

University Board

Manifesto: Diana Haemer

Hello everyone! My name is Diana and I'm the class representative for the MPhil in Irish Writing here in the English department. The University Board is an important committee that discusses honors and awards given by the College as well as the undertaking of new projects. It seems to me the skills most useful for this position are collaboration, creativity, and leadership. As an undergraduate I was the Programming Director for a tutoring & mentoring group called Lafayette Kids, which worked with students in low-income housing. During my tenure we won Organization of the Year, an award that came with additional funding to expand the scope of our abilities. Ultimately, it was my job to organize our capstone project, which was the construction of a library with books that represented BIPOC & other underrepresented communities. By this role I gained an understanding of how to budget and distribute funds equitably throughout our organization, its members, and our community as a whole. In addition, I was President & Secretary of a women's cultural society and functioned as a liaison between the members of our group, my college, and the town.

Here at Trinity I am involved in PolSoc as well as the Hist; both organizations are fundamental to Trinity's identity as an intellectual and prestigious institution. When not on campus I practice figure skating and work for the Ice Skating Association of Ireland as a coach. Lately I have been assisting their efforts to get a permanent ice facility built in the Republic so that skaters don't have to journey up to Belfast for full-time training. This has given me a unique insight into the values of Irish society as well as its politics, which no doubt will be helpful when discussing investments and projects as a representative on the University Board.

It is important that whoever holds this position be able to speak for the postgraduate community as a whole. Although we all are studying on different programs, one thing we have in common is a dedication to scholarship and the desire to make our own corners of the world a better place. I will make it my mission to embody this spirit of excellence and integrity as a member of the University Board. Thank you for your time & consideration, and I look forward to hopefully representing the postgraduate community! :)