



**Sarab Sarabi**  
Regional Senator  
Gavilan College/ Region IV

**Background:** Sarab Sarabi was born in Santa Clara, California to a Palestinian father and a Sicilian mother. While growing up he spent several years in Amman, Jordan, Damascus, Syria, British Columbia, Canada and the San Juan Islands. Sarab currently resides in California's Central Coast. Some of Sarab's interests outside of college include camping, the beach, current events, debate, human behavior and traveling. Sarab also played football at Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) and was a member of the MPC Soccer Club.

**Academics:** After receiving his high school diploma, Sarab entered into Hartnell College's Phlebotomy program where he received a CPT 1 Certification. In January 2004, Sarab sat for the NCCT licensing exam where he was awarded his State Certification from the California Department of Health. After interning at a local pathology laboratory in 2005, Sarab enrolled at MPC to further his academic growth. While at MPC, Sarab studied chemistry and biology this led to an A.A. degree (Honors). In June 2009, Sarab walked at the graduation ceremonies at MPC. In September 2009, Sarab transferred to Gavilan College to study Organic Chemistry. In the future Sarab intends to transfer to UC Davis and receive a B.S. in Biochemistry and eventually receive his PhD/MPH in Epidemiology.

**Leadership & Student Government:** In January 2007, Sarab joined the state's honor society Alpha Gamma Sigma (Chi chapter) and was elected to their Executive Board on a platform of high academic standards and community service. After serving sixteen months on the Executive Board, Sarab was approached by the state honor society's advisor to run for student government at MPC. In April 2008, Sarab was elected with 87% of the vote to be the Vice President of MPC's student government. While V.P., Sarab chaired three committees and managed a \$120,000 budget as well as an \$86,000 dollar reserve. In addition, Sarab drafted the student government's first Reserve Policy. Some of the noted points in Sarab's tenure as V.P. include: enacting policies that increased shared governance on campus by 60%; this included sitting on four district shared governance committees as well as co/chaired a shared governance committee with the college administration. Sarab reduced spending by 40% by removing waste and making the student government more fiscally efficient while at the same time creating more quality benefits and activities for the students of MPC. In February 2009, he was elected to the Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC) Region IV Executive Board to serve as treasurer. As the Region IV Treasurer, Sarab drafted the region's first fiscal code and authored the region's first set of bylaws. In March 2009, Sarab was one of the main regional organizers for the March in March. In June 2009, Sarab organized colleges from across his region to sit in on Budget and Education hearings at the State Capitol in Sacramento. In June 2009, Sarab was awarded with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition by the United States House of Representatives for his advocacy work and service to his community. In July 2009, Sarab ran against two other candidates and won a seat as a Region IV Senator in the SSSCC. Currently Sarab is fulfilling his mandate set forth by his region and continues to advocate for the 2.9 million students in California's Community Colleges.

**SSCCC Committees:**

Budget Advisory Committee

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