

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

CANDIDATES BOOKLET

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PRESIDENTIAL & VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

President: *Matthew Kolb*

(he/they) Mathematics

Vice President: *Winston Smith*

(he/him) Political Science



Why are you running for Student Body President & VP?

After working alongside dozens of students and speaking with countless others while organizing with the West Virginia United Students' Union, we've learned how many students truly felt disempowered and left to fend for themselves at WVU. We never imagined that we would run, but that changed this fall when we saw the way our efforts inspired so many students to stand together and demand to be heard. We knew then and there that we wanted to do everything we could to see that movement fundamentally transform our university.

Why should students vote for you?

We are both co-founders of the West Virginia United Students' Union, we have a great deal of experience in both running and creating a small-scale political structure. Over the past few months we've found out exactly what works and what doesn't, and more importantly, why. Even before we knew we were going to throw our hats into this race, we found ourselves putting in hours of effort to organize students, and we were often holding our ground against some of the most powerful people at WVU and in West Virginia. We began doing the necessary work without the promise of a title or praise—evidence that we have what it takes and why we believe people should vote for us.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

Our campaign has been about empowering students from the beginning, which means identifying new avenues for student participation in the governance of WVU, bringing students into discussions from which they've previously been excluded, and ultimately engaging students in all that their environment has to offer. Our administration will fight to expand student participation through the establishment of representative structures at various locations and levels within the university that work directly with their constituents and SGA to build a more robust and responsive student government. As the university searches for a new president, our administration will not give up until the powers that be allow students to have a role in that process at every step of the way.

Fun facts:

Matthew has a German Shepherd-Alaskan Malamute-Akita mix named Goose, and everyone seems to love him even though he's not too fond of most humans! Winston enjoys folk and post-punk music, and would enjoy playing video games if he didn't spend so much time on school work.

PRESIDENTIAL & VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



President: *Charlie Long*

(he/him/his) Political Science & Philosophy

Vice President: *Abigail Browning*

(she/her/hers) Psychology

Why are you running for Student Body President & VP?

We are running for Student Body President and Vice President to help increase SGA's impact on our community. In our current era, students' voices must be heard and addressed during significant decisions affecting our campus. Our goal is to unite WVU and help build it into a stronger institution that all can enjoy and feel assured of regarding issues that impact them daily.

Why should students vote for you?

We will not simply ask for your vote - we will earn it. Trust is an extremely important value, and we strive to gain yours because we are dedicated to making a positive impact by embodying empathy, humility, and compassion. By voting for us, you are voting for advocates committed to listening to students' concerns and dedicated to representing our University, community, and state.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

As individuals who value the student experience, we are running on issues that affect students closely, such as mental health awareness, sexual assault prevention, the rise of fentanyl in our community, and sustainability efforts on campus. We want to bring attention to oft-overlooked issues such as rising bookstore costs and improvements to campus-wide events. We will dedicate our efforts to improving campus morale and the lives of all students.

Fun facts:

Charlie was born with no tonsils and loves to cook! Abi has a cat named Millie and can make a pretty good Oreo cheesecake!

PRESIDENTIAL & VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



President: *Garrett Oursler*

(he/him/his) Environmental Soil Water Sciences

Vice President: *Susie Risk*

(she/her/hers) Political Science & Economics

Why are you running for Student Body President & VP?

As two native West Virginians, we have strong roots tying us to WVU. We felt the call to office because we have observed and heard about different issues on campus. Through the office of president and vice president, we will keep advocating for student needs in order to fix the challenges they face at WVU.

Why should students vote for you?

With multiple years of experience each in SGA, we believe we have the tools necessary to understand how to effectively run the organization. SGA has given us the ability to make strong connections with WVU admin, which we have kept throughout our campaign. This, coupled with our passion for advocacy makes us great candidates to lead the student body.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

We are running to Improve the minority student experience, refocus the university on our service mission, and to better connect the areas of campus. We hope to provide deliverable changes within SGA to better resolve these issues, and provide avenues for students to have a more direct voice in the decisions made. We will develop further focuses by actively gathering student input throughout the informal period to accurately represent the diverse needs of the students here at WVU.

Fun facts:

Garrett can wiggle his ears and plays the trumpet and sousaphone. Susie has two cats (Willow and Kitty) and loves to cook.

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Shelby Davis (she/her)

Major: Undecided

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I really enjoyed being a part of SGA's apprenticeship program, watching ideas come to life and hearing various viewpoints during discussions. I have ideas I want to make happen at WVU, and I know that SGA is a good avenue for them.

Why should students vote for you?

I'm passionate about the projects I'm running on, which will help me overcome roadblocks and stay driven throughout the year. I'm also committed to SGA and have been attending assembly and committee meetings throughout the fall semester.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I plan to focus on campus beautification consisting of increasing outdoor murals and classroom ergonomics. A few other projects that I'm passionate about consist of WVU reaching voting-friendly campus standards, helping undecided major students explore pathways, and increasing student health knowledge.

Fun fact:

Butterflies scare me. Peanuts, tree nuts, and shellfish will kill me.



Domenick Hoh

Major: Computer Engineering

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I want to make students' lives here less stressful by improving recreation activities and more. From what I see and experience, many students are stressed in college. I just want to make students here happier.

Why should students vote for you?

I want to make students' lives less stressful and happier.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

More students need to do recreational activities. They reduce stress, improve health, and they are fun with friends.

Fun fact:

I play tennis competitively through club tennis at WVU, and I am a content creator.



SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Andrew Indomenico

Major: Philosophy & Sustainability Studies

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I am running for Senator at Large so I can continue to advocate for students in SGA at a larger scale than before. I want to address issues that not only affect my college, but the university as a whole.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I wish to continue working on initiatives from the previous administration, such as establishing LSAT/MCAT/GRE prep courses and improving career fairs, as well as initiatives relating to campus sustainability.

Fun fact:

I can solve a Rubik's cube in under a minute



MJ Jones (they/he)

Major: Chemistry

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I am in the Department of Chemistry at WVU and have watched my department struggle severely after the academic transformation. Many hard working young professors and staff members integral to their department functioning have been laid off across many colleges and this is putting undue strain on the people keeping West Virginia University as an R1 institution.

Why should students vote for you?

SGA and the university need to listen to and improve the lives of all members of the campus community. Graduate students and non-tenured staff are some of the hardest workers on campus and I want to amplify these voices while

serving on the SGA senate.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

WVU would benefit greatly from using more sustainable practices such as sourcing food within the state and offsetting our energy consumption with more sustainable methods. I also believe SGA needs to be more active in our campus community so that the ideas and issues of more students can be heard. Most importantly though, students and employees need to be able to check the administration's actions and have the power to democratically determine and remove administrators who continuously don't listen to a profound majority.

Fun fact:

I am a painting minor and enjoy Olympic weightlifting and swimming in my free time. Also, I have two little gray cats, Griselda and Menace.

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Molly Meeker (she/her/hers)

Major: Criminology

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I hope to be both a listening ear and a helping hand. I want students and staff to know that I am here for them, and with them, always. I will work to ensure that you are taken care of to the best of my abilities.

Why should students vote for you?

I have spent nearly two years on this campus listening; I am ready to get to work. If you want or need things to change put your faith in me. The future will never be bleaker when you vote for Molly Meeker!

What key issues are you campaigning on?

Campus safety, accessibility, and visibility are at the top of the list among many other things. I intend to work to keep campus as safe as possible whilst also expanding accessibility services information. I also hope to be a visible member of SGA that reaches as many students as possible.

Fun fact:

Pop Smoke was my number-one artist for four years straight.



Andrew O'Neal (he/him)

Major: Political Science & Sustainability Studies

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I'm running because half or more WVU students don't know what SGA is, and that's a problem. SGA needs to be more involved and active on campus by holding more public events to connect with students. When I get elected, I'll work every day to make student government more accessible and involved.

Why should students vote for you?

WVU students should vote for me because I am passionate and experienced when it comes to representing young people. Last year I served as WV's first youth governor and lead our state's first youth cabinet in advocating to the state legislature on issues important to young people like climate change, civic education, and increasing the PROMISE scholarship.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I'm campaigning for more environmentally friendly practices at WVU like increased recycling and reducing our carbon footprint. In addition, I'd like to see more access to mental health resources and contraception at our university.

Fun fact:

I served as West Virginia's first youth governor from 2022-2023 and represented WV at the YMCA National Youth Governors Conference in DC

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Alexander Olivero (he/him)

Major: Biochemistry

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I am running for this position because I want to make a difference on campus. I especially want to help integrate the health sciences campus with Downtown and Evansdale and vice versa.

Why should students vote for you?

You should vote for me if you want someone who will work tirelessly to improve the lives of students on campus. I have experience running projects and bringing lasting changes to my community.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I want to help integrate the Health Sciences campus with the Downtown and Evansdale campuses and vice versa. I also want to focus on issues relating to student mental and physical health. I see these as ways of improving student experience and increasing retention.

Fun fact:

I like running.



Matthew Olivero (he/him)

Major: Political Science & Earth & Environmental Science

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I believe that SGA can truly make a positive impact on campus, and I want to continue and build on the work I have done as a Senator this year. My time in the assembly has lent me valuable experience that I plan to utilize in working to improve our University.

Why should students vote for you?

I have two years of experience being involved in SGA in some capacity, and this has given me a wealth of knowledge about how the organization works and the most effective avenues for accomplishing my goals.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I plan to continue to work to make campus safer and more accessible, building off my experience as the chair of the SGA Student Life Committee. I also plan to work to build a stronger campus community, and build on previous initiatives to enhance University sustainability.

Fun fact:

I have had the opportunity to visit over twenty countries. I am incredibly grateful for the chances I've had to travel, which have opened my eyes to the beauty of diversity and the vastness and uniqueness of the cultures of the world.

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Emma Plymale

Major: Criminology

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I am running because I want to help make the university even better. I want to advocate for myself and others for what will benefit the majority as much as possible.

Why should students vote for you?

I am a determined person who works hard and will listen to concerns and any comments someone may have. Furthermore, I will do as much as possible to help ease any of those concerns.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

Some key issues I am campaigning on are safety for everyone on campus, but I am also campaigning for mental health advocacy. As the world progresses, it becomes even more apparent how much someone's mental health impacts them as a person, sometimes putting themselves and often others in danger. This is why the importance of mental health should be campaigned on and advocated for even more.

Fun fact:

I'm on the cheerleading team. I'm in pre law society, and I am minoring in law and legal studies.



Warnakulasuriya Raveen Fernando

Major: Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I have a diverse range of skills and interests in different disciplines. This helps me connect with students from various backgrounds and perspectives. I can also advocate for their needs effectively.

Why should students vote for you?

I am a friendly and approachable person who enjoys getting to know others and their interests. I believe that learning from different perspectives can enrich our lives and broaden our views.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

My goals are to create more creative spaces for the towers community and to offer more personalized meal plan options.

Fun fact:

I am originally from Sri Lanka, a tropical Island in the Indian Ocean.

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Colin Street (he/him)

Major: Political Science, Environmental & Energy
Resources Management, History

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

SGA has been paralyzed by the academic transformation, and I can bring a fresh perspective to the organization in order to better serve the students of WVU and Morgantown as a whole. I've undergone the SGA Apprentice program, so I understand exactly what kinds of change SGA can implement and how SGA can function best to improve the quality of life for WVU students.

Why should students vote for you?

I know how to bring people together and get things done. I ran a robotics/entrepreneurial nonprofit in high school and organized over 120 community outreach events to educate k-12 students across WV about the opportunities post-secondary education can provide them. I also brought together 25 Morgantown businesses for a menstrual product drive, raising over \$800 to provide free period products to WVU students and local homeless shelters.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I'm advocating for increased sustainability at WVU by working with the WVU Undergrad Research Program and the WVU Office of Sustainability to evaluate where the university could install solar panels. I will continue to work with the WVU Facilities Office and several related student organizations to establish a vending machine in the Mountainlair that'll dispense free pads and tampons as well as discounted plan B. I also want to facilitate a closer relationship between the residents of Morgantown and students at WVU to further support both groups.

Fun fact:

I'm a Morgantown native! I worked at the Patteson Drive Chick-fil-A for two years in High School and can confidently say it tastes better than the Mountainlair one any day.



SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Elise Vuiller (she/her)

Major: Political Science

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I decided to run as a senator at large because I feel this platform will help me to reach a wider audience. Since I can remember I've been passionate about being a hand for anyone to grab onto and bringing forth positive connections. Love and compassion is the driving factor behind what I do and in my opinion a very powerful tool!

Why should students vote for you?

I once took a vow of silence, and learned that our words can be useless when compared to our actions. I want to be someone that can act for the better of people and help others to do so as well.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I'm focused on community building because it expands a student's ability to not only utilize their resources, but allow them to explore new interests. Making healthy connections can also spread mental health awareness, and provide a light to anyone in need. A body can't work without a heart, and WVU at its core depends on the stability of its students and faculty.

Fun fact:

I love to dance whether there's music or not, and I'm an artist.



Hannah Weeks (she/her)

Major: History & Psychology

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I am running for this position because I have seen what student government can do and I want to be as involved on this campus as possible. I care about WVU students in every way and want to be the best representative they can have.

Why should students vote for you?

People should vote for me because I will listen to what they want over my initiatives. I want to be a true voice for the student population.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

My biggest focus has always been mental health on campus, but I have also been shifting focus towards student safety. There has been far too many instances of dangerous instances on campus for them not to be brought to life.

Fun fact:

I have a dog named Harper because I am from Harper's Ferry

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Badyn R. Woodford (he/him)

Major: Music Education

Why are you running for Senator At Large?

I'm running for an At-Large senator position because I am so passionate about making change on our campus, and shaping it for the future. I want to see the next generation of Mountaineers come into a welcoming environment where their academic successes can shine.

Why should students vote for you?

I encourage the student body to vote for me because they'll find they're voting in a diverse individual that is willing to hear every side of every story to be certain the best decisions are made. I will always have our University's best interests at heart.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I'll be campaigning for greater representation within the College of Creative Arts, School of Music, and other sometimes under-represented units at WVU. Additionally, a focus will be placed on the student body's collective voice being heard even more.

Fun fact:

I'm a member of The Pride of West Virginia; I'm a member of multiple SGA Advisory boards, and the co-chair of the SAAB; Teaching Assistant for the Honors College



CHAMBERS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Elijah Eastman

Major: Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Why are you running for Chambers College Senator?

I'm running because I believe in an SGA that is positively involved in the lives of students, administrators, and Morgantown residents. I believe in a more interconnected campus with equal representation of our colleges and our college's needs. I believe in a campus that capitalizes on its strengths and doesn't dwell on its weaknesses.

Why should students vote for you?

As a candidate for West Virginia University's Student Government, I am committed to amplifying student voices and working towards initiatives that enhance the overall student experience. With a focus on collaboration and effective communication, I aim to address the concerns of our student body and implement positive changes that contribute to a thriving university community.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

Creating a clear line of communication between admin and students that's not weighed down by administrative jargon and webpage rabbit holes. Establishing SGA's presence in the Morgantown through events with the city. Work with Chambers College to simplify the academic advisor experience with straightforward course plans.

Fun fact:

I'm an avid traveler. I love learning about different cultures, trying new foods, and meeting new people.



CHAMBERS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Sydney Fleece

Major: Economics & Finance

Why are you running for Chambers College Senator?

I am running for Chambers College Senator to become a strong representative of John Chambers College of Business and Economics. My involvement within the college shows I can be a direct voice for the college of business. The students and faculty of the college deserve to have a successful, responsible person to speak the truth on their behalf.

Why should students vote for you?

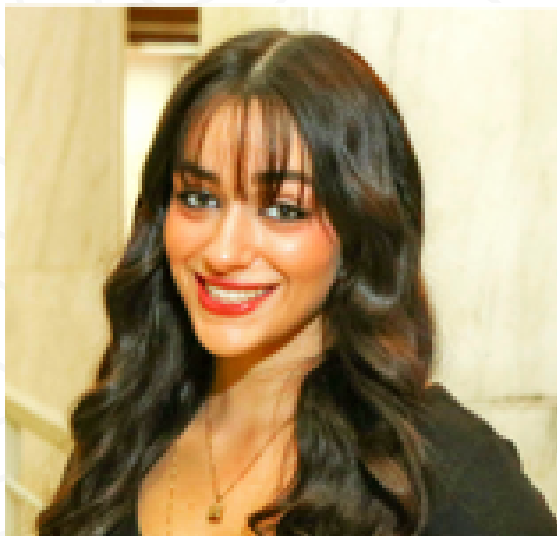
I am a hardworking individual who is willing to advocate for the student body and community as a whole. I will represent Chambers and its needs proficiently through my position on SGA.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

In Reynolds Hall, the Academic engagement Success Center (AeSC) provides tutoring resources for many 100-200 level classes, but not all topics are covered from funding and means. I would like to communicate with students, faculty, and other resources in order to provide further tutoring opportunities to more classes students struggle with.

Fun fact:

I am from Hurricane, WV. I am a Neidermeyer Scholar for Chambers, a brother of Delta Sigma Pi Nu Upsilon, and a member of the Prelaw Society.



Julia Lutman (she/her)

Major: Supply Chain Management

Why are you running for Chambers College Senator?

I am running for my position because I have already built strong connections with faculty within Chambers College and would like to continue working with them. I am also eager to work with students and listen to their concerns.

Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I am actively working each semester to better the student/professor relationship at Chambers College. Students can trust

me to bring up important issues to Chambers faculty and staff.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

Some key issues I am campaigning on are better accessibility to the AeSC Center for every Chambers student and decreasing barriers between students and future internships/job opportunities. This was a prominent issue last term and I would like to continue working on these issues.

Fun fact:

I am the lead singer of a band here in Morgantown!

CHAMBERS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Daniel Madden

Major: Supply Chain Management & Economics

Why are you running for Chambers College Senator?

I am running for Chambers College senator to represent the college to the best of my ability. I plan to continue to improve the Chambers College experience.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

Some issues I would like to focus on are retention for the college as well as the student experience.

Fun fact:

My hobby is building computers.



COLLEGE OF APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES SENATOR CANDIDATES

Peyton Bielinski

Major: Health & Wellbeing

Why are you running for CAHS Senator?

I am running for CAHS senator because I want to continue advocating for the betterment of students' lives on campus. I plan to continue efforts with helping the Carruth Center with visibility, so students are aware of the exceptional services they offer. I also plan to continue finding different ways students can better express their opinions on classes and the way they are offered on campus.

Why should students vote for you?

People should vote for me because I always give my all to things that I am a part of. I want to make sure that I am representing the students on campus to the best of my abilities and will continue to work to find ways to improve the student experience on campus.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I am campaigning mainly on increasing awareness and support for the Carruth Center and what it can offer to this university. I also want students to have a bigger voice in how classes are administered on campus, and the format of classes. Lastly, I want to work to continue and gather student opinions within my college, and the entire university, about what SGA can do to better their lives on campus.

Fun fact:

I have watched every WVU football game for the past 10 years!



COLLEGE OF APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES SENATOR CANDIDATES

Logan Lipkovitch (he/him)

Major: Sport Management

Why are you running for CAHS Senator?

I am running to better CAHS students' opportunities to get better jobs through improved academic programs and expanded professional development opportunities. I plan to advocate for students both within the college and university to ensure they are in positions to get the jobs they want.

Why should students vote for you?

I have good relationships with faculty and administrators in our college, and can leverage them to advocate for changes in our community. My experiences in SGA and working on projects within the college have afforded me the opportunity to bring student perspectives to decision makers within our programs.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I will advocate to maintain and expand professional development opportunities in our college. Everyone goes to college with the aim of getting a job afterwards, and it is so important that our college provides the best opportunities for every student to achieve that. This includes maintaining and expanding on the Mountaineer GOAL internship placements, student teaching opportunities, and healthcare shadowing opportunities.

Fun fact:

I hit a hole in one last summer!



COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS SENATOR CANDIDATES

Madison Shaffer (she/her)

Major: Music Buisness and Industry

Why are you running for CAC Senator?

I'm running to make sure the College of Creative Arts is represented in SGA. I want the CCA to have representation that is dedicated to making it the best it can!

Why should students vote for you?

I'm dedicated to making sure the College of Creative Arts is represented in SGA. Also, I'm dedicated to the CCA and want student voices from here to be heard at the administrative level.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

Some key issues I'm campaigning on are getting student voices from the CCA heard, specifically to help decide who will be replacing Gordon Gee. Currently I feel students from the CCA are underrepresented in SGA, so aiming to increase representation is another one of my goals.

Fun fact:

I play Violin and Viola. I have two cats and a hamster. I love sprite!



COLLEGE OF LAW SENATOR CANDIDATES

S. M. Ibrahim Khalilullah (he/him/his)

Major: Law

Why are you running for College of Law Senator?

I am running to represent not only to represent college of Law, also represent the whole student body of West Virginia University. I do have sincere plans to focus of needs, issues, resolutions to help, support, and other's locally, statewide, nationally to everyone.

Why should students vote for you?

I believe that I am reasonable, honest, trustworthy, truthful, sincere candidate who want nothing beside helping students, community , and others to represent the needs and eager to find reasonable solutions within reasonable timeline.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I would love to focus on mostly on severe past, present, and upcoming future reasonable issues.

Fun fact:

I like truthfulness, honesty, transparency, trustworthiness.



DAVIS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Olivia Schmieder (she/her/hers)

Major: Human Nutrition and Foods

Why are you running for Davis College Senator?

To provide students with the resources necessary for all aspects of university life, especially within Davis College. With the reformations of WVU's college divisions, I recognize the new organization concerning the merger may be intimidating; therefore, I will dedicate my time to ensure information is more accessible, transparent and comprehensive for the student body.

Why should students vote for you?

With my former experience as a Davis College Senator, I was able to successfully complete and launch proposed nutrition-based initiatives which I promised the student body. I achieved this goal by meeting with faculty members, setting deadlines, and listening to student concerns. I have shown that I listen to the student body's voice, promote their interests and can be trusted to achieve their desired results.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

Going forward, I will continue to work on projects concerning nutrition by increasing nutritional awareness and knowledge on campus through various applications and outlets. My goal specifically involving the Davis College is to establish various organizational tools that allow students to effectively acquire information on Davis College activities, course catalogues, seasonal courses, special topics, and other areas of concern that the student body deems to be insightful and beneficial.

Fun fact:

My perfect day consists of sleeping-in, sushi, matcha boba tea, shopping, cats, and time with my friends!



HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER SENATOR CANDIDATES

Catherine Magrogan (she/her)

Major:Public Health

Why are you running for HSC Senator?

I am running for the position of College Senator for HSC because I would like to bring more awareness to the brilliant minds of the Health Sciences campus, and the groundbreaking research that is being done. There are so many amazing resources many students of HSC do not know about that would benefit them tremendously.

Why should students vote for you?

I believe people should vote for me because I aim to use my position to highlight the needs of students and take them to faculty to collaborate with them and find a solution that is best for students.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I hope to continue my current work of creating a student recruitment council for the School of Public Health to help students find their dream major within the school, as well as create a platform for students in the School of Public Health to easily navigate frequently asked advising questions. On a larger scale, I would like to create a platform for the HSC students to keep their minds and their bodies in good shape, by working with faculty to promote the HSC garden and other resources.

Fun fact:

A fun fact about me is I recently rescued a cat!



EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Adeline Barbour (she/her)

Major: Psychology

Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

I want to empower students who don't feel as connected to WVU and help their voices be heard so that everyone's time at WVU is beneficial, dynamic, and worthwhile. I am passionate on advocating for safety on campus, educating students on the resources they have and encouraging them to utilize the opportunities they have at hand, and overall quality of life for the student body. Informing our peers more on what SGA is and what SGA does is vital to me as the connections between SGA and the student body are the backbone of many changes at our university.

Why should students vote for you?

I believe people should vote for me because I am not afraid to stand up for any and every student, no matter what the cost may be. I also have very adamant beliefs that are rooted in the best interests of students and I'm not shy of sharing them. Being a voice for change is an extremely important position and I would love to represent WVU and its students in that way.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I am advocating for sexual assault prevention, inclusivity on and off campus, initiatives to bring more awareness and knowledge of what SGA really is, activities and events that help for students to connect with one another in meaningful ways, and so much more. I also believe that advocating for sober fun on campus is important, as the culture at WVU is heavily influenced by drinking and many students feel that they aren't able to connect with other peers without partying.

Fun fact:

My favorite film genre is psychological thriller, but my favorite movie is Fantastic Mr. Fox!



EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Tyson Feltz (he/him)

Major: Biology

Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

I'm running because I have a passion for government and want to see and help my respective college improve along with the university overall. I believe I have ideas that can help improve the university and overall student experience. Most of all I want to truly represent students of Eberly by hearing and working to solve their issues.

Why should students vote for you?

People should consider me because they are my top priority in running. I am motivated to see and make change happen for students and want to really represent them. I want to hear their issues and and thoughts and work off of them to better improve Eberly and the campus to better accommodate students.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

My main key issue I'm campaigning on is student representation. I want to see a new system to better allow for all students to share issues they see on campus that may get overlooked. Another issue I want to tackle is the community presence at Eberly to help make getting into the social aspect easy and approachable.

Fun fact:

I love to learn new languages, I'm currently learning German.



Isabella Ferrell (she/her)

Major: International Studies & Political Science

Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

Attending WVU has been incredibly fulfilling, and I want all to have a meaningful and gratifying college experience in Morgantown! I am from here, so it is important to me that all feel at home within this community. SGA is an avenue that will allow me to contribute to this sense of belonging.

Why should students vote for you?

I am open-minded and enjoy examining problems from many different angles before determining the best possible solution. Furthermore, I am an active listener, approachable, and strive to make all feel valued.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I aim to improve pedestrian safety, especially on the Downtown Campus at night. I also want to strengthen the relationship between the student body and the Morgantown community.

Fun fact:

I love golf!

EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Lilly Henson (she/her)

Major: Political Science & Philosophy

Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

I am running to continue advocating and improving the Eberly College. I want to help all students feel included and prioritized on a campus with such a large population, especially underclassman. Since Eberly is the largest college on campus, I want to make sure those individuals are given the proper resources to succeed and strive for the best.

Why should students vote for you?

I have had experience in this position before because I was elected as an Eberly College Senator in the last administration. Within SGA, I have also been apart of the Academic Affairs Committee, as well as several organizations outside of SGA such as WVU's Pre-Law Society and Woman in Politics and Government. All of these commitments have given me leadership experience and the communication skills to better the Eberly College and WVU as a whole.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

My campaign platform is centered around strengthening the Eberly College and introducing more resources to aid underclassman. Establishing an Eberly Peer Mentor Program will eliminate the barrier between freshman and Eberly resources, as well as encourage administrative assistance. I want to make Eberly students feel comfortable reaching out to faculty and promote student collaboration.

Fun fact:

I am studying abroad in Strasbourg, France this summer through the Political Science Department with some of my best friend that WVU has brought me. While in Europe, I plan to travel to Brussels and Germany while learning more about the European judicial systems!



EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Jordan Kelly (she/her)

Major: Criminology

Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

I am running to promote career opportunities within the Eberly college. Often times the majors within this college have several different career paths they can pursue. The options and decisions can be overwhelming and I feel increasing career readiness opportunities can aid in this.

Why should students vote for you?

I urge students to vote for me because of my proficiency in networking and my drive to benefit the student body as a whole. We need senators that are willing to take a step outside the box and work efficiently.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

As a Eberly Senator, my focus is preparing students for post graduate and ensuring they are well equipped to be successful. As a member of SGA, my focus is to keep students safe. This includes increasing safety within greek organizations and resources for Mountaineers that participate in nightlife, keeping everyone safe is always my number one priority.

Fun fact:

A fun fact about me is I have been a certified lifeguard for five years.



Olivia Robinson (she/her)

Major: Criminology & English

Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

It is certainly a tumultuous time to be a humanities major here at the University, and I believe there are many positive changes to be made. I feel I have a voice for a reason, and it is my responsibility to take advantage of the positions available to use it.

Why should students vote for you?

I possess the qualities of a very effective communicator; I listen well to people's concerns, I am a strong advocate, and I and am a natural problem solver. I will always be honest and transparent, and try my absolute hardest to have the concerns of Eberly students addressed while improving their student experience

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I believe in transparency - many Eberly students have been blindsided in recent months by drastic and seemingly swift academic changes, and as Senator I would make sure students are well aware of any possible changes and developments concerning their education in a timely, honest manner. I also believe in promoting the Arts, and believe this can be done through increased service and events in our community.

Fun fact:

I have a twin sister, I am a Black belt, and I love to read!

EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Olivia Scholl (she/her)

Major: Political Science

Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

I am running for Eberly College Senator for the Student Government Association to advocate student interests, bring positive change to the campus, and contribute to the overall well-being of my fellow students.

Why should students vote for you?

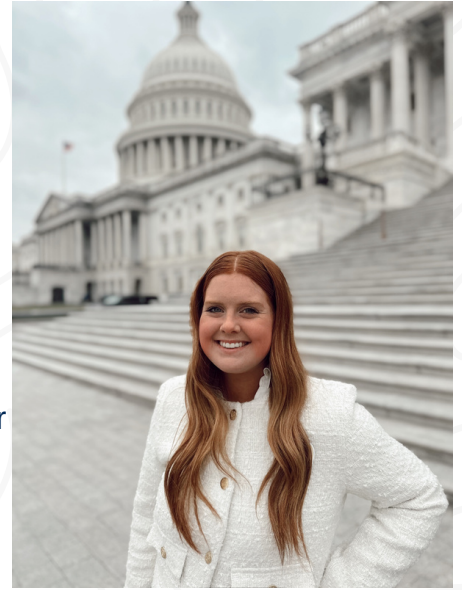
People should consider voting for me as Eberly College Senator because I am committed to representing the interests of my peers, have a clear vision for positive change, and possess the skills to effectively address and solve campus issues.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

Some key issues I am campaigning on for Student Government Association as an Eberly College Senator includes improving campus facilities, enhancing student services, promoting diversity and inclusion, addressing mental health resources, and advocating for academic support programs.

Fun fact:

I am a very enthusiastic Cleveland Browns fan.



Tris M. Silva (she/her)

Major: Criminology & Women and Gender Studies

Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

I fell in love with this University and state, and I'd love to be able to enhance the experience of all its members. As an Eberly Senator I'd be able to bring positive change to the college and help WVU become the best it can be post-Academic Transformation!

Why should students vote for you?

My fresh perspective and passion for American culture motivate me to strive for improvement in our university

while always looking to keep our values and traditions intact. As a College Senator, I want to make sure to represent the interests of every Eberly student, whether you're in STEM or Social Sciences, settled in your major or considering a change.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I am advocating for the safety and rights of our students specifically in the matters of Sexual Assault Prevention, Medical Amnesty awareness and Campus Carry. I also want to enhance the experience and opportunities of International Students at WVU, as well as work on introducing 1-credit Internship Preparation Classes for students outside the Forensics program.

Fun fact:

I am Portuguese, I make the best stroganoff ever, and I do NOT play around when it comes to Halloween!

EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Batson Sheets (he/him)

Major: Public Administration, Cultural Resource Management Graduate Certificate



Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

I am running for the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences senator position because I believe in being a genuine role model for my fellow WVU classmates. My ties to the university and the state and a deep understanding of our challenges and opportunities motivate me to pursue this role. Drawing from my experiences as Student Body President at WVU Potomac State College and Wheeling

University, I bring a proven ability to collaborate effectively, reflected in successful initiatives with the Higher Education Policy Commission.

Why should students vote for you?

Vote for me because I offer a unique and diverse perspective as a WVU Potomac State College and Wheeling University graduate, coupled with my experiences as a four-year collegiate lacrosse player and two-time Student Body President. Currently, as the Alternative Format Graduate Service Assistant for the WVU Office of Accessibility Services, I actively champion accessibility and inclusivity on campus. If elected, I am committed to bridging the gap between the primary and regional campuses, contributing further to the One WVU system statewide, and enhancing diversity and inclusion initiatives-especially in advocating for disability rights through collaboration with the Accessibility Student Advisory Group and fostering partnerships with SGA and ASAG.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

In my pursuit of the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences senator position, my vision is to bring our three campuses together, advocating for the One WVU system statewide while honoring our Appalachian heritage and land-grant mission that holds significant meaning for me as a student, alum, and future colleague. As your representative, my commitment is to fervently champion collaboration under the One WVU initiative, with a heartfelt focus on pillars such as education, healthcare, prosperity, purpose, and a cause close to my heart - advancing disability rights on campus. If entrusted with this role, I will actively contribute to creating an inclusive environment, ensuring that the rights of students with disabilities are prioritized, all aligned with our collective journey to embody and enhance WVU's Vision Statement.

Fun fact:

My full name, Batson McCurdy Sheets, is comprised of three distinct family last names, all of which bear Irish and German origin.

EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

William A. Snidow (he/him)

Major: Philosophy & Political Science

Why are you running for Eberly College Senator?

Upon transferring from Marshall University, my degree was immediately put under threat due to the academic transformation, not to mention the numerous degrees that have recently been cut forcing many to leave the university. And the accessibility of the university leaves a large disparity between here and other universities of this level. To make sure West Virginia University continues to offer a diverse and equitable education to West Virginians and abroad, I feel it necessary to run for SGA.



Why should students vote for you?

As someone with dyslexia, I have spent the entirety of my life dealing with different institutions and ways of navigating accessibility, which I believe gives me a unique perspective on the struggle of attending college as a disabled student. These challenges have motivated me to participate in many forms of activism in my time in college that have given me the skills I have used to succeed and will continue to use in SGA.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

My platform will be focused on improving access for students with mental and physical disabilities, so our campus is more welcoming for students who otherwise may feel alienated. Secondly, the academic transformation has left many majors futures up in the air, especially liberal arts. I will be committed to advocating for both disability access and liberal arts education.

Fun fact:

I have a very silly cat named Luna and a dog named Callie

REED COLLEGE OF MEDIA SENATOR CANDIDATES

Rozaireo Jones (he/him/his)

Major: Journalism

Why are you running for Reed College Senator?

The reason I'm running for senator is because I believe that WVU is in a unique point in time. From merging schools to the academic transformations, it's important that with this new landscape, we have the people who are going to be the ones truly experiencing it representing their fellow students. That's why I am running, to give voice to the new generation of problems that we as a college will be facing.

Why should students vote for you?

Reed College will be merging within the new few months almost entirely, I think that people should vote for me because we're going to need a person to be willing to voice the concerns that college of media students feel. And it's important to understand those graduating soon won't have to deal with those problems.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

With the merging of the Reed College and the college of creative arts, an issue I personally ran into and thought would be effective would be a more streamlined way for students to get internships. I also want to increase the media presence of SGA as an organization so people can feel that SGA is a more accessible organization and less intimidating.

Fun fact:

I like soccer and politics, I'd consider myself a pretty good cook, and I am obsessed with clothes.



STATLER COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Isabella Hart (she/her/hers)

Major: Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Why are you running for Statler College Senator?

I chose to run for the position of Statler College Senator because I am passionate about community outreach and campus involvement within the Statler College, and I want to expand these passions beyond the scope of the Statler College and to West Virginia University as a whole. As a Statler Ambassador, the Society of Women Engineers Social Chair, and the SPACE Club Secretary, I have spent the entirety of this academic year planning and executing STEM-related events on behalf of these student organizations and the Statler College to increase community engagement at WVU and to share the importance of engineering as a possible career choice for minorities. As a

Statler College Senator, I want to represent my college and share with the Morgantown community and student body the amazing research and career resources we have at Statler, as well as advocate for my fellow engineering classmates on important STEM-related issues.

Why should students vote for you?

The Statler College student body should vote for me because I am already a representative of the Statler College by being a Statler Ambassador and want to expand that role to a university level. I feel that as a woman in engineering, I offer a unique perspective to important STEM-related issues and have the best interest of the students of Statler College in mind when making decisions on their behalf.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

The main issues I will be campaigning on regard diversity and minority representation within the field of engineering, as well as the needed increase in STEM outreach events for the Morgantown community and the entire state of West Virginia. As a West Virginia native and woman in mechanical and aerospace engineering, the possibilities of exploring a career in engineering in-state were and still are extremely limited. As a Statler College Senator, I hope to bring light to the limitations posed on minorities in engineering and explore possible increases in STEM community outreach events that West Virginia University can host.

Fun fact:

Some fun facts about me are that I enjoy graphic design as a hobby, I love to collect vinyl records, and I have an area of emphasis in astronautics. I believe my hobbies and interests have shaped me as a creative and imaginative engineer, and I know they will also shape me as an inspired and innovative SGA College Senator!



STATLER COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Abbie Lieving (she/her/hers)

Major: Chemical Engineering

Why are you running for Statler College Senator?

I intend on running for a Statler College Senator because I am very passionate about engineering, outreach, community service, and being able to represent and advocate for the Statler College. It would be a privilege to expand my passions to the rest of this great university on a much larger scale.

Why should students vote for you?

The student body within the Statler College should vote for me because the thought of bettering our college is something that I think about every single day. The Statler College has presented me with the greatest of opportunities and by becoming a senator I will be able to give back to this amazing college. The students, the organizations, the staff and the faculty will be the people I will be representing and without your votes I won't be able to make our already great college even better.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

My main issues I will be campaigning on will include both outreach and the betterment of the organizations within the Statler College. Throughout my time within the Statler College, I have grown to love the outreach we do to encourage kids to follow their STEM aspirations, but why stop there. I want to work on initiatives to encourage outreach days for not just specific fields of study but for learning about coming to college in general, specifically this college. I also want to work on improving the organizations within the Statler College, as stated above. I want to meet with them frequently to work on providing the resources needed to make their organizations thrive.

Fun fact:

Some fun facts about me include that I am the 11th member of my family to attend WVU, my family used to own and operate a coal mine on the property I now live on today, and my roommate and best friend was former Mountaineer Mary Roush. So, I radiate mountaineer pride daily.



STATLER COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Madison Morgan (she/her/hers)

Major: Chemical Engineering

Why are you running for Statler College Senator?

I am running for this position because I am passionate about being a spokesperson for the students of Statler College. As a Statler College ambassador and a member of three engineering organizations, I feel as though I have extensive knowledge of what being a student in Statler means and that I can truly represent engineering students. Statler College has become my family, so I would love the opportunity to be a representative and advocate for it.

Why should students vote for you?

I am a tenacious, organized, and well-rounded chemical engineering student with a passion for inclusivity. I want students of the Statler College to be accurately represented in the student body as a whole and feel as though their voices are truly heard.

What key issues are you campaigning on?

I am campaigning to be a representative for diversity, equity, and inclusivity here at WVU. As a woman in engineering, I know how important representation is and would love to make it a priority across the entire campus. My vision extends beyond West Virginia University, as I hope to help support underrepresented students in high school across the state and show them the endless opportunities they can find here!

Fun fact:

I'm a certified scuba diver and love to ski!

