

Good afternoon, my name is Ella Burrows and it is an honor and a privilege to serve as the 2024-2025 Student Government Association President. It is one of the biggest blessings of my life to have had the opportunity to serve the students of FHSU for not one, but two years. I'd like to begin with a simple thank you to each and every one of you. On behalf of all of our students, thank you for going above and beyond for our students. Thank you for the work you do to make FHSU the best place to be. Thank you for believing in the mission and vision of our university. I am confident that our students have the best faculty and staff of any university in the country. SGA is incredibly grateful for the tremendous support we received from the university administration, faculty, and staff. None of our accomplishments thus far would have been possible without it.

Before my Vice President, Emma Day, and I left campus for the summer, we had the pleasure of selecting four truly exceptional students to serve on our executive staff. For this academic year, Jackson Sinsel will serve as Treasurer, Grace McCord will serve as Legislative Affairs Director, Brenna Schwien will serve as Public Relations Director, and Joanna Carillo will serve as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director. In addition to putting together our dream team of Tigers, Vice President Day and I formulated our vision for our term and have aligned our goals and initiatives with both SGA's purpose and the student success goals of FHSU's strategic plan.

We hope that under our continued leadership, the Student Government Association will have a strong sense of community, integrity, and transparency as we strive to execute the purpose of our organization not just in word, but in deed. What will this look like?

First, we hope to build upon the progress made by previous administrations and to continue fiercely advocating for students. In addition to our traditional events such as the Big Event, SGA is excited to host the first-annual Green Event and the first-annual CPR and First-Aid Certification Day. We will continue cultivating relationships with our affiliates at NCK and NWK Tech, as well as with our partners within the MIAA conference. We are excited to partner with a variety of student organizations, academic departments, and community organizations to improve the student experience here at FHSU. However, our primary goal is to provide consistent, open communication and transparency in all aspects of our organization as we focus on shared governance and communication amongst university leadership, SGA, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and AAUP.

As you can see, we're going to be very busy. I should probably stop talking and get to work. I wish all of you the best this year. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is any way SGA can be of assistance to you. Thank you and Roll Tiges!