

# MIRIAM LAVINIA ANTONIO

## INDEPENDENT



Dear students of BMCC,

My name is Lavinia Antonio, and I am running for President for the Student Government Association (SGA) for the 2022-2023 term. The slogan of our college is “Start here, go anywhere”, and the tools you are given to start with is everything. I enrolled in BMCC in the Fall of 2021 and joined the Student Government as an appointed Senator in the beginning of the Spring 2022 semester. During the past few months I have closely observed and learned about the difficulties and capacities, as well as the successes and opportunities, of many students. After serving in the Israeli military and working in a managerial position for the past 3 years in a non-for-profit organization, I have helped provide escalation procedures and solutions for various sets of problems and have proudly brought these skills with me to BMCC.

As President during the 2022-2023 term, I want to empower and encourage my fellow students to speak up about their experiences and remind them that there are many people in this organization that can, and will, help them improve their experience at BMCC. As a student I understand that not everything will be perfect, and through my vision I hope to strengthen and support the school's many invaluable assets to us students as well as address the systems that have potential to operate more efficiently.

I want to raise awareness that the Student Government Association is ready to face any issues that arise and are here as a sounding board, facilitator, messenger, and supporter no matter what the problem may be, and are here to ensure that every student feels heard, cared about, and assisted in ways that meet the high standards of the college. As President of the Student Government Association, I will continue to be your wholesome representative, uphold the values of the student council, and do my best to abide by the needs of students whether it is with club funding, social events, panels, technology, accessibility, understanding the college experience, utilizing resources, communicating efficiently with faculty and more.

My door will always be open to hear your thoughts and concerns and work together with our wonderful faculty and administration that will make sure your needs are met. No problem should be left unsolved, and I hope I can count on your support to elect me as your next President of the SGA. Please remember, we can only achieve great things and make the most out of the experience if we hear from you, so when it is time to choose your representatives, I hope you will act on your right to vote and support the voices that best align with your goals and values.

Sincerely yours,  
Miriam Lavinia Antonio