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Arizona Board of Regents Welcomes Newly Appointed Student Regent to the Board

(Phoenix, Ariz.) – Northern Arizona University student Rachel Kanyur will join the Arizona Board of Regents as the new student regent after Governor Doug Ducey named her to the board [today](#). Kanyur begins her two-year term on the board after Regent Anthony Rusk concluded his term as a student regent in June.

“I would like to congratulate Rachel on becoming our newest student regent and warmly welcome her to the board. Our student regents provide essential representation of student voices at our universities, bringing their perspectives to our meetings and helping to shape decisions going forward,” said ABOR Chair Lyndel Manson.

Ensuring access to higher education is a priority for Kanyur, dovetailing with the board’s goals to increase educational attainment in Arizona, provide workers for New Economy jobs demanding education past high school and enable the success of low-income students through the Arizona Promise Program scholarship.

She is dedicated to supporting students at Arizona’s public universities and would like to focus on increasing communication between the state and university students during her time as a student regent. Additional areas of higher education that are important to her include increasing students’ connections to university administration and advocating for campus resources.

An exercise science major with a minor in psychology, she is enrolled in the Honors College and in her junior year at the university. She aids students as a supplemental instruction leader, working to provide them with study resources and is a member of the Student Health Advocacy Committee that provides students with information and resources about their health. Kanyur has served as a traveling intern with the TeenPact Leadership Schools where she also helped students learn about the legislative process.

Kanyur’s first year on the board will be served as a non-voting member. The governor appoints eight people in staggered eight-year terms to the board as well as two student regents who serve staggered two-year terms with the first year as a non-voting member. Entering the second year of his term, Regent Nikhil Dave is the voting student regent.