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Letter From The President

Dear Wildcats,

I hope that you each have had a productive and fruitful start to your semester! I speak for all of us at your University of Kentucky Student Government Association when I say that we have had a busy start to the year. Members of our team have kept active by balancing the demands of school while working on a variety of initiatives to improve the student experience on campus.

Our community is in a time of transition, displayed not only by the new buildings springing up across campus but also by the changing regulations that govern the way our university operates. During this time it is more important than ever for us to have clear lines of communication with input and feedback from the entire student body.

As part of an effort to achieve greater transparency and ensure clear communication about the opportunities available and changes happening across campus, we will be releasing monthly newsletters. Enclosed in each newsletter you will find information about the members of our team, current initiatives, and student government as a whole. I hope you enjoy these brief updates and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Best,

Ben Childress
Student Body President

Important Dates

SCDI Meeting

November 28
White Hall 231

Minority Professionals Banquet

Boone Center
Nov. 27
6-8 pm

Fall Forum

Nov. 16
Kincaid Auditorium



Keep your ear out for information about...

- Senate Elections
- Listen and Lobby
- Campus Safety Walk
- All Student Survey

Blazer Hall
Rm. 351

Mon-Fri
9am-5pm

(859) 257-3191

SGA Services

Wildcab

Kentucky Wildcab is a free, late night on-demand transportation resource for UK students designed to provide a free ride home to UK students and their guests. Kentucky Wildcab operates Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10pm to 3am during fall and spring semesters.

<http://uksga.org/wildcab/>

SGA Shadowing

SGA offers students the opportunity to shadow members of SGA if they are interested in potentially pursuing a certain position or simply want to learn more about what SGA does on a daily basis.

If you are interested in shadowing a member of SGA, please fill out the following contact form available on the SGA website at

<http://uksga.org/sga-shadowing-program/>

Student Legal Services

Student Government Association provides Student Legal Services so that students may be advised on legal issues. A local attorney provides free consultation to UK students for any legal issue, the most popular being rental contracts and landlord-tenant matters.

To set up an appointment, please email Lynn.Fresca@uky.edu or call (859) 257-3191. All information is confidential and your privacy is maintained throughout the entire process.

SGA Services

Internships

SGA has revamped their internship program to allow students to participate during the academic year, utilize their financial aid and remain full-time students enrolled in credit-bearing courses.

The new program will launch during the Spring 2018 semester

Scholarships and Awards

Each year Student Government awards multiple scholarships and awards to deserving students, faculty, and staff. The awards range from \$1,000-\$3,000.

For more information please visit
<http://uksga.org/applications/scholarships-awards/>

Childcare Grants

Childcare grants are available for part-time and full-time UK students, both at the undergraduate and graduate level, who need financial assistance for day-care service for their children.

This is a one-time grant with applications available each semester.

<http://uksga.org/applications/childcare-grants/>

SGA Funding Opportunities

General Funding Grants (up to \$750)

General Funding Grants are all purpose funding requests, including travel, programming, etc, for Registered Student Organizations. The maximum for this grant is \$750.

Club Sports (up to \$1,500)

Club Sport Grants are reserved for registered Club Sport Teams wishing to obtain funding for a project, event and/or supplies. The maximum for this grant is \$1,500.

Multicultural Programs (up to \$1,500)

Multicultural Inclusion Grant is a funding request in which any Registered Student Organization may apply for funding for the purpose of promoting diversity, inclusion, and/or the spread of multicultural values throughout the University of Kentucky Student Body.

A Registered Student Organization may receive a maximum of \$1,500 each fiscal year through the Multicultural Inclusion Grant.
Service (up to \$1,500)

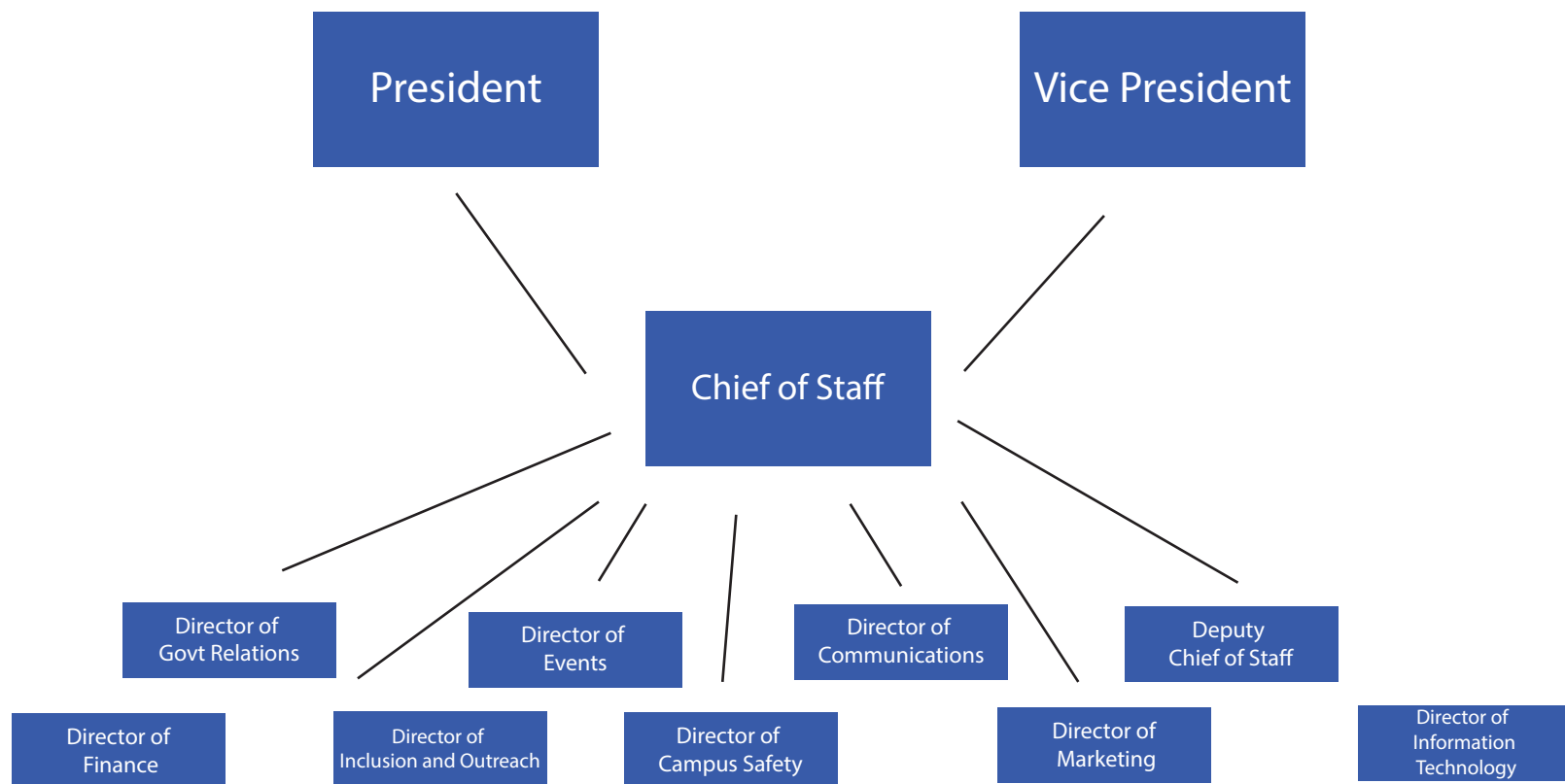
Service Grants are intended for a community service project sponsored by a Registered Student Organization. The maximum for this grant is \$1,500.

Senate Special Project (up to \$2,500)

Senate Special Projects are funding requests intended to benefit the student body that must be sponsored by a Student Government Senator. The maximum for this grant is \$2,500. Please contact a Senator and visit their office hours to discuss funding for a Senate Special Project.

For more information please visit <http://uksga.org/funding/>.

Structure of the Executive Branch



The Executive Branch oversees the day-to-day operations and facilitates major programs & services. This group is comprised of the President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, Deputy Chief of Staff, Senate President, Directors, and Program Coordinators.

Meet the Executive Team

SGA President

president@uksga.org **Ben Childress**



Major: Economics

Home Town: Lexington, KY

- Serve as the President of the Student Government Association and as the voice of the student body to faculty, staff, administrators, and external partners.
- Serve as the student representative and as a full voting member on the UK Board of Trustees.

SGA Vice President

Elizabeth Foster vicepresident@uksga.org

Home Town: Owensboro, KY

Major: Electrical Engineering
Minor: Mathematics
and a certificate in Power and
Energy

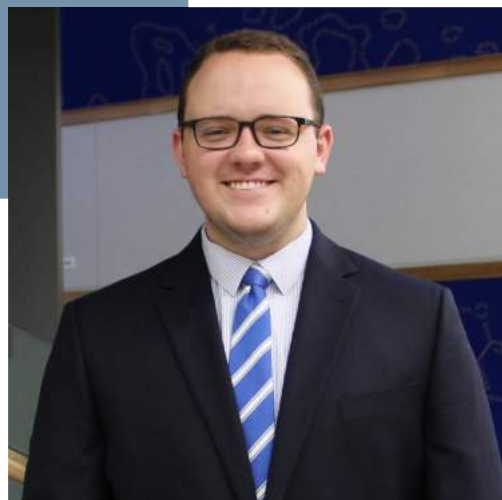
- Facilitates the Leadership Development Program
- Serves as a student board member on the UK Alumni Association Board and the SG Senate Exec Committee
- Facilitates campus change alongside the President
- Chair of the Student Fee Allocation Committee



Chief of Staff

chiefofstaff@uksga.org

Gammon Fain



Home Town: Berea, KY

Major: Political Science & ISC

Minor: Professional/Technical Writing

- Oversee operations of the Executive Branch
- Assist Directors in individual tasks and responsibilities
- Run executive meetings and create weekly agendas
- Oversee pre/post evaluations of all SGA events and programs
- Manage campus appointments made by the President
- Co-manage executive operations and team

Deputy Chief of Staff

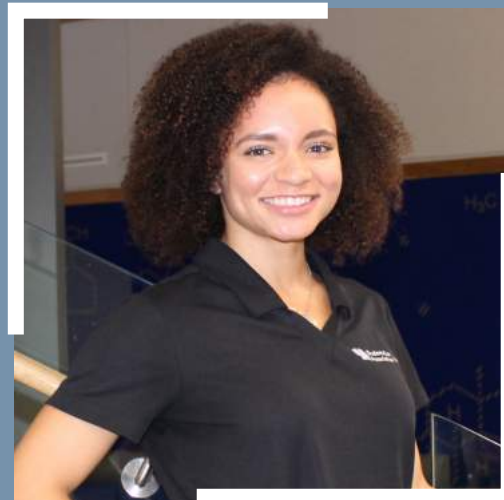
Susie Smith

deputy@uksga.org

Major: Political Science and Economics

Home Town: Lexington, KY

- Hold Chief of Staff accountable and assist in day to day management of SGA
- Complete a series of special projects to push SGA towards their goals. These include but are not limited to:
 - Higher Education Report Card
- Advocating for improved advising and efficient classroom strategies
- Creating a syllabus bank that is available to students
- Produce an informative newsletter about SGA



Director of Finance

finance@uksga.org

Brad West



Major: Finance, Accounting, and Marketing

- Produce, update and maintain the SGA budget in conjunction with the President, Vice President and Chief of Staff
- Assist the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee in execution of funding student Organizations
- Produce monthly budget reports for Student Government
- Increase transparency on usage of student fee monies

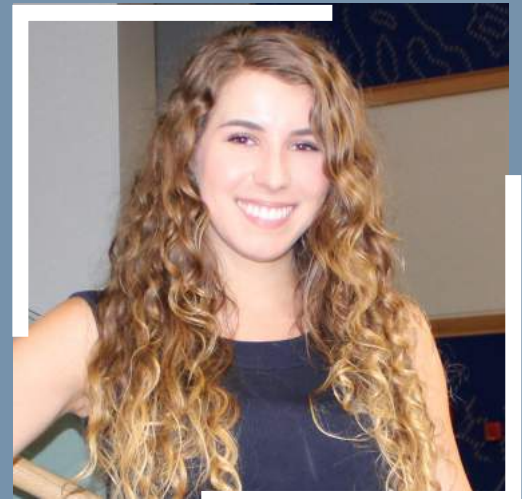
Director of Marketing

Blair Johnson

communications@uksga.org

Major: Journalism
Minor: Psychology

- Manage external publications for SGA
- Assist the President with reports, publications, and speeches
- Keep SGA social media updated and interactive with students
- Produce Kernel and UKNow pieces as needed
- Maintain relationships with Kernel editors and UKPR



Director of Government Relations

government@uksga.org

Michael Regard



Major: Public Health
Minor: Political Science

- Advise the President in government-related issues and discourse
- Lead student lobbying efforts at all levels of government
- Serve as point of information for SGA on current policy proposals and bills moving through local, state and federal government; keep up to date and informed on politics affecting UK
- Oversee relationships with offices of legislators and other government officials
- Manage UKSGA's Government Internship Program

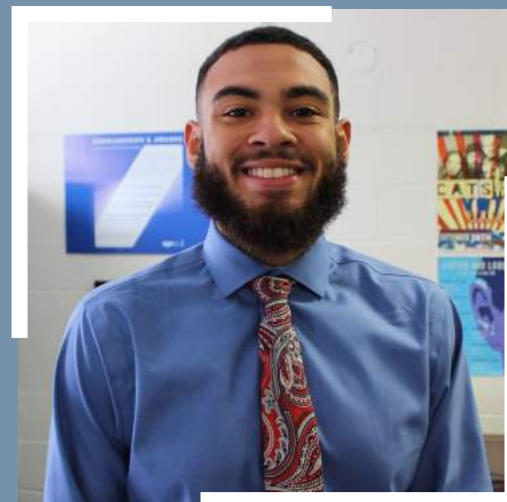
Director of Events

Savon Gray

events@uksga.org

Major: Journalism
Minor: African American Studies

- Work to plan and execute events on campus, including but not limited to:
 - o K Week activities
 - o Homecoming Event
 - o Academic and Student Affairs Committee Forums
 - o Listen and Lobby
 - o Commonwealth Leadership Reception
- Form and maintain a solid relationship with the Student Activities Board, Serve as a member of the Homecoming Coalition on behalf of the Student Government Association



Senate President

senate@uksga.org

Michael Hamilton



Major: Political Science & International Studies
Home Town: Paintsville, KY

- Oversees operations within the Legislative Branch
- Coordinates with committee chairmen to ensure an efficient and effective government
- Liaison between Executive and Legislative Branch.

Director of Information Technology

Joey Gdovka

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Major: Business Management
Minor: Computer Science
Home Town: Lexington

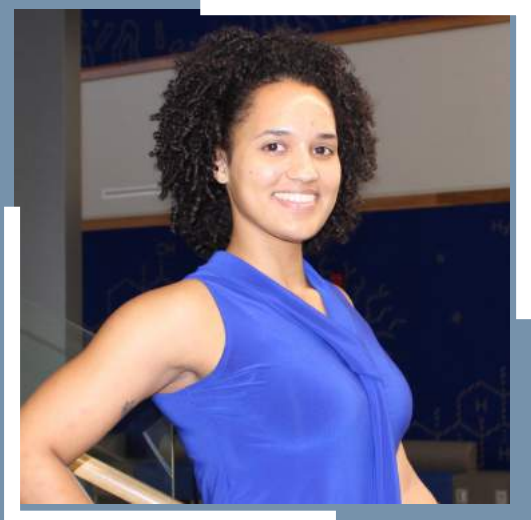
- Ensure the UKSGA website is updated and current
- Responsible for conducting SGA's All Student Survey and the data analysis report
- Manage online services for UKSGA
- Innovate and find ways for SGA to use digital media to connect with students on campus



Director of Campus Services

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Sierra Hatfield



Major: Political Science

Hometown: Harlan County, KY

- Manage and oversee Wildcat Wardrobe
- Manage and oversee Student Legal Services
- Collaborate with Director of Campus Safety to continue and maintain Kentucky Wildcab safe ride home service
- Find ways for SGA to make improvements in day-to-day student life

Director of Campus Safety

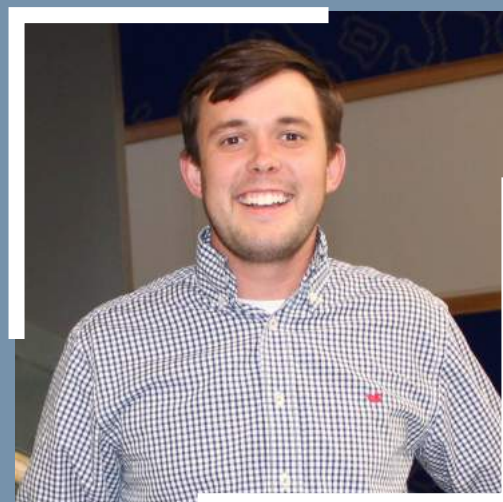
Fletcher Lyon

safety@uksga.org

Major: Political Science

Minor: History

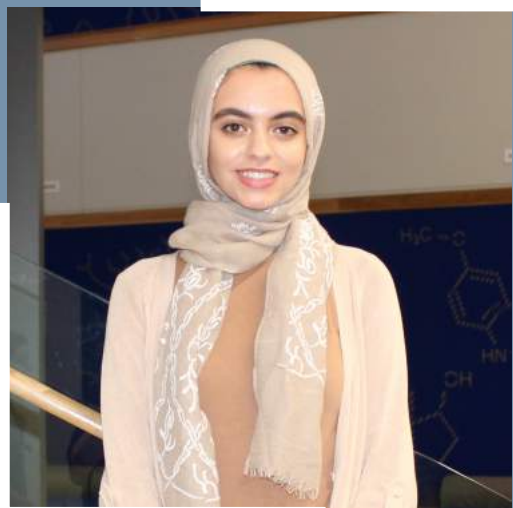
- Develop new ways to address safety issues at UK
- Find ways for UKSGA to address the issue of sexual assault on campus
- Work with Lexington PD, UKPD and the University administration to increase off-campus safety
- Manage and serve as the point of contact for the LiveSafe App



Director of Inclusion and Outreach

inclusion@uksga.org

Hadeel Abdallah



Major: Political Science & Arabic and Islamic Studies

-Ensure the continuation and success of the Student Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion

-Work with members of the University administration to further the goals of inclusion and diversity in SGA, on campus and in our campus community

-Meet with student senators to discuss meetings with their organizations, with special focus on the Academic and Student Affairs committee to create meaningful legislation to address diversity issues on campus

- Attend campus meetings and events of organizations striving to create a more inclusive campus on a regular basis to build relationships and show support of the Student Government Association

- Work closely with University partners to give voice to minority groups and issues surrounding diversity and inclusion

SCDI

The Student Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion is a student advisory group that advocates for an inclusive and equitable institution by influencing policy and fostering a culture that respects the dignity and humanity of others. We envision a University of Kentucky that fully embraces and actively supports each person's individual identity and experiences.

The Student Coalition for Diversity and Inclusion strongly believes in representation through collaboration. We want to connect underrepresented and minority student groups in order to influence policy and to build bonds with one another, the Student Government Association and the University of Kentucky Administration.

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