Our fellow Ramblers, our names are Sophie Yano and Ben Franc and we hope to be your next student body President and Vice President. In our past three years at Loyola we have experienced numerous ups and downs that have strengthened our dedication to this university, its mission, and the eleven thousand undergraduate students in it. Our passion for Loyola led us to join SGLC where we have worked hard to enhance the Loyola experience. Sophie has been involved in SGLC for nearly three years and currently serves as the Speaker of the Senate. Ben has been in SGLC for a little over a year and has made the most of his time first by serving as a Senator on the Allocations committee then by stepping up to be the Attorney General in the current administration. Although we have loved our positions and grown greatly from them, we are campaigning to be your next President and Vice President because we have so much passion for Loyola, the student body, and what we believe this university is capable of.

Over the past three years, we have heard the voices of the students and what you envision from this university and it has inspired our vision to Build a Better Loyola. Our platform to do so is composed of our three core values and encompasses our plan to reignite the passion for Loyola and unite us all with its mission and values. Those values are Accessibility, Accountability, and Community. From our perspective, Accessibility is a three-pronged issue. First, SGLC needs to be available and open to each and every student on this campus. Second, all students, in one way or another, should have access to administration. Finally, we don’t believe you can speak about Accessibility without mentioning access to resources on campus. We choose to apply it in the most broad sense to mean that all students should have access to whatever resources they need to be successful on this campus. Our next value, is Accountability. We believe that Accountability is the cornerstone of any organization. We promise to hold ourselves accountable for every one of the commitments we make in this document and in this campaign as a whole. In turn we will utilize our positions to hold Loyola and the administration accountable for the promises made in the mission statement and the Jesuit values we represent. Our final value is Community. In just the past year, we have all seen Loyola rally around things like March Madness and the Not My Loyola movement. These represent a growing desire for our school to come together for a greater purpose. Loyola is so special and unique because we as students are all united around core issues like social justice, sustainability, and our university’s mantra, care for self, care for others, care for community. We understand that many people on this campus do not feel heard and do not feel like they have a place and we want to be a helping hand.

If elected to be your next student body President and Vice President, we will make sure that this platform is more than just words, its action. As our slogan implies, we are prepared and excited to do the hard work that is necessary to build the Loyola we all deserve. We know this won’t be a smile task but we have never been known to back away from a challenge. We will make change happen because we truly care about this university and the people in it but we need your support and hope you will give us the opportunity to earn it. So, on March 21st & 22nd please vote Sophie Yano and Ben Franc for your next President and Vice President of SGLC. Together, we can Build a Better Loyola.