



# ASOC MEMO

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## INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

Following the retirement of former President/Superintendent Dr. Gari Browning, Ohlone Community College is welcoming Dr. Eric Bishop as its new President/Superintendent!

President Bishop is the seventh serving and the first African American president to superintend at Ohlone College. President Bishop has extensive professional experience, including presiding as the Associate Dean of Academic Advising at the University of La Verne, and as the Dean of Chaffey College's Fontana campus. Since 2007 he has held the position as the Head of Student Services and Legislative Engagement for Chaffey College; his role at Chaffey College included overseeing 15 student service areas and facilitating the college's governmental relations staff. He has worked on many influential projects, one of the most important being establishing a partnership through Chaffey College and the surrounding K-12 school districts, which encourages young students to pursue a college education in their future.

Among his many accomplishments, President Bishop is fond of spending time with his wife and 9-year old daughter and enjoys listening to music and audiobooks, especially suspense and thriller genres. Ohlone College and its students are excited to see the leadership of President Bishop and wish him the best of luck.

## A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT BISHOP:

*Dear Students,*

*Welcome to fall semester! I'm so excited for what lies ahead of us and, despite all of the challenges that the pandemic and our current world has placed before us, have faith that we can not only survive but THRIVE together during this time together.*

*As you begin this new school year, I want to remind you that you are amazing and unique and that as much as you're taking in, you also have a lot to give. With that in mind, I encourage you to stay engaged in your classes, give your opinions and share your thoughts with classmates, join clubs and organizations, and reach out to faculty or staff for support services should you need them. Ohlone is here for you fellow Renegade! Let's do this.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Eric Bishop*

*Superintendent/President of the Ohlone Community College District*



## QUICK DATES

**Fall Semester Begins**  
-Aug. 31

**Labor Day**  
-Sept. 7

**Last day to add full-term class with add code**  
-Sept. 13

**Last day to drop class without a W**  
-Sept. 13

**Last day for pass/no pass**  
-Sept. 18

**ASOC Applications Deadline**  
-Sept. 21

# MEET THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS...

## Krina Shah

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ASOC President, Krina Shah, is currently a second-year business administration student at Ohlone. She enjoys music, reading and yoga. If you ask her to describe herself in one sentence, she would say "a girl who is high on dopamine, 24/7."

## Sabrina Panjwani

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A second-year Business Administration student, Sabrina Panjwani currently serves as ASOC Vice President. Her hobbies include binge-watching Netflix, taking naps, and reading.

Her most-used emoji of 2020 is 😊.

## Mia Albano

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ASOC Legislative Representative, Mia Albano, is a 2nd year political science major. When she isn't studying, you can find her hiking East Bay trails or playing bass.

## Ishan Gondara

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Ishan Gondara is a Financial Mathematics and Statistics major, currently serving as the Treasurer in the ASOC. He aims to create a platform that supports Ohlone student entrepreneurs and provides an open gym for Ohlone students. He likes to play basketball, go hiking and trading!

## Christian Aleman

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An Ohlone Psychology major in his second year, Christian is the president of MECHA and holds the position of Inter-Club Council Chair. In his free time, he enjoys participating in stagecraft, researching migrant policies, and meeting new people.

## Osvaldo Granados

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Osvaldo Granados currently serves as the 2020-2021 ASOC Secretary. His major is Bio psychology and he likes to go on long distance runs, and sings in his free time.



# OHLONE'S RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC

Alameda County is currently on the Governor's watchlist with its increasing numbers amounting to the 17,495 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Although the state is preparing to slowly open some outdoor activities and businesses, schools must continue to practice distanced learning. Ohlone College has carefully assessed the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic and come to a decision that all FALL 2020 classes will be held online. Most of Ohlone's services that were previously held in-person are available online such as the Counseling Department, Health Center, and IT services. Ohlone is also offering limited in-person services including Financial Aid and Admissions and Records. These services are available at the times of 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Mondays and Wednesdays ONLY. The Ohlone Library will also be open on an appointment based system. Additionally, Ohlone is lending technology equipment at a limited capacity to further assist students. In these troubling times don't forget to maintain hope and stay safe as we continue to monitor the pandemic's situation.



## ASOC ANNOUNCEMENTS!

**Students!**

Are you interested in becoming a part of the Associated Students of Ohlone? Applications are now open till September 21. Apply Now!

<https://tinyurl.com/ASOCSenate20>

<https://tinyurl.com/ASOCSA20>

<https://tinyurl.com/ICCVice20>



## COLLEGE LEAP NBPC



Interested in entrepreneurship, start-up business plans, and the UC Berkeley business ecosystem? Participate in the College Leap Virtual National Business Plan Competition this semester! The competition is composed of 3 rounds on the college, regional, and national levels. The size of each team must be from 1 to 5 members, with at least 1 member being a full-time U.S. community college student. Each team must present a pitch deck with their business plan following the provided rubric. The first round will be held through Zoom on October 8th at 4 PM, co-hosted by the ASOC and College Leap. If teams qualify through the first round, they are eligible to advance onto the regional and national levels, competing with community colleges across the country with UC Berkeley faculty judges. Registration ends October 1st, 2020. Contact the ASOC President and Vice President or visit <https://www.collegeleap.cc/nbpc> for more information on guidelines and how to register.

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