

**Stefano Vincent Saltalamacchia**

At-Large Senator

Citrus Community College/Region VIII



Hello all, my name is Stefano Vincent Saltalamacchia; I was born in Hackensack, New Jersey to my Italian mother and father. I am a first generation college student that was raised to value traditions, pursue goals and eat lots of food. We moved to Florida in pursuit of a better future for our growing family. As the eldest of five children I was always told to set the proper example for my younger siblings. For thirteen years I experienced the lifestyle of a Floridian, but when Florida could no longer provide for a family of seven, my father took an opportunity in California.

As a student at Ontario High School in Ontario, California, I was empowered and encouraged by multiple teachers to pursue college (a prime example of the passionate teachers in California’s education system), set goals and reach to meet my goals. That was exactly what I did; I had the grades and the extracurricular activities, but unfortunately could not afford to go to a university. As my high school graduation

approached, I sought different avenues to better my future. I weighed my options and the best fit was community college.

My decision to attend a community college was the best choice for me. The small class sizes and the easier adjustment ( in comparison to a university) greatly helped in my success. Attending Citrus College and being a part of its Student Government Program has shaped the person I am today. My journey turned me into an ambitious student that hopes to attend Sacramento State University and study Political Science.

Currently, as an At-Large Senator with the SSCCC, I hope to uphold the right for all California students to pursue their journeys and have the tools to meet their goals and ambitions.

I am so grateful for my life experiences, yes there are always bumps in the road, but we must find our way over them. My experience of running for At-Large Senator for the Student Senate was thrilling. With the help and encouragement of my best friend, Savannah, I was empowered to campaign with everything I had. I wanted to make sure that I reached everyone at the General Assembly (GA), delegate or not. I was not the only one working hard; the GA body voted an exceptional group of student leaders to lead them this year. It is a critical time for student representation in the state of California and I am honored to serve my fellow students this upcoming year.



March in March Rally, March 2009, Sacramento, California

**SSCCC Committees:**

- Budget Advisory Committee
- General Assembly Planning Committee
- Public Relations Committee

Age: 20  
 Major: Political Science  
 College: Citrus Community College  
 Region VIII

*We at the Student Senate serve for the benefit of all California Community College students, so please feel free to share your thoughts with me. I can be reached with the listed information.*

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