

## Q&amp;A:

## With upcoming ASG

Francia Lockerby is Clackamas Community College's Associated Student Government president for the 2018-'19 year. She will be starting the first day of summer term. Lockerby is replacing Jairo Rodriguez, CCC's ASG president 2016-'18.

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**The Clackamas Print:** *How long have you been involved with ASG?*

**Francia Lockerby:** "Since fall of 2017."

**TCP:** *What made you decide to run for your position?*

**FL:** "Part of it was that I [started] to feel comfortable and I started to see that I could make a major difference for the students and that I can continue to be a voice for them. Some of it occurred talking to Jairo and getting his opinion on whether he thinks I was ready or not, and also because I was part of the presidential search committee and I really enjoyed giving my input on why I wanted somebody to be the president for next year or for the coming years, so I got a little bit of experience and [expressed] my voice and I felt like I wanted to do more of that and I could do it better as the president."

**TCP:** *Do you think it's going to be hard filling in Jairo's shoes?*

**FL:** "Yeah, I do because he's done a lot of good work and I think ASG has really improved under his leadership. He's done a lot of things to try to connect ASG with the student body getting the needs met not only with the college board and the college people but he's also talked to a lot of councils in the community. So he's not only been involved inside the school, but also outside the school. It's going to be hard to continue that momentum to make sure that students' concerns are being heard by not just the school, but by the community, too."

**TCP:** *Have you done any leadership roles before this?*

**FL:** "I was a director of the grant department in the fall, but it was too much because I had so much to do and I didn't know what I was really doing; so I stepped down to officer in the ASG office and even then that was a little too much because I was so unfamiliar and I was trying to play catch-up and I was still feeling all that overwhelmed from the fall, so I stepped down to a senator this term. I feel like since I have been all three positions, I have an idea of what all of them entail so I can really

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help out the team in all those areas."

**TCP:** *How long have you attended CCC?*

**FL:** "I actually started in 2009 and then I transferred to PSU in 2012. So, I was here from 2009 to 2012, then I decided to come back when I changed my major."

**TCP:** *What made you decide to come to CCC?*

**FL:** "I like the school. I like how the school works for the students and how the school helps the students to succeed. It kinda feels like if you try, we'll try to help you. As long as the

student is trying, the school doesn't mind helping the student to have all the available resources to succeed. I also like it because Clackamas does not hide the resources that it has available. If a student is struggling, the teachers are quick to recommend a source that a student can use to assist them in their education."

**TCP:** *How long are you hoping to stay at CCC?*

**FL:** "I am hoping to graduate by June 2019."

**TCP:** *Who would you say is your greatest role model in life? Why?*

**FL:** "My elementary school teacher was someone that really started me going down this route. She saw a lot of potential in me and she got me involved in the school and she saw that I could be a leader but I just needed to get myself out there and talk and communicate and build relationships. When I first started elementary school I was mostly by myself and I kept to myself but she saw great potential and encouraged me to work with the kids and talk to people and stuff."

**TCP:** *What do you do outside of school?*

**FL:** "I do a couple of things. I volunteer at the Children's Ministry at my church. I'm a Sunday School teacher so I help out with that. I do a lot of reading. I read various books. I also sometimes volunteer for [an] Oregon food bank and other organizations. I'm really much involved in the community because I like to volunteer to help other people."

**TCP:** *How do you think your newly elected positions will impact you?*