

Platform Statement

Dear colleagues, my name is Josefa Valdes, and I am excited to be running as a candidate for the Support Staff Representative on the College Board.

As a former Douglas College student, I had the privilege to be the NW Student Representative on the Education Council. That experience deepened my understanding of the importance of having a voice presented in decision-making spaces. Now, as a full-time support staff member, I'm eager to continue advocating for inclusive leadership at our institution.

Since January 2022, I've been part of the Future Students' office, transitioning into a full-time role in September 2024 while completing my BBA in Management with concentrations in Human Resources and Financial Services. My journey at Douglas, both as a student and staff member, has equipped me with valuable skills in leadership, public speaking, and a deep knowledge of our college's services, programs, and admission processes.

In my current role, advising and recruiting prospective domestic students, I strive to create a safe, welcoming, and equitable environment where students feel heard and valued. If elected, I hope to bring the same commitment to inclusion and equity to a strategic level, ensuring the support staff perspectives are represented in the college governance. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to contributing to our DC community in this role.