My name is Iman Bouzaghou. I am running for President of the Student Government Association. I am a first-year first-generation student, and at the end of this semester, I will have completed my first year at the college. I am a Computer Science Transfer major, but I also enjoy the humanities, specifically psychology and sociology.

I believe that Student Government is the key to enhancing student life at Bunker Hill. The Student Government team has one common goal: to represent the BHCC student body effectively. The diverse set of students elected bring different perspectives to the operation, and ultimately I want to provide efforts that will increase the quality of life for Bunker Hill students.

My motivation for running is to help students find encouragement and welcome at BHCC. I do not want students to question giving up. I came from a charter school that did very little to educate me throughout middle school and high school about what a community college is. I was overwhelmed by the toxic image it had, and coming to Bunker Hill, I had no hopes of staying past the first semester. I am so glad I waited. I am grateful I gave myself the chance to be free, and I found happiness and opportunities I did not even know were accessible in a public college.

My time at Bunker Hill inspired intellectual and individual growth that I hope to excite in others. Staying longer has strengthened many skills that I will take with me to my next University and into my professional career. The resources and support systems I found at BHCC have shaped me to be a more well-rounded student. As President of SGA, I would encourage a stronger connection between students and the resources available to them. I hope to work alongside a team of students who will also strive for these things.
To facilitate more student involvement, I promote frequent “Town Hall” structured meetings. Students would be able to meet with the Student Government team in a room and other prominent members of the Bunker Hill Community (such as board members). These meetings would allow students to voice their opinions and ask questions in a more intimate setting that can have direct answers while being amongst people who can make an immediate change. Speaking face to face during these times will ensure students are heard and seen.

A value I hold to myself is that everyone, regardless of who they are or where they come from, is entitled to be seen, heard, and have the right to a proper education. I will continuously look for new and innovative ways to make sure students are getting the best out of their education. I will always search for and be open to ideas that could help reduce or eliminate the cost of textbooks and other supplies. I believe students who come to BHCC to learn should not have to face challenging elements that can hinder their success alone, and that Bunker Hill’s SGA can always help find ways to alleviate the pressure of challenges students may face.

I want to preserve the essence of the Student Government. SGA is driven by students for students, and if I get the chance to be a part of this team, I will always protect and promote that concept. Students are my top priority, and it is with that common interest in the SGA, the BHCC student body can and will have the ideal environment to learn and acclimate to engaging on-campus student life.