

Lesly Ta

Lesly Ta was elected as the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) Student Trustee in June 2022. She is a Cañada College fashion major, wife, mother of two small children, TRIO Ambassador at Cañada College, Phi Theta Kappa member and a first-generation college student. She also serves as Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee on Use of San Jose Police Department Officers (ACUSO.) She is also active in her community with volunteer work. She has been an ordained minister for over a decade and has done ministry work with incarcerated individuals, children, homeless and other underserved communities.

Student Trustee Ta is passionate about advocating for underrepresented, marginalized and underserved groups and communities. She plans to interrogate policy and procedure to create equality, inclusiveness, anti-racism, and social justice to help our institutions overcome systemic oppression.

During her term, Student Trustee Ta hopes to strengthen the diversity and presence of the student perspective on each college's campus and at the SMCCCD level. She plans to work with each student body and the SMCCCD's District Student Council to obtain a thoroughly diverse student body voice. She hopes to leave a legacy of policies and procedures that allows for a diverse, informed and strong student representation at SMCCCD.