

**HLS Student Government
2025-2026 Elections**

Candidate(s): Courtney Chrystal

Position: Director of Student Organizations

Candidate Statement:

Hi friends!

I'm Courtney, and I'm running for Director of Student Organizations because I believe student organizations are the heart of our community. They're where we find belonging, build movements, and and make this place feel like home. But too often, student leaders are left navigating unclear policies, struggling to secure space, and facing administrative barriers that make it harder to do the work that matters. I want to change that.

This role connects student groups with the administration to ensure they have the resources, funding, and support they need. That means pushing for clear policies on space access, funding, and speech so no one wastes time searching for or interpreting rules instead of building their community. It also means holding the administration accountable to the students who make this campus what it is.

I've spent my first year learning to be an advocate—not just for myself, but for all of us. Whether it's pushing for meaningful student representation in the dean search, defending students' ability to organize and speak freely, or ensuring decisions affecting us aren't made without our voice. I've seen firsthand what happens when students are left out of the conversation. And I've seen how powerful we are when we come together to demand better.

Student organizations make this place worth being a part of. I'd love the chance to support them—and you.