Student ACTION

Maddy for Senate

Maddy Chen is a third year studying Data Science. While thinking about what impact she wanted to leave at Berkeley, she realized that she cared the most about three communities: tech, data science, and social good. While she could join 10 different clubs to address issues in those communities, the ASUC* offered a platform that would allow her to work on various different issues all at once. This inspired her candidacy.

Since 2018, she's served as a leader, mentor, and teacher at Berkeley. She founded the Global Leadership Organization's Berkeley Chapter, piloted all-female sections as a senior mentor for 61B Computer Science Mentors (CSM)* sections, and now serves on the executive board for Launchpad. Maddy hopes to continue tackling some of the issues in the tech, data science, and social good space, connecting underrepresented STEM students to faculty, advocating for priority enrollment for data science students, and increasing awareness and opportunities for social good.

In her free time, Maddy enjoys taking food photos for her younger sister to show her bits of Maddy's college life!

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Endorsements

- Joseph Besgen - Current ASUC Senator*

- Anne Zepecki - Former ASUC Senator*

- Emily Chen - Former ASUC Senator*

- Quinn Z Shen - Former ASUC Senator*

- Michelle Mao - President*, Computer Science Mentors

- Anirvin Sikha - Course Coordinator*, Computer Science Mentors

- Darren Huang - Course Coordinator*, Computer Science Mentors

- Annie Tang - Senior Mentor*, Computer Science Mentors

- Joseph Kraut - President*, Launchpad

- Pardhu Konakanchi - External Vice President*, Launchpad

- Audrey Ku - President*, Blueprint

- Divi Schmidt - Project Leader*, Blueprint

- Christopher Bender - President*, Machine Learning @ Berkeley (ML@B)

- Anna Brewer - President*, XR @ Berkeley

- James Chen - Co-President*, Quantum Computing at Berkeley

- Krutika Ingale - President*, Data Science Society (DSS)

- Alan Pham - President*, Data Bears

- Cindy Lin - Berkeley Chapter Executive Lead*, Girls That Code

- Albert Qian - President*, Tau Beta Pi (TBP)

- Robert Quitt - President*, Computer Science Undergraduate Association (CSUA)

- Dalton Omens - President*, Eta Kappa Nu (HKN)

- Danny Chu - Vice President*, Eta Kappa Nu (HKN)

- Cara Wolfe - President*, Association of Women in EE&CS (AWE)

- Amber Xie - External Vice President*, Association of Women in EE&CS (AWE)

- Grace Lin - Publicist*, Association of Women in EE&CS (AWE)

- Moira Huang - Former Industrial Relations Officer*, Association of Women in EE&CS (AWE)

- Judith Gonzalez - President*, Global Leadership Organization Berkeley Chapter

- Alyssa Li - Summit Director*, Global Leadership Organization Berkeley Chapter

- Leo Xie - President*, Venture Strategy Solutions

- Helen Wang - Editor-in-Chief*, Blue & Gold Yearbook

- Amy Zhong - Treasurer*, Habitat for Humanity

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Qualifications

- Cal Alumni Association Leadership Award Recipient* (2018-'19, 2019-'20)

- Launchpad Vice President of Finance* (2020)

- Computer Science Mentors Senior Mentor* (2020)

- Global Leadership Organization-Berkeley Chapter Advisor* (2019-now)

- Global Leadership Organization-Berkeley Chapter Founder and President* (2018-2019)

- Computer Science Mentors Junior Mentor* (2019)

- Association of Women in EE&CS Mentor* (2018-2019)

- Global Leadership Organization Berkeley Summit Director* (2018)

- FEMTech Director of People's Operations* (2017-2018)

- Berkeley ABA Marketing Analyst* (2018)

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Platforms

I. Campus Culture: Improve Club Recruitment, Tech Diversity and Representation, Support the Teaching Community, and Increase Mental Health Resources

- Partner with campus departments to more effectively recruit club members by expanding spaces beyond Sproul (i.e. Pauley Ballroom, Dwinelle Plaza etc)

- Serve as the advocate between students/undergraduate student instructors (uGSIs) and administration to foster conversations about students' academic experiences, especially in light of recent changes to decrease uGSI hires

- Facilitate the introduction of minority students to faculty and administrators by setting up monthly student-faculty lunches and town halls with the EECS department faculty to discuss campus and academic issues

- Host a massive social to celebrate minorities in tech by bringing together artists/performers and STEM students

- Develop diversity initiatives and trainings based on data collected from participating tech student organizations

- Place tables outside the Wozniak Lounge in between Soda and Jacobs Hall to provide students with an outdoor collaboration space

II. Data Science: Supporting and Advocating for Students

- Work with the Data Science department to allocate funding for the Grace Hopper Conference (GHC) and other scholarships for data science majors to provide them with

greater access to career opportunities

- Advocate for data science students to some priority enrollment for upper division major requirements

- Work with the Dean of Data Science to provide a comprehensive guide to support transfer data science students and push for more transferable community colleges credits for the major

- Host a panel at Golden Bear Orientation (GBO) to introduce the study of data science as a major/minor to incoming students

- Collaborate with data science clubs to host a weeklong series of talks, panels, and fun events to showcase how the data science ecosystem is unique

III. Social Good: Increasing Awareness and Opportunities

- Connect students of all majors interested in social good to companies or fellowships in the civic tech, start up, or nonprofit sector through career fairs

- Partner with on campus student organizations and off campus nonprofits to host projects, campaigns, initiatives to encourage students to explore the applicability of their skills for social good

- Collaborate with various on campus organizations to host a volunteer-a-thon

- Pilot a government and computer/data science consulting project with the City of Berkeley to expose students to broader career prospects in technology

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