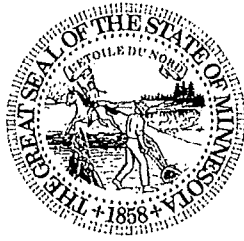


STATE OF MINNESOTA



TIM WALZ  
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**Ahmitara Alwal**

403 Winona St. Conway #106  
Winona, MN 55987  
County of Winona  
Congressional District 1

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Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

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**Student Representative**

President of the Senate

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SYSTEM

Effective: December 16, 2019

Term Expires: June 30, 2021

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, December 11, 2019.



Governor

Secretary of State

Replacing: AbdulRahmane Abdul-Azi

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# Application for the position Student

## Part I: Position Sought

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**Agency Name:** Board Of Trustees Of The Minnesota State Colleges And Universities System  
**Position:** Student

## Part II: Applicant Information

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**Name:** Ahmitara Alwal  
**Phone:**  
**County:** Winona  
**In House District:** 28A  
**S House District:** 1  
**Recommended by the Appointing Authority:** False

## Part III: Appending Documentation

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### Cover Letter and Resume

Type	File Type
Cover Letter	application/pdf
Resume	application/pdf

### Additional Documents (.doc, .docx, .pdf, .txt)

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## Part V: Signature

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**Signature:** Ahmitara Alwal  
**Date:** 12/3/2019 4:38:55 PM

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December 3, 2019

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To Whom It May Concern:

I submit this application for consideration to serve as the University Student Trustee on the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees.

The motivation for my application to represent students is my drive to advance solutions to issues facing students of color and other marginalized students. Recently, I learned about the Chancellor's *Equity 2030* initiative. The mission of closing the opportunity gaps for students of color, low-income and first-generation students is critical, and I am confident students, faculty, staff, and our communities will rally behind *Equity 2030*. I am applying to add the voice of students of color and other marginalized students to this important initiative. I can work effectively to help lead the Board toward solutions for students.

I value the opportunities for all Minnesota students to attend a state higher education institution. I want to ensure all students have the opportunity to succeed at those same institutions. I am a woman of color that graduated from Worthington High School as well as a first-generation college student. I have found ways to succeed as a student through resiliency and through engagement on campus. I want to serve to increase the opportunities for success for students just like me.

Currently, I am actively involved with the Winona State University African Students Association and serve as the co-president. I am partnering with the Executive Board to close the opportunity gap amongst students of color. We are a club that operates as part of the Inclusion & Diversity office and strive to create opportunities for marginalized students to succeed. I also work closely with the Student co-presidents of the Winona State KEAP Center (Knowledge, Empowerment, Advocacy and Pluralism) which serves to create a safe space and an inclusive atmosphere for marginalized students. In a few days, I will be submitting letters of recommendation in addition to the materials I have submitted today. Thank you for your consideration, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Ahmitara O. Alwal

# AHMITARA ALWAL

PUBLIC ADMIN  
MAJOR

## CONTACT

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## PROFILE

Proactive Student with superior skills in communication, problem-solving and public-speaking. Eager to bring value and perspective to the Board and Commissions department through hard work, leadership, and commitment to quality. Offering demonstrated success in student organizations and through great leadership skills.

## SKILLS

- Public Speaking
- Communication
- Self-Motivation
- Leadership
- Microsoft Excel, Word and Powerpoint
- Data Entry
- Bookkeeping
- Languages- Anyuak, English
- Video editing
- Initiative
- Interview Skills

## EXPERIENCE

### STUDENT TESTIFIER

MN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | OCT 3, 2019

- Testified on behalf of college students in regards to education.
- Testified on behalf of the students of color that use the Keep Center as a safe space to voice their opinions with all the issues they face on campus.

### STUDENT PRESIDENT

KEAP CENTER | APR. 2019-APR 2020

- Use my leadership role to insert myself in other clubs/orgs on behalf of the students who want to find a way to be involved but aren't sure how.
- Raise questions to the wider campus about the issues we as students of color face.
- Hold close relations with the Inclusion & Diversity office trying to close the opportunity gap between students of color and the wider campus.

### STUDENT SPEAKER

MN BOARD OF TRUSTEES | OCT 16, 2018

- Formed great relationships with Board of Trustees about Winona State needs.
- Discussed the importance of clubs like ASA and spaces including the KEAP Center.

## EDUCATION

**BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**  
Winona state university | 2017 - Present

WORTHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 2014-2017

**President of the Senate**

## AWARDS

### PAGEANTS

MISS AFRICA AMERICA 2020

MISS ETHIOPIA AMERICA 2019

1ST RUNNER UP- MISS WINONA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (2017)

MOST INTERVIEW POINTS- MISS TEEN MINNESOTA (2016)

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

CO-PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (2019-20)

COMMUNITY MENTOR FOR HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE (2019-20)

HOMECOMING ROYALTY CHAIR (2019)

SILCC MENTOR (2018)

TREASURER OF AFRICANS STUDENT ASSOCIATION (2018-19)

HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK CO-CHAIR (2018)

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