some occasions help) Grant successfully navigate his academic, personal and professional life. I have been able to determine that Grant’s character and dedication to excellence is indisputable.”</td>
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