

Hi all! My name is Paris Silverman and I am running as a Cohort 1 representative for the Student Bar Association. As a student representative, I want to connect the diverse identities in this cohort and contribute to the university's well-being. I intend to represent the best interests of each member, ensuring that everyone has equal representation. This cohort is filled with many personalities, big and small, and I will make sure all voices are heard. I will ensure that each of your opinions and concerns are acknowledged and expressed to make your experience at UIC worthwhile.

During my attendance at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, I was a Kappa Alpha Theta and a Student Voting Member on the Subcommittee of Student Conduct. As a Student Voting Member, I attended weekly hearings for numerous cases and worked alongside faculty voting members to determine the outcome. I have always been passionate about being involved in student organizations. Through my experience in numerous undergraduate organizations, I have learned a lot about policy and how it can affect organizations and students alike. As your SBA Cohort 1 representative, I will create a space to have a voice in our university's regulations, allowing us to see these changes in action.

My experience with leadership stems from my experience as a Cohort Lead for the Leadership Certificate Program at the University of Illinois. In this position, I was a mentor for undergraduate students pursuing their leadership certificate. From student workshops, hours spent towards volunteer work, as well as required leadership courses, I developed the skills to be a strong leader while simultaneously guiding others in the same direction.

Throughout this new chapter in our lives, it is imperative to have a strong support system. It is my goal to ensure every single person feels a strong sense of community, whether it is surrounding yourself with friends and family outside the university, or classmates and faculty inside the university. The Student Bar Association's values of incorporating social and academics is essential to give students a school-life balance while making new connections. Together with the other Student Bar Association members, I hope to plan events for students to facilitate these relationships.

As the SBA Representative for Cohort 1, I would be extremely grateful for the opportunity to represent you all. I believe I am a good representation of our cohort and want to watch us all succeed.

