

Hi Catamounts, I'm Paul Lemper, I'm from Chester County Pa(right outside of Philly 🦅), and I'm currently a freshman majoring in political science at the University of Vermont. This is my first semester at university after studying a semester abroad in the Czech Republic. I chose Vermont because of its closeness to nature and outdoor activities like hiking, skiing, and biking, and because of the university's chill environment that encourages me to pursue my interests, also Ben & Jerry's. Some of my experiences in governance and community outreach include being a delegate for my high school's Model U.N club and attending conferences, volunteer work through BSA, community service at a local animal shelter, and taking AP and college courses like Comparative Government, Comparative World Politics, U.S Government and Politics, International Relations, and Political Theory. As a new student I can give valuable input into how to better the experience for new students and give my first impressions of the university. I'm running for the senate because I've always had an interest in the functions of government and political structures, I also believe that I would be able to represent the uvm student body and make meaningful change on campus. Some of my main goals for the senate would be advocating for improved affordability, parking, student outreach, and equal access to academic resources. It is also important to promote new clubs and provide a wide range of options for clubs to join. My core value is that every student should be able to express their thoughts on how to improve the university and make a positive impact on students, every opinion and idea is important in creating a discussion on how to make an enjoyable life on campus.