

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION**

CANDIDATES BOOKLET

2025-2026

Important Dates:

March 10th and 11th

Formal Campaigning

March 10th @ 7pm

Candidates Debate, Gluck Theater

March 11th 9am-7pm

In-Person Voting, Mountainlair and
Evansdale Residential Complex

March 12th and 13th 9am-7pm

Online Voting, WVUEngage

March 13th 7:30pm

Election Results Announced

PRESIDENTIAL & VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

President: *Colin Street* (he/him)

Hometown: Morgantown, WV

Sophomore in Political Science, Environmental & Energy Resources Management, Multidisciplinary Studies (Rural Community Development, Data Science, History)



Why are you running for Student Body President? I'm running for Student Body President because I believe SGA has an immense amount of untapped potential. Growing up in Morgantown, WVU's been there for me my entire life from family swim lessons in E Moore Hall to meeting some of my best friends at WVU-run summer camps. With the access SGA has to faculty and administration, I plan on restructuring the organization in a way that will focus on projects that tangibly improve the WVU experience as a way to give back for everything's WVU's done for me.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? As a Senator At-Large for the past two years, I led the effort to establish the SGA Mutual Aid Cabinet in the Mountainlair, providing free pads, tampons, condoms, and test strips to anyone and everyone. As Student Body President I plan on expanding these resources campus-wide by establishing Mutual Aid Cabinets on Evansdale and Health Science as a way to keep students healthy and safe no matter where they are on campus. The current structure of SGA leaves the organization stagnant, and as Student Body President I'll put SGA to work by reforming the internal make-up of the organization to ensure we're always working to better your student experience. Currently, most SGA meetings are mostly talking about what we should do. Under our administration SGA will operate under a project-based model to guarantee we spent our time doing things, rather than just talk about them. We'll also partner with the WV Grant Resource Center to create a branch of SGA dedicated to applying for external grants to bring additional money into the organization that'll go toward making a difference on campus. With the reputation WVU has across West Virginia, we plan on utilizing the university's platform to expand in-state opportunities for students across the state. We will partner with the WVU ACCESS office, which oversees WVU high school dual credit, and the many College and Presidential Student ambassador programs at WVU to promote and establish WVU ACCESS classes across West Virginia. Since over 90% of high school students who take a WVU ACCESS class end up attending WVU, this will help prepare West Virginia students for college while tackling WVU's recent recruitment issues.

Why should students vote for you? The big problems we face as a university require even bigger solutions, and I've proven over the past two years that I'm not afraid to tackle big problems. From organizing voter registration efforts that got WVU nationally recognized as one of the country's most civically engaged campuses to leveraging research and grant funding for the establishment of solar on campus to ensure our long-term sustainability and financial responsibly; I'll bring this same boldness to presidency to make WVU a better place for all students.

What do you love about WVU? I love that WVU has both the small and big college feel. Nothing makes me happier than entering the sea of Gold and Blue that is the Blue Lot on football game days, but I also really enjoy the tight-knit atmosphere and caring professors of the Davis College.

Fun Fact! I have a pet turtle named Sherman who carries his little rubber duck around like a dog carries a ball, and I was on an internationally acclaimed high school robotics team for 4 years based in WVU's White Hall.

PRESIDENTIAL & VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Vice President: Rozaireo Jones (he/him)

Hometown: Fairmont, WV

Sophomore in Journalism, Minors in History
and Political Science



Why are you running for Student Body Vice President? I'm running for Vice President because I believe that WVU is in a unique position, being the flagship University of the state, to be true to its mission of going first and taking West Virginia to the next level. There are a lot of ways to make change in the world and simply being involved in your community can make all the difference. Whether that be through reducing costs by working with outside organizations to expand scholarship opportunities or increasing weekly SGA tabling and involvement with clubs, to have the opportunity to lead an institution like WVU as SGA's Vice President is how I think I can push that go first attitude a little further.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? There are two main areas of policy I would like to focus on as Vice President, as a student who is not fully on scholarship at WVU and understands the constraints and burdens the costs of college can add to current and prospective students' daily lives, reducing costs is on the top of the list. I plan to accomplish this by partnering with outside professional organizations to increase scholarship opportunities for all majors. I will also reduce costs by working with WVU Admin. to cut back on third-party platforms that students often pay out of pocket for. Another issue I'm passionate about is visibility... too often have I heard that people don't even know what SGA does besides come out and table for votes during the election cycle. I want to see SGA meeting you where you are, this means increasing our presence on campus through bi-weekly tabling, expanding our media capacity, and most importantly establishing a working relationship rather than a transactional one with clubs. This doesn't stop with clubs. As a brother in WVU Greek Life, too often has SGA taken advantage of the size of Greek life for elections rather than creating a beneficial working relationship, I will spearhead new efforts to improve Greek Life and SGA alike. Maintaining these relationships is key to a successful University and I hope to not only build that bridge but solidify it.

Why should students vote for you? People should vote for me because as a Senator for the Reed College of Media, I've been successful in my efforts to put the college on track to become partnered with the White House Correspondence Association which will unlock millions of dollars in scholarship funds for CCAM Students at WVU and becoming Vice President will allow me the chance to achieve this goal for every college and more.

What do you love about WVU? The thing I love most about WVU is my fraternity, Pi Lambda Phi. I don't get to spend a lot of time with my brothers because of SGA but when I do, it's where I'm most happy (luv you guys). Check us out at 544 Spruce Street or follow us on instagram: @pilamwvu

Fun Fact! I have a really smart dog named Truck because he destroys everything! And I played soccer for 14 years and won two West Virginia state championships before coming to college!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Tris Silva (she/her)

Junior in Criminology, Women & Gender Studies, Minors in Political Science, Communication Studies

Hometown: Lisbon, Portugal



Why are you running for this position? Over these past three years, I've made Morgantown and WVU my second home, an ocean away from my hometown. I want to make sure people feel as connected to our campus as I do, and SGA is the perfect opportunity to do that. In this past year as an Eberly College Senator, I've gotten the chance to connect with Students, Administration, and Faculty to try and make our campus a better place, and nothing would make me happier than being able to continue serving our student body.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? If I were elected, I would continue working on Sexual Assault Prevention efforts both through student-focused initiatives and partnerships with the administration. I want us to give our student body more resources, support and alternatives to traditional reporting. I would also like to continue uplifting the voices of International and Exchange Students on campus and help the university increase the enrollment rates for these students.

Why should students vote for you? My unique perspective and experiences, my past SGA experience and my creative problem-solving skills!

What do you love about WVU? Seeing the Pride of WV play at the games!

Fun Fact! I have 4 different surnames!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Bryan Cole (he/him)

Freshman in Criminology and Political Science,
Minors in Forensic Investigation & Science

Hometown: Martinsburg, WV

Why are you running for this position? I am running for Senator At-Large to create a stronger, more connected WVU campus by focusing on the needs and experiences of our students. Through my experiences in leadership and advocacy, I have seen the impact that student representation can have on our campus. This position is about bringing our fellow Mountaineers together, amplifying their voices, and working towards building a campus that reflects their needs and wants. I am committed to leaving a legacy on our campus, one that impacts all of us Mountaineers.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? If elected, I will be focusing on the Mountaineer Experience. This includes improving transportation, dining services, and the resources students use every day. I plan to advocate for these needs by creating channels for fellow Mountaineers to easily communicate with our SGA. I will work to expand awareness of student services on campus, including our mental health resources through the Carruth Center. By addressing these issues, we will make WVU a more convenient, supportive, and connected campus for all.

Why should students vote for you? Mountaineers should vote for me because this election isn't about choosing leaders for our student body, it's about taking control of the future of our campus. We need leaders who are willing to stand up for students on this campus, and that I will do.

What do you love about WVU? What I love most about WVU is our community throughout our state, and that ties into my favorite tradition, singing Country Roads after every win.

Fun Fact! My favorite sport is baseball, and my favorite team are the Baltimore Orioles!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



William Kozma (he/him)

Sophomore in Political Science and Criminology

Hometown: Berlin, MD

Why are you running for this position? I am running for SGA because I love WVU and want to ensure that it makes decisions that positively impact students. College can be incredibly stressful at times and as a senator I want to do everything possible to relieve even just a little bit of stress in students lives. While I am focusing on three issues areas I want to hear what students want and need from the university and do everything in my power to ensure that the university is working for them as they are the primary stakeholders in university decisions that are funded by their tuition payments.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? As a senator I will focus on three major issue areas. The first is promoting and increasing participation in the broader WVU community specifically ensuring that student organizations are well and properly funded and that students are encouraged to find and join clubs that interest them that they may not know operate at WVU. The second is campus safety, I want to reach out to students to see where they feel safe or where they feel extra patrol checks are needed, I would also work to ensure the blue emergency poles located across campus are regularly checked and maintained. Finally, I will work to ensure that there is a student audit of the WVU budget and work to ensure that the deficit is reduced in a way that does not lead to further academic cuts or new cuts to student life by recommending alternate and detailed solutions to the board of governors.

Why should students vote for you? I will not just thank people for their vote I will show my gratitude to them by drafting and voting on legislation that advances the priorities of students and their needs. I will be a voice for the students not only among other student government members, but also to faculty and administrative personnel.

What do you love about WVU? I love singing country roads with my friends after the mountaineers win a football/basketball game.

Fun Fact! I am an Eagle Scout.

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Tatum Shawn (he/him)

Junior in Secondary Education: Social Studies

Hometown: Charleston, WV



Why are you running for this position? I am interested in this position to grow more connected to our student population. Throughout my academic experience here, I've always felt like there's so much more I could do to get involved in my community. As an aspiring educator, I want to create an engaging environment that facilitates inspiration within the student body & encourages students to pursue their passions, whatever they may be.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? As a candidate for senator at WVU, I'm excited to focus on outreach and collaboration with student organizations to ensure their voices are heard and their needs are met. My goal is to create a campus environment where every student feels prioritized and included, regardless of background or affiliation. In these divided times, it's crucial to advocate for marginalized groups and push for greater inclusivity within SGA. I believe in cultivating a vibrant campus culture that encourages all students to step out of their comfort zones and engage in activities that foster connection and growth. Additionally, I plan to address the financial burden of certification fees that many students face, which are often not included in tuition but are critical for their professional aspirations. I want to ensure that waivers are available for students who need them and advocate for better access to study materials and resources, such as books, practice test access & organizing study groups for students preparing for certification exams. By addressing these issues, I hope to help students balance the demands of their education, extracurricular activities, and future career goals.

Why should students vote for you? What makes me stand out as a candidate is my unique perspective as a first-generation Appalachian student who has worked full-time throughout college, all while balancing a variety of other responsibilities. I deeply understand the challenges that come with transitioning into adulthood—especially the struggle to balance home life, academics, and personal growth. Many students, like myself, feel torn between their roots and their new environment, and it's easy to lose that balance. Additionally, I've experienced firsthand what it's like to be socially marginalized, trying to fit into an environment where no one else shares your background. However, these challenges have shaped me into someone who values empathy and prioritizes understanding others' experiences. I believe this background will allow me to advocate for students who may also feel out of place or face unique struggles, and I'm committed to making sure their voices and needs are heard in a space that can sometimes feel foreign or unwelcoming.

What do you love about WVU? What I love most about WVU is the sense of community and the pride that comes with being a Mountaineer. There's something truly special about the people here—whether it's the faculty who genuinely care about your success or the students who, no matter their background, come together to support one another. The campus itself is beautiful, and there's always something happening, from exciting sporting events to cultural festivals and student-led initiatives. I've also found that WVU fosters an environment where you can challenge yourself while still feeling supported—whether it's in the classroom, in student organizations, or in personal growth. It's a place where you're encouraged to step out of your comfort zone and be a part of something bigger, and I've really come to appreciate how much this school and its community have shaped my own journey.

Fun Fact! My first concert was a Tyler Childers concert

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Sydney Hickle (she/her)

Junior in Political Science, Minors in Philosophy and Spanish

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Why are you running for this position? I am running for Senator at Large because I would like to further my involvement with SGA and overall campus relations. As the current Internal Senates Liaison, I have strong communication with WVU Faculty Senate, Staff Council, and WVU Graduate Schools. Being an active voice with students and faculty is extremely important, and I feel this could be greatly beneficial in being a Senator At-Large. Making sure that everyone here on campus has a voice and their concerns are heard and addressed is of utmost attention and concern to me.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I would like to focus on furthering the involvement of community service on campus. As the Director of Philanthropy for the Alpha Omicron Pi Panhellenic Sorority on campus, volunteering and general service holds a special place in my heart. I would love to push for easier opportunities to get involved, while having fun at the same time. One main initiative I would like to push to accomplish this is to reinstate the Guardian Angels campaign. This is where students and faculty can volunteer and make sure their fellow community members feel safe going home on the weekends, including getting an uber, sitting with them at the bus stop, walking them home, etc. Overall, I value togetherness on campus and making sure that everyone feels at home, safe, and eager to help others.

Why should students vote for you? What makes me stand out as a candidate is my extensive involvement on campus. In addition to running as a Senator At-Large, I currently serve as the Internal Senates Liaison. Within my sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi, I am the Director of Philanthropy and serve on our Membership Selection Committee. Additionally, I am a member of the Honors College and am a researcher in the Political Science Department in the Research Apprenticeship Program. As a very active student here on campus, I can relate to many others and help make their voices heard.

What do you love about WVU? I love the overall atmosphere of WVU. There is a place for everyone here and we are all so united as Mountaineers. I truly feel at home on campus and have made such amazing friendships that I will cherish forever.

Fun Fact! I have a basset hound named Rosie!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Gracey Champ (she/her)

Freshman in Political Science, Minors in Religious Studies, African and Middle East Studies

Hometown: Clay, WV



Why are you running for this position? I'm passionate about making a meaningful impact on campus. WVU has given me so many opportunities, and I want to give back by amplifying student voices and ensuring that everyone's concerns are heard and addressed.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I would focus on improving the connection between campus and the city of Morgantown through parking, safety, and transportation initiatives. Parking is a major concern for students, so I would work to advocate for better parking solutions, including clearer regulations and increased accessibility. For safety, I want to collaborate with local officials to enhance well-lit areas, increase patrol presence in high-traffic student areas, and promote awareness of safety resources. When it comes to transportation, I'd push for improved PRT efficiency, better coordination with public transit, and increased late-night transportation options to make commuting safer and more convenient for students.

Why should students vote for you? I am always willing to hear suggestion! I am very openminded and try to make everyone feel welcome and heard.

What do you love about WVU? My favorite thing about WVU is the mix between city life Downtown and a more relaxed and slow feeling on Evansdale!

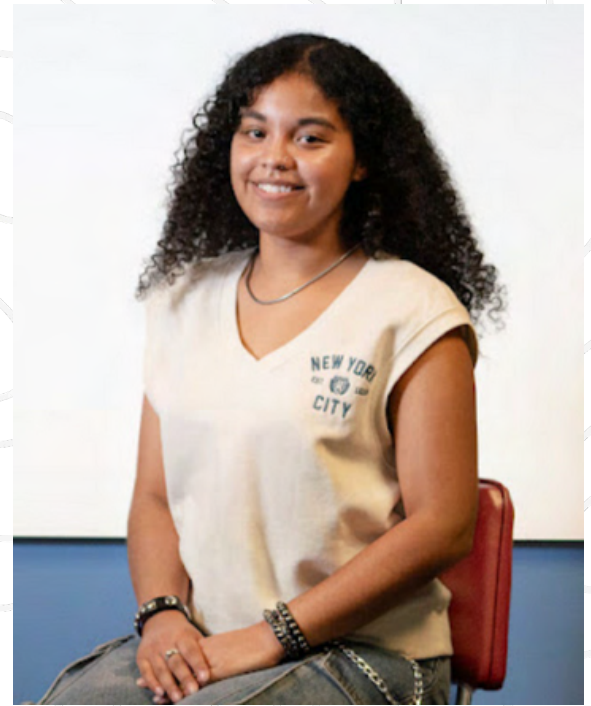
Fun Fact! I have a dog named Jax!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Cheyenne Torres (she/her)

Sophomore in Psychology and Art Therapy

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA



Why are you running for this position? I want to better promote diversity on campus and allow a voice for those who feel like they are underrepresented on campus.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I want to make sure that even though things are uncertain with DEI initiatives, the core understanding of promoting a safe environment won't go on notice. I want students on campus to feel like they have a voice and allow for more spaces for them to speak and communicate those feelings and actually have things get done. I also want to have a safer campus to walk.

Why should students vote for you? I didn't know that SGA existed before putting my ballot in it wasn't until one of the officers visited my student org that I realized how impactful it can be I want to actually implement change. I'm not just going to go give empty promises

What do you love about WVU? The friends that I've made on campus

Fun Fact! I wrote a book!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Noi Steinn (he/him)

Freshman in Economics, Minors in Music,
Business Ethics and Prosperity

Hometown: Mössó, Iceland

Why are you running for this position? WVU students feel underrepresented in their college with continuously rising tuition costs, a paralyzed and invisible SGA, and seemingly little to no connection or voice with the decisions WVU makes (as made clear by the recent academic transformation made last year and the changes made with DEI this year). I feel that with my leadership experience I can help take the little steps necessary to improve these issues, I feel that with my experience I can give WVU students more of a voice in the matter of their school and force more transparency upon WVU's decision makers.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I would like Increased Support for non-traditional students and students with already full time employment. I would like to accomplish this by increasing the radius of acceptable housing exceptions, having counselors who are specifically assigned to work with non-traditional students (similar to Honors), and increasing the availability of online classes. Other issues I'm passionate about are increased campus safety with things like better downtown lighting, increased collaboration of different WVU departments, Undergraduate research, and priority in maintaining WVU as a R1 Research institution.

Why should students vote for you? I have helped organize close to 2,000 dollars in fundraising during my first two semesters at WVU for different organizations like Morgantown Mutual Aid, Mountaineers for Solar, MOCHA, and Appalachian Advocacy!

What do you love about WVU? I love the professors at the Chambers Business school (shoutout Cathleen Johnson and Susan Major). And I love the Morgantown/WVU Music Scene (shoutout Limeade, Tommy Thompson, Emma Birdz, Escape Plan 79, American Boxer, Louella and all the local open mics). And I love the Morgantown Mutual Aid!

Fun Fact! I've done musical theater with the Morgantown Theater Company from 2nd Grade till graduation. Senior year of High school I was Mr. Warbucks in Annie and then Danny Zuko in Grease.

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Bradley Dale (he/him)

Freshman in Political Science, Minors in History, Business Ethics and Prosperity

Hometown: Bridgeport, WV



Why are you running for this position? I am running for At-Large Senator because I want to see SGA become more accessible and our campus become safer. I am assertive and able to fight for the beliefs of the students at WVU, but I am also a team player and I understand that to be a good senator, my most important goal needs to be working hard for the student body. My main focus is representing my fellow Mountaineers the best I can.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I want to focus on campus safety, SGA accessibility, and SGA voter turnout. Specifically, I would like to focus on crosswalks all over campus and make them safer for both the crossers and the drivers. Next, SGA clearly is not accessible to people at the moment, since many students don't know what it is or who's a part of it. Because of that, my main goal is to increase voter accessibility to help SGA help the students.

Why should students vote for you? I am ambitious, I am hardworking, and I am a perfectionist. All three of these traits work well together because I take on difficult projects, I work on them as hard as I can until they are complete, and they are not complete until they are perfect.

What do you love about WVU? The sense of community on our campus. The connection between mountaineers is indescribable.

Fun Fact! Both my Dad and my Grandma got degrees from WVU. Mountaineer pride is in my blood!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Ben Seabolt (he/him)

Freshman in Music and Health, Minors in Women and Gender Studies

Hometown: Winfield, WV

Why are you running for this position? I am running for this position because everyone deserves to have an amazing college experience, and I believe SGA can heavily impact that.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I want to help make WVU a more inclusive and active campus. I plan on taking on various initiatives in collaboration with the LGBTQ center, the Center for Black Culture, the Women's Resource Center, and Campus Recreation to make this happen.

Why should students vote for you? I am a super optimistic person and I will not be shy when it comes to getting things done!

What do you love about WVU? I really love how easy you can meet new people! Everywhere you go there is someone to talk to!

Fun Fact! Outside of SGA, I teach spin classes and I am in one of WVU's choirs.

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Emily Howell (she/her)

Sophomore in Political Science and International Studies, Minor in Economics

Hometown: Hurricane, WV

Why are you running for this position? I am running for Senator At-Large to be connected to the entire student body no matter their respective college(s). I would love to focus on a plethora of issues surrounding WVU's entire campus and work to achieve solutions to make it a better place for all no matter their backgrounds and interests. Since I arrived at WVU, I have wanted to make a difference in the community and help as many people as possible. As an At-Large Senator, I will have the opportunity to listen to the students I serve and create initiatives based on their needs.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? If elected as an At-Large Senator, I will focus on making the campus safer for students, helping students and faculty develop a better understanding of one another, and helping make the campus a more welcoming place for visitors and students. To make campus safer, I would like to work on initiatives that encourage cameras and better lighting in areas where these safety measurements are not present. To connect faculty and students, I would like to see if more faculty-student bonding events could be created so that both parties can listen to one another's ideas. To make the campus more welcoming, I would like to work with students in art and environmental programs to continue working on making the campus a more appealing place.

Why should students vote for you? I will choose the needs of WVU students over anything else and will not back down from making the campus a better place for all. I will represent the students of WVU by working hands-on to create a safer living and learning environment for everyone at WVU, ensure clear and effective communication from higher administration, and make being on campus more joyful.

What do you love about WVU? I love the close-knit bonds ignited at WVU.

Fun Fact! I love Pickleball!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES

Miah Green (she/her)

Sophomore in Journalism, Minor in Law and
Legal Studies

Hometown: Hurricane, WV



Why are you running for this position? I want to make a difference in the community at WVU and support my fellow students. Being involved in SGA, even as an intern, has provided me with so many great opportunities to connect with others and truly work towards making changes on campus.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? As Senator At-Large, I would improve WVU's academic excellence by advocating to expand tutoring opportunities. One way of doing this would be to develop peer mentorship/tutoring programs within each college, as I have previous experience being a mentor in the Media College. In addition, I would also promote clear communication between all faculty and students.

Why should students vote for you? I am a very dedicated individual that is willing to work hard and put my best efforts into enhancing the student experience at WVU. As a member of various clubs, I recognize the important role that comes with holding a position of responsibility and trustworthiness.

What do you love about WVU? I love to spend time studying with an iced coffee in the lair or working out at the Downtown Fitness Center in Reynolds.

Fun Fact! I have been to Disney almost 10 times!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Elise Vuiller (she/her)

Junior in Political Science and International Studies, Minor in Religious Studies

Hometown: Weirton, WV

Why are you running for this position? I am running for a position as a Senator At Large again, because I feel that the privilege of this role allows me to make a positive impact at WVU. Having access to such a wide and inclusive platform creates an atmosphere in which I can listen to all students needs and concerns. Listening is an important factor in the role, and I would like to bring that to the table, both what you need and how I can help.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I'm focused on expanding activities I have worked on over the past year, first-gen students, and creating a more sociable and bonded community. I would like to further legislation that looks towards engaging in student outreach, creating an SGA that comes to students firsthand. Also, as a first-generation student and knowing the struggles of navigating college, I would like to ensure access to First-Gen resources is more tangible so that no student is left behind. Lastly, I would like to create a more visible SGA, one that is a tool for students and influences an environment of collaboration and inclusion. Helping not only the university but our community.

Why should students vote for you? People should vote for me because I understand that sometimes I don't understand. Knowing that has allowed for me to be a better listener and create a space where people feel safe opening up to me. While I may not be able to relate, I will always try to put myself in the others shoes; purely out of a place of empathetic understanding.

What do you love about WVU? I love that WVU brings me closer to my Appalachian roots. The environment has allowed me to connect to folks from around state, that I might've not had the chance to meet. I've also been able to learn more about this state's history and traditions, which make me more passionate about having a future here.

Fun Fact! I love to dance whether there's music or not. I also am an artist!

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Jake Rogers (he/him)

Junior in Political Science and History

Hometown: Bethel Park, PA

Why are you running for this position? Proper improvements can occur only with the right input from WVU's students and faculty alike. It's our time to determine the future of our school, and I intend to be a vehicle for those in my community here at WVU that feel voiceless in making change.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? My ideas and initiatives are geared to help students build a comfortable life here at WVU with the introduction of a more lively and inviting atmosphere. From newly-planted, native foliage covering the campus to the addition of signage detailing the campus's focal points, I believe our shared spaces can be much more than they currently are.

Why should students vote for you? I've got an idea for each facet of our campus and can realize those concepts with expediency; not to say our school isn't amazing, but improvements to the overall atmosphere are necessary for a student body like ours.

What do you love about WVU? The people at WVU are what make the time here worthwhile, and the positive experiences we have together are a crucial component to making our time here what it is.

Fun Fact! I'm currently a part of the 3+3 Program here at WVU and plan to start my Graduate schooling at our College of Law in the fall.

SENATOR AT LARGE CANDIDATES



Andrew O'Neal (he/him)

Sophomore in Political Science and
Sustainability Studies

Hometown: Charleston, WV

Why are you running for this position? I'm running because I want to continue to ensure that SGA is staying engaged and visible to students on campus, and ensure the Student Outreach and Engagement legislation I helped write continues. Most importantly, this year I'm running to focus more on environmental and energy issues to push WVU to enact policies that support student opinion that climate change is a threat to the planet.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? The key issues I'm focusing on this year are engagement with students from student representatives, ensuring DEI is able to continue its impact on campus despite the name change, and advocating for more sustainable practices at WVU and more use of renewable energy.

Why should students vote for you? I'm experienced in SGA, serving as a Senator At-Large for the last year and chair of the Student Life Committee. I served as youth governor of WV in high school.

What do you love about WVU? I love the people

Fun Fact! I've visited every national park in the state of Utah

STATLER COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Ava Hill (she/her)

Freshman in Computer Science, Minors in
Business Cybersecurity

Hometown: Martinsburg, WV



Why are you running for this position? I am running for Statler College senator to represent the unique needs and voices of engineering students. I aim to advocate for better resources, enhance academic support, and improve communication between students and faculty. I believe it is crucial to ensure that all students have a strong voice in shaping policies and initiatives that directly affect their education and experience at WVU. I'm committed to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for my peers throughout their time at West Virginia University.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? If elected, I would push for more opportunities for internships and networking events specifically tailored to engineering students, helping them prepare for their professional careers and build a valuable industry connections. I would also focus on advocating for better access to engineering labs and study spaces, as these are crucial for hands-on learning and collaboration experience among students. Engineering students can often face high stress levels. I would work on increasing awareness of mental health resources and promote initiatives that help students manage academic pressures while maintaining a balanced lifestyle. I am passionate about strengthening communication between students and faculty, and I would openly address concerns, ideas, etc to faculty from students to create a more open and transparent environment for all. By focusing on these issues, I aim to improve academic and student life experiences for everyone.

Why should students vote for you? My genuine commitment to improving the student experience at WVU sets me apart from others. As a freshman, I bring a fresh perspective and a strong understanding of the challenges students face, particularly in areas like academic support, career development, and mental health awareness. My dedication to actively listening to my peers, advocating for resources that will help students thrive. My focus on student-faculty communication, and career preparation makes me a candidate who truly understands and prioritizes the needs of students.

What do you love about WVU? What I love about WVU is its strong sense of community and the way it brings people together. The university has such a welcoming atmosphere and you can truly feel the Mountaineer pride in everything- from support for sports to the environment amongst students. I also love the beautiful campus and close-knit feel of Morgantown, where it feels like everyone is rooting for each other to do well. WVU holds the perfect balance of tradition and student-centered focus!

Fun Fact! If I'm not on campus...you'll probably find me at a small coffee shop enjoying chai tea!!

STATLER COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Matthew Bellisario (he/him)

Freshman in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Minor in Music Technology

Hometown: Morgantown, WV



Why are you running for this position? Throughout my time living in Morgantown, I've witnessed the continued growth of West Virginia University and hold immense pride in being a lifelong Mountaineer, through good and bad times. Now that I am attending West Virginia University to pursue degrees in engineering, I finally have the opportunity to contribute to the success of this institution through the Student Government Association. I am running so I can be one of the hands lifting WVU into an even brighter future by promoting sustainable practices at the administrative level and by enacting projects to improve the student experience as a whole. I am running because I feel as though my dreams for WVU can be realized with the teamwork of myself and other SGA members. Most of all, I am running to be a Statler College senator because I believe in this university.

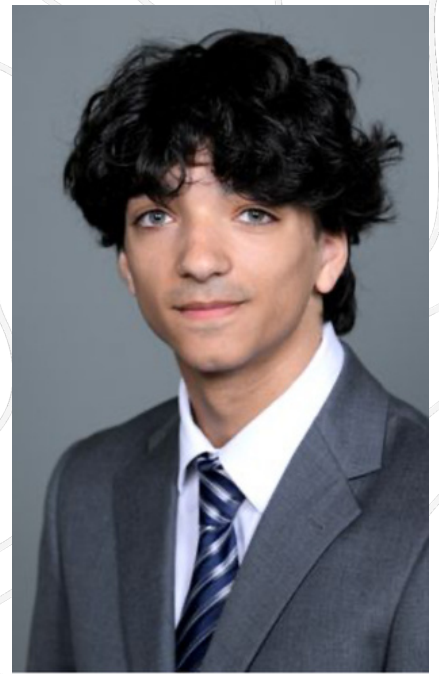
What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? In my mind, sustainability is key to the prolonged success of WVU. As a Statler senator, I would be focused on ways in which we can make our Engineering campus more environmentally sustainable and cost-effective. Projects I have in mind to achieve this include enriching the recycling program on engineering campus to include recycling streams for scrap metal, working with students/advisors in the Law and Economics schools to facilitate acquiring funding grants for WVU competition teams, and promoting the implementation of clean energy resources across all WVU campuses, namely solar panels. Student experience is another issue I wish to focus on during my time as a senator. WVU has seen a steadily declining enrollment over the past few years, and there are many ways to combat this trend. The number one reason students drop out of college is because they do not feel as though they belong. If elected, I would like to get the ball rolling on a program for students to find study groups to both ease the common college loneliness and the strain of grueling coursework all too common in STEM degree paths. To further increase the success of WVU's retained student base, I would also like to work with Career Services to hold resume tabling drives wherein representatives table out on WVU campus to provide resume checks, mock interviews, and career advice directly to students. Finally, I also would like to model a more equitable Engineering campus by providing menstrual products in all bathrooms, allocating space for more sensory rooms for neurodivergent students, and continuing the practice of holding collection drives of used lab equipment for students in need.

Why should students vote for you? Everyone running for an SGA position certainly cares about the future of WVU. What makes me different is my unique hometown perspective of WVU's issues and my prior leadership experience which I believe equips me to bring my visions for the future to life.

What do you love about WVU? I love the not-too-big-not-too-small feeling of WVU. We truly have a Goldilocks-sized school. I also love that our college radio station plays GOOD music.

Fun Fact! I'm in a band! We're called Sample Text! Come to a show sometime!

STATLER COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES



Alex Tadros (he/him)

Sophomore in Biomedical Engineering, Minor in General Business

Hometown: Morgantown, WV

Why are you running for this position? I enjoy being involved in initiatives that can help to improve the college as a whole and specifically within Statler. I am running for this position as opposed to an at-large senator because I feel that the projects I am passionate about more directly affect the Evansdale campus. Additionally, Statler enrolls some of the most involved students of any college. Goals become easier to accomplish when there are other students outside of yourself who are passionate about the same cause.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? One issue I am most interested in focusing on is campus beautification, specifically on Evansdale. The engineering buildings can feel a little brutalist, especially in the fall and winter when what little greenery is in place dies off. The engineering campus is right next to the creative arts center, which houses many talented students and clubs. It's a win-win scenario to display student created art within the engineering buildings.

Why should students vote for you? I stand out as a candidate because I also fall under the Eberly college. I am able to see what resources they provide for their students and where they fall short. This gives me additional experience and ideas about how I can better serve Statler and where our college has room to improve.

What do you love about WVU? My favorite thing about wvu is going to football games. I've gone to the games for as long as I can remember, but going as a student is an entirely different feeling.

Fun Fact! When I was a kid, I used to go to the wvu engineering summer camps. I still remember some of the challenges we had to do, making a system to get water from a kiddie pool to a collection bucket that was uphill.

STATLER COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Kaelen Armstrong (he/him)

Sophomore in Biomedical Engineering,
Minor in History

Hometown: Fairmont, WV



Why are you running for this position? I am running for SGA Statler College Senator to represent the needs of fellow students, especially those in engineering. My goal is to improve the daily lives of all students through my initiatives.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? The two key issues I would advocate for are combatting student loneliness and campus beautification. My idea is to start a mentoring program within the engineering college to help guide younger students who may feel lost or are struggling to adapt to college life. As for campus beautification, as an incumbent senator, I have already begun to design and send out surveys to gauge what students feel is needed on the Evansdale campus. Given more time, I plan to work with WVU's landscaping/construction team to beautify the campus in ways such as addition of greenery near walkways, increased WVU branding, added outdoor seating, and construction of lamps and lampposts, etc.

Why should students vote for you? Voting for me would not only address your wants and needs as a student, you would also be voting for an experienced SGA senator who has been working on these same student-driven initiatives.

What do you love about WVU? I love the sports, the diversity of backgrounds, and the people here who fight for the betterment of our university.

Fun Fact! I am a golden horseshoe winner (award for knowledge of WV history)!

STATLER COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Ian Paul (he/him)

Freshman in Industrial Engineering, Minor International Business

Hometown: Littlestown, WV



Why are you running for this position? I'm running to represent Statler and the student body in general because I want to make sure that all student voices are heard. Even though I may just be a Freshman this year, in the short time I've been around interning for SGA or in other clubs I've been able to get exposed to so many helpful systems or programs that were just a result of someone speaking up or giving feedback. I think this is especially vital in Statler and knowing I could have the golden opportunity to advocate and represent for the college and its students in the greater university is beyond exciting.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? In order to make sure that student voices are better heard and strengthen the cohesiveness of Statler as a whole, I'm looking to continue the work of others before me and continue exploring a Statler Student Advisory Board to better the communication between our many different majors and departments inside our college. This would mean establishing a student run group focused on discussing the student experience in Statler and allowing a place for students in the many different engineering majors to share ideas and identify areas where action is needed. Beyond this, I would more generally be looking to focus on outreach for the college and working with the Office of Sustainability and Facilities Management for improving the Evansdale side of campus.

Why should students vote for you? My standing as a Freshman engineering student really enables me to have a fresh look on all Statler has to offer and plenty of time to carry through on any initiatives. Otherwise, I keep myself well balanced in involvement with Statler as well as the greater WVU community gives me a diverse perspective along with my drive to give back to the college for all the great opportunities I've already been given.

What do you love about WVU? My favorite part about WVU is being able to meet and experience being around so many different people. The so many interesting personalities, interests, and even just generally the nicest people help to make Morgantown a second home for me.

Fun Fact! My favorite hobby is cooking and baking. Because of that I can say that I have made and eaten snails before and yes I did like it.

COLLEGE OF APPLIED HUMAN SCIENCES SENATOR CANDIDATE

Lily Campbell (she/her)

Freshman in Elementary Education, Minor in Child Studies and Family Development

Hometown: Martinsburg, WV



Why are you running for this position? I am running for this position because I want to be an advocate and voice for the well-being of all CAHS students. I believe every student deserves the opportunity to share their personal experiences at WVU, and to do this I am committed to fostering open communication between CAHS students, the university, and our Student Government. As an active listener and communicator, I will seek student feedback through an open google form posted around our college's main buildings and through social media platforms to ensure student voices are heard. It is my goal to make CAHS students feel valued and informed, and by running for this position I am one step closer to achieving just that.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? 1. Weekly communication from SGA towards CAHS * As a current freshmen, I have recently experienced the whirlwind that is known as the 1st week of college. I wanted to learn all about WVU and what was available to me as a student. Which led me to research what the Student Government Association was/does. But unlike me, there are several students who do not know what SGA is or does. Because of this I want to inform students of this resource they have, and other news shared by the university that they may be unaware of. 2. On Campus Closet *It is my goal to find a spot on campus to house a seasonal closet for all WVU students to access year round. College is expensive already, so why not check out good condition second hand clothes for free or donate things you may no longer need.

Why should students vote for you? I am hoping to earn CAHS students votes because of my dedication for open communication and university enhancement. Also my major and minor both reside within CAHS as well.

What do you love about WVU? I love how there's not one but two Chic-Fil-A's available to students on campus!

Fun Fact! I have a mini golden doodle named Ivy Bear who looks just like a Teddy Bear!

COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS AND MEDIA SENATOR CANDIDATES

Dominic Scott (he/him)

Freshman in Advertising/PR. Minor in Theatre

Hometown: Farmington, PA



Why are you running for this position? I was first introduced to SGA as an intern and I would love to become even more involved in advocacy, problem-solving, and the overall betterment of our WVU campuses.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? As a student of the Reed College, I have been exposed to just a fraction of many notable accomplishments in the fields of Art and Media. If elected, I would love to work with the Reed College and its related organizations/programs to give more recognition to the non-athletic achievements of many hard-working students. I would also like to look further into the reasons behind WVU's Ohio Tuition Reciprocity Agreement and begin a conversation about potential Pennsylvania Reciprocity rates. This could be a lengthy process, but someone must start somewhere, and a reciprocity-based tuition rate would help many students in my home county while only being a 30-minute drive from campus. I would also like to look into new initiatives for general student awareness of what is going on around campus. Word of Mouth is powerful, but there should be a more centralized place to see events and happenings within our school.

Why should students vote for you? Not only do I now have 2 semesters of SGA involvement under my belt, but in regards to my campaign to be a Reed College senator, I am enrolled in classes in the respective fields of both media and creative arts. With this school essentially having two heartbeats, (one in Evansdale and one Downtown), I can feel the pulse of both on a student level, thus being very apt to understand and hold stake in its range of matters. I do not hold one side above the other, and as a senator, I would effectively be able to advocate for both.

What do you love about WVU? I love how welcoming WVU has been since I enrolled. Ever since I became involved on campus, from SGA to WVU theatre, I have felt very welcomed.

Fun Fact! I collect vinyls and watch A LOT of movies.

COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS AND MEDIA SENATOR CANDIDATES

Gabriel Flanagan (he/they)

Sophomore in Music Therapy, Minor in Addiction Studies

Hometown: Morgantown, WV



Why are you running for this position? I often find that students in the CCAM are under-informed about outside aspects of WVU, and in turn, unaware of the opportunities available to them. There are currently thousands of dollars available through SGA to CCAM organizations that are currently going unused that students are unaware of, so I plan to work with student organizations and ensembles to increase awareness of these opportunities. Alongside this I am running to ensure that the needs of CCAM students are represented within SGA and WVU administration.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I have three primary goals within SGA, the first of course is ensuring the representation of student voices within the CCAM and making sure these voices are heard not only within SGA, but also by school administration, both during this time of academic transformation and into the future. My second goal is to ensure that the students of the CCAM are aware of the opportunities available to them, both through financial support from SGA and local music/art venues. My final goal is to create practice room availability on the downtown campus through the use of currently vacant spaces.

Why should students vote for you? As a student of the CCAM I understand the importance of having our voices be heard, especially as the CCAM continues to go through a time of academic transformation. Before participating in SGA, I have been an active participant in CCCAM town hall meetings, and a member of a faculty search committee, engaging in masterclasses and interviews in the search for a new professor. Also a member of a local band and as a visual artist, I also understand the importance of connecting CCAM students with opportunities within the local arts/music scene, so I would like to work with our dean and local venues to promote student music.

What do you love about WVU? As someone who has been raised in Morgantown, I have always loved the support for the arts it provides, and how many opportunities there are to engage with music and the arts in almost every medium you can think of.

Fun Fact! Alongside playing music, I love painting, and am also a chef at 48 Donley st. a fine dining restaurant in Morgantown!

COLLEGE OF CREATIVE ARTS AND MEDIA SENATOR CANDIDATES

Kendall Drobish (she/her)

Sophomore in Advertising and Public Relations, Minors in Strategic Social Media and Entrepreneurship

Hometown: Weirton, WV



Why are you running for this position? I am running for senator because I believe the College of Creative Arts and Media deserves a stronger presence within the university. With the recent merger, it's essential to have representatives who understand our students' needs and will advocate for opportunities that elevate creative talent. I want to ensure that students feel heard and valued and have access to resources that will help them thrive both academically and professionally.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? A big focus of mine is making sure CCAM students feel seen and supported across campus. Our college is full of incredibly talented and creative students, and I want to make sure they have more opportunities to showcase their work and connect with others outside of our college. Whether through student performances, art showcases, or media projects, I believe we deserve a larger platform at university-wide events. I also want to bring back a mentorship program within CCAM, pairing underclassmen with experienced upperclassmen who can help them navigate academics, career opportunities, and life at WVU. Having that kind of support made a huge difference for me, and I know it could benefit so many others.

Why should students vote for you? Students should vote for me because I am passionate about making sure our college is recognized and represented across campus. I bring leadership experience from my involvement as a student ambassador of the college and PRSSA member, where I've worked to create meaningful opportunities. I am committed to advocating for initiatives that will help students in our college grow, collaborate, and succeed.

What do you love about WVU? One of my favorite things about WVU is that no matter where you go, you'll always spot someone repping the Flying WV. Whether it's on campus, out of state, or even at the airport, Mountaineers are everywhere. It's just cool knowing that no matter where you are, you've got that WVU connection!

Fun Fact! I run my own cake pop business, Kendall's Kreationz, where I make custom cake pops for events and local businesses!

DAVIS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES



Ashlynn Traylor (she/her)

Sophomore in Animal and
Nutritional Sciences

Hometown: Winfield, WV

Why are you running for this position? I am running for Davis College Senator to advocate for the health of our campus and our students. I want to spread awareness for the safety of our students, as well as combat loneliness on campus. I want to make WVU a clean and safe space for the students, visitors, and wildlife.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? There are many areas on WVU campus that are not well lit at night. Students worry walking home, I will campaign for street lights in dark areas, and spread awareness for the safety of a buddy-system. Many students are lonely on-campus; I will create fun, themed events, bowling night, etc., and promote it so that students can form groups and make new connections. I care about the cleanliness of our campus and how it affects our students, visitors, wildlife, and the environment. I will spread awareness on ways to keep our campus clean, host litter-cleanings, and put more recycle bins around campus.

Why should students vote for you? I love West Virginia, I love WVU, and I am very involved in and around campus; I will continue to do so. Vote for me!

What do you love about WVU? Big and beautiful campus with a great community!

Fun Fact! I love animals and nature! My favorite band of all time is The Beatles.

DAVIS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Thomas Gigenbach (he/him)

Sophomore in Environmental Soil
and Water Sciences

Hometown: Morgantown, WV



Why are you running for this position? I am running for this position, as I am an incumbent, and would love to continue to represent the wonderful students of Davis College. During my first term, I learned how to communicate with the WVU administration and write legislation. I would like a second term to focus specifically on legislation that benefits Davis College students.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I will focus on expanding community areas at Davis College. I have met with Dean Atilas and he wants to focus on building community within Davis College. Hopefully, this can culminate in the growth of community areas like lounges, the Davis store, or hammock areas. I will also focus on representing the Davis College students more efficiently. I mainly see students within my major in my courses, which stops me from fairly representing all students of Davis College. So, I would like to create a board, complaint box, and/or form that allows Davis Students to better share their concerns with their SGA representatives.

Why should students vote for you? People should vote for me, as I have previously held this position so I have experience at representing their interests.

What do you love about WVU? I love the atmosphere at WVU sporting events. Its electrifying to root for WVU with tens of thousands of other fans.

Fun Fact! Jimmy Johns follows my Instagram account.

DAVIS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES



Briar Hale (he/him)

Sophomore in Environmental and Energy Resources Management, Minors in Statistics, Forest Resources Management

Why are you running for this position? I hope to add support to the students in Davis College following the budget cuts. I am one of the students doing a teach out in my major (which is also unaccredited) so I understand what it's like to be unsure of your major and not knowing how to market yourself after college. My goal is to make our students feel more confident when they get to the job market.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I would like to see more resources available for students seeking certifications during or after college. This could be in the form of a website that gives a breakdown of certifications and their requirements (such as classes, or anything you need to complete while in college). I have found it difficult to go out and find this sort of information online, so compiling it together for students would be helpful.

Why should students vote for you? I already have experience searching for certifications and changing my schedule to match those requirements. Which means I'll have a good starting point to do it for other majors.

What do you love about WVU? I like watching the groundhogs on the hill that leads up to the back of Woodburn Hall; they are the easiest to spot when standing on the second floor of Brooks Hall.

Fun Fact! I like to run at our local parks, and work on my car.

EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Olivia Robinson (she/her)

Sophomore in Criminology and
English, Minor in Philosophy

Hometown: Waldorf, MD



Why are you running for this position? I am running for Senator of the Eberly College to continue to represent the Eberly voice, which is so unique because the college is all-encompassing. The Eberly College needs someone like me, who sees and understands students of all backgrounds.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I want to unite the Eberly voice and help the college form a distinctive identity. This will be accomplished with the implementation of events specifically geared to Eberly students, and the creation of a common space for Eberly students. I also want to help give back by working to better the literacy rate in the Morgantown community through service.

Why should students vote for you? I am a natural born advocate. I will always, always, stand up for those who have a voice that needs to be heard. My choices are deliberate, and I put care into every move I make.

What do you love about WVU? I love the Morgantown community so much because no matter where you go in the country, there will always be someone who recognizes the flying WV logo and has something to share about their experience at WVU.

Fun Fact! I have had a black belt in karate for ten years!

EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Zadie Worley (she/her)

Freshman in Neuroscience, Minors in
Dance and Early Intervention Studies

Hometown: Lester, WV



Why are you running for this position? SGA has a huge influence on our campus and student life here at WVU. I believe that more students should be connected to and able to give their input to our Student Government Association. I am running to bridge this disconnect between our student population and SGA so that your voice becomes better heard! Having been concerned for my own safety on campus and understanding that many other students feel the same way, I also am passionate about helping to resolve safety concerns on campus to make WVU a more comfortable place for students to go to school.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I am focused on enhancing SGA communication with the student body, making our campus a safer place to live, and also improving advising resources for ECAS students. If elected, I would specifically work to provide better lighting to darkly lit areas of campus and create more mentoring/advising programs within the Eberly College, all while continuing to listen to student needs and creating opportunities for students to interact more with our SGA members.

Why should students vote for you? Students should vote for me because I am highly involved throughout campus and listen to student needs/wants. I also have varying experience within SGA and through other leadership roles that would allow me to work most effectively as your senator!

What do you love about WVU? I love the friendly atmosphere that WVU carries. I also love many places on campus such as E. Moore Hall where I am usually studying if I'm not dancing.

Fun Fact! A few years ago I taught myself how to juggle and I still practice the skill often!

EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES



Paige Tuttle (she/her)

Freshman in International Studies, Minors in Biology, Geography, and Statistics

Hometown: Morgantown, WV

Why are you running for this position? I've been fortunate enough to see the work SGA is able to do through being in the internship program, and it inspires me to continue advocating for the student body to have a voice. We've been dealing with a lot of changes as a university and they will likely continue happening as the university transitions to a new president with a fresh perspective. The most important thing that we can do is make sure that students' opinions are heard, and I want the opportunity to stand up for the variety of students encompassed in Eberly College.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I would like to focus on empowering students to get more involved. There are so many opportunities for students both on and off campus, but I feel like students get intimidated because they have to seek them out. By having more clarity around the resources available to them, such as Aspire and the Eberly Writing Studio, I hope that students will feel comfortable enough to use the support offered in order to pursue jobs, internships, or research opportunities that are out of their comfort zones. The resources to help students are there, so workshopping ways to motivate students to take advantage of them is the next major step.

Why should students vote for you? I feel as though I'm able to relate to all the students of Eberly. Eberly is the largest college, and it covers a variety of academic focuses. This can make it hard for a single person to advocate for Eberly as a whole instead of for a subset of people within Eberly; however, I'm in the unique position of being able to empathize with more people in Eberly because of the wide range my major and minors cover. I wouldn't be coming into this position with only a social science perspective on Eberly because of my minors in Biology and Statistics. These minors will help me recognize issues that STEM students may be facing, and allow me to advocate for them in addition to social science students.

What do you love about WVU? One place that I've fallen in love with since coming to WVU has been the Downtown Library! The comfortable seating mixed with the calm atmosphere makes it the perfect place to study.

EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Lauren Erwin (she/her)

Freshman in Political Science, Philosophy,
and English

Hometown: Wheeling, WV



Why are you running for this position? This stage in a person's life marks a pivotal time of self-discovery, where individuals are beginning to understand who they truly are. Self-expression on campus plays a crucial role in this journey. As a representative of the student body, I aim to be a voice for those who may feel unheard, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to explore and embrace their authentic selves. By advocating for more inclusive spaces and opportunities, I hope to foster an environment where everyone can fully discover who they are throughout their college experience.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I believe that awareness of SGA is currently too limited, and I aim to change that by increasing its visibility among the student body. By ensuring more students know about SGA and its role, we can create a stronger connection between students and those who are dedicated to amplifying their voices. This will open up more opportunities for students to achieve their goals across campus, ultimately enhancing the overall college experience at WVU.

Why should students vote for you? People should vote for me because I am compassionate and deeply empathetic, able to understand and appreciate diverse perspectives. These qualities drive me to not shy away from advocating for others and speaking up for their needs, as I believe it is my true purpose to ensure everyone's voice is heard.

What do you love about WVU? One of the things I love most about WVU is the people. The student body is incredibly diverse, with each individual bringing something unique to the table, and I think that's truly a beautiful thing to witness.

Fun Fact! I am a marvel fanatic! Bucky Barnes is my hero.

EBERLY COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Julia Schmidt (she/her)

Sophomore in Political Science, Minors in Women and Gender Studies and Leadership Studies

Hometown: Warrenton, VA



Why are you running for this position? I am running for this position to better student faculty relations within the Eberly college and our alumni connections. Recognize and advocate for queer and gender non-conforming identifying members of the student body. I am also running to better student relations and our academic standing as a university.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? Supporting a better relationship between faculty and students, by creating a more readily available line of communication for faculty-student (and alumni) opportunities to help students achieve their goals - Moving to creating more readily available spaces for Eberly students to prioritize their mental health, by working with the Eberly college to create safe-spaces within various buildings within the college - Moving to create more beauty within the walls of the Eberly college, there is a large amount of history within our buildings that do not have enough space or beautified centers where students (and potential students) can more easily learn about what our college has to offer - Working with the WVU Division of Campus Engagement and Compliance to try to give students a more streamlined experience to give them the additional resources or help that they may need.

Why should students vote for you? As a political science major I am passionate about helping better our Eberly community

What do you love about WVU? My favorite thing about WVU is the friendships I have made while being here. Being at WVU put me out of my comfort zone and I formed an amazing group of friends on my First-Year adventure trip, these individuals have given me a family despite being far from home and has made my experience here nothing short of amazing.

Fun Fact! I've been skydiving in South Africa!

HEALTH SCIENCES SENATOR CANDIDATES



Grant Lefevre (he/him)

Sophomore in Exercise Physiology

Hometown: Morgantown, WV

Why are you running for this position? I have been apart of the SGA intern program for almost a year now and I would like this opportunity to make some changes within my college and the university as a whole that an intern can't necessarily make. Becoming a college senator gives me the chance to become a voice for students and faculty alike that have expressed concerns or changes they would like to make within the college. I believe I am the right person for this job to make sure no voice goes unheard.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I would like to bring more awareness to things such as research opportunities, internships, and volunteer/shadowing opportunities that are crucial in building a good resume in the health sciences field.

Why should students vote for you? I know a lot of people within the health sciences college including faculty and students. I am open to listening to their concerns and using me as an outlet to express concerns and changes they would like to make within the health sciences college.

What do you love about WVU? The thing I enjoy most about WVU is the familiarity of going to college in the same state I grew up in. I feel as though there is a lot of pride in West Virginias culture and that has always resonated with me.

Fun Fact! In my free time I enjoy playing the guitar and skateboarding

HEALTH SCIENCES SENATOR CANDIDATES



Gabriella Selders (she/her)

Sophomore in Pre-Pharmacy

Hometown: Morgantown, WV

Why are you running for this position? I am running for an SGA position to advocate for the Health Sciences student population on campus. Along with representing my college, I want to uphold and continue the progression of making West Virginia University a healthy and safe environment for our students and community in Morgantown.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? During the recent administration, I teamed up with another fellow senator to construct a plan for implementing a hydration station at WVU football games. We have had significant progress in reaching out to services on campus and creating a sustainable plan. Once elected, we will finish creating the project and serve water to WVU students in tailgating areas. The hydration station will serve to reduce alcohol-related and heat-related injury. Other key areas I would like to focus on if elected are encouraging Health Sciences students throughout the school year, being open to communicate to hear of student needs, and working on sustainable, health-based initiatives to benefit WVU students' mental health, physical health, and reproductive health.

Why should students vote for you? I have been apart of SGA due to a Health Sciences Senator vacancy which I filled back in the fall semester of 2024. Since then, I have successfully ran initiatives that I have created (the Cupid's Drive this February, aimed to gather undergarment donations for those unhoused) and those created by fellow senators (Menstrual Equity Taskforce during November-December).

What do you love about WVU? The tradition I love the most at WVU is going up to Law School Hill to watch the pre-game performance from WVU's Marching Band Percussionists. It's the perfect way to kick off football game days. My second favorite tradition is Mountaineer Week, as I'm proud to be Appalachian and celebrating what it means to be a mountaineer.

Fun Fact! A fun fact about myself is that I love dinosaurs and I hope one day to own a full Triceratops skull!

HEALTH SCIENCES SENATOR CANDIDATES

Catherine Evans (she/her)

Freshman in Immunology and Medical Microbiology, Minor in Equine Studies

Hometown: Washington, WV



Why are you running for this position? I am running for this position because I feel like I am the person who can help tackle the concerns of my fellow students. I am a good listener, communicator and innovator. I want to help improve our university and I truly think the best way to do that is to get input from others. And that's exactly what I will do if I am elected, I will listen to what my classmates need and want.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? Some key issues I would like to work on are transportation and safety, but the issues I am most interested in are the ones that the students of Health Science are most concerned with. I am only one person, I don't experience or see everything, that's why I feel it is important to hear from others and their concerns.

Why should students vote for you? I think people should vote for me because I am going into this wanting to hear from them, listen to their problems and help solve them. I am here for them and what they need and want.

What do you love about WVU? I love WVU because it gives so many people so many different opportunities. WVU allows us to keep doing what we love and discover other things along the way,

Fun Fact! I have two dogs, Boo and Peppermint, and a cat, Missy

HEALTH SCIENCES SENATOR CANDIDATES

Denzel Duvert (he/him)

Sophomore in Exercise Physiology, Minor
in Medical Humanities and Health Studies

Hometown: Fairmont, WV



Why are you running for this position? I am running for this position to represent the interests of my college, and improve the WVU experience for HSC students.

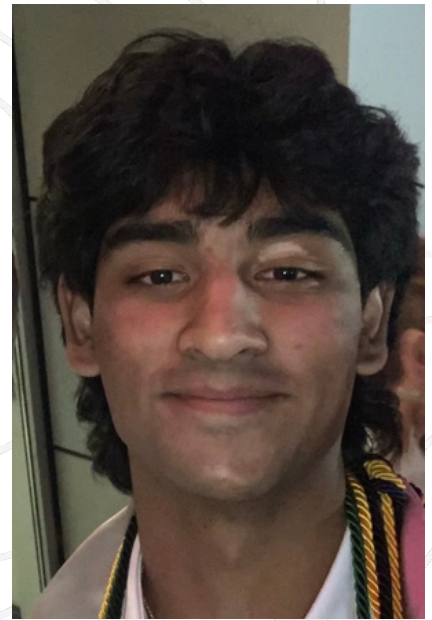
What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? If elected, I would like to focus on providing chemistry/biology lab equipment for students. I hope to coordinate with lab teaching assistants to collect lab equipment from students who no longer need them.

Why should students vote for you? My willingness to accept criticism as well as my experience as a current HSC intern and former SGA intern is what makes me stand out as a candidate.

What do you love about WVU? I love the PRT (when it's working) because it's a piece of infrastructure unique to WVU.

Fun Fact! My favorite candy is Swedish fish :)

HEALTH SCIENCES SENATOR CANDIDATES



Ayaan Shaik (he/him)

Sophomore in Exercise Physiology, Minor in Finance

Hometown: Charleston, WV

Why are you running for this position? I am running for HSC College Senator at WVU because I am passionate about representing the unique needs of Health Sciences students and ensuring their voices are heard. As an HSC student, I understand the challenges we face, from balancing rigorous coursework to accessing mental health resources and study spaces. I plan to prioritize improving study facilities, promoting interdisciplinary collaboration, and enhancing career development opportunities. I am committed to transparency and will actively seek input through town halls and feedback channels to ensure every student's voice is represented.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? If elected as HSC College Senator, I will prioritize improving transportation, parking, and study spaces to address the unique challenges faced by Health Sciences students. Many of us struggle with limited parking options and unreliable transportation, especially during early morning or late-night courses. I will work with WVU Transportation and Parking Services to create discounted parking permits for HSC students and explore shuttle services specifically for those traveling to and from HSC. Additionally, I will advocate for extended hours and upgraded facilities in the HSC Library, ensuring it is equipped with essential resources like anatomy models, whiteboards, and charging stations. I will also push for dedicated group study rooms to foster collaboration among students in different disciplines.

Why should students vote for you? You should vote for me because I'm all about balancing fun with getting things done. I understand the importance of enjoying your college experience, but I'm also ready to work hard when it matters. I'll bring a fresh, student-focused perspective to the role, making sure your voice is heard while keeping things light and approachable.

What do you love about WVU? Looking at Woodburn Hall when I walk to class

Fun Fact! My Birthday is on Christmas

CHAMBERS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES



Michael Mugnano (he/him)

Freshman in Political Science and Economics

Hometown: Bridgeport, WV

Why are you running for this position? Being that I am a born-and-raised Mountaineer, I always want to see WVU not just succeed, but thrive. With that, students will always have issues that they are concerned about and need addressed. When those issues arise, they deserve to have a representative that is eager to assist them in their needs. I am running for this position because I know I can continue to be an active advocate for students here at West Virginia University.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I have a passion for bringing people together, so I will have a focus on promoting student organizations within the Chambers college. I plan to do this by creating more opportunities for student organizing to promote themselves to Chambers students. I also plan on working with faculty to ensure all the opportunities they are offering are actually getting out to interested students. Right now, I am working on the creation of a Chambers Ask Desk for students to have another resource to find the answers to questions that are common for business students. Finally, I want to reshape SGA to promote involvement from students who are not in the assembly or in an executive position.

Why should students vote for you? Something that sets me apart from the other candidates is my experience serving in the SGA Assembly. This past year, I served as the only freshman Senator representing WVU students. This is a role I have and will continue to take seriously. I want to go into legislative law, so the process that SGA goes through in order to help students is something I am passionate about.

What do you love about WVU? I truly believe WVU is an incredibly special place. Both the students and faculty here at WVU want to see fellow Mountaineers succeed in their careers and personal endeavors. I am also taken aback by the pride we have as Mountaineers when singing "Country Roads" in the special moments of graduation and wins over Pitt.

Fun Fact! I love going on trips to national parks! This past summer I got to go on a trip visiting Yosemite and Kings Canyon national parks. While there I visited the General Sherman Tree and swam at the base of Yosemite Falls.

CHAMBERS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES



Hank Poole (he/him)

Sophomore in Political Science and Marketing

Hometown: Parkersburg, WV

Why are you running for this position? I'm running for SGA College Senator to be a strong voice for students and organizations within Chambers College. I currently serve as an executive committee member of Delta Sigma Pi, the largest business fraternity on campus, and as a member of the executive team in WVU's American Marketing Association chapter. Additionally, I am a member of the Hospitality Club and frequently attend meetings with the MISA Club and the Law & Econ Club. These are some of the most prominent organizations within our college, and I have firsthand experience with their needs. Having built strong relationships with these organizations, I will work with them to ensure they apply for SGA funding and I will advocate for their financial support as a college senator.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? I will assist and advocate for our student business organizations to receive more funding from the Student Government Association in the form of grants. I will advocate for an efficient campus-wide snow removal system to improve safety for pedestrians. Additionally, I will vote in favor of initiatives that help lower the cost of textbooks and other educational resources (e.g., Top Hat, McGraw-Hill, etc.), as well as advocate for transparency within the "First Day Complete" program.

Why should students vote for you? I stand out as a candidate because I take action. I'm heavily involved with our various business organizations, and I will help advance opportunities for all business students. I also spend much of my free time in Reynolds Hall, so I'm always close by for a conversation!

What do you love about WVU? I love the people, I love the history, and I love WVU's role as not only an educational institution but also a cultural staple of the great state of West Virginia. Most of all, I love that I couldn't see myself anywhere else.

Fun Fact! At eight years old, I was awarded the key to the city and made an honorary sheriff's deputy of Tupelo, Mississippi, by Mayor Jason Sheldon.

CHAMBERS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Cole Snyder (he/him)

Junior in Economics, Minors in Finance,
Politics, Economics, and Philosophy

Hometown: Anderson, WV



Why are you running for this position? I'm interested in getting to know more fellow Chambers students, hearing their concerns, and helping to address them. SGA seems like a phenomenal tool for this. Any progress is progress, and I'd like to be a part of it!

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? If elected, I'd like to focus on campus nutrition at our dining halls (an issue that especially affects freshmen), and the expansion of tutoring programs in an efficient manner.

Why should students vote for you? Settling for mediocre isn't in my nature. As your Chambers senator, I'd strive to provide the best outcomes for you at all times. I'm very personable, please approach me with your issues!

What do you love about WVU? The Core Arboretum is my favorite part of campus! I love walking through the woods during the spring/fall. Furthermore, I'm an avid WVU sports fan and almost never miss an event. Let's go!

Fun Fact! This summer I plan on going on an overnight bike trip of over 100 miles!

CHAMBERS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES

Trey Adams (he/him)

Freshman in Finance and Political Science

Hometown: Indiana, PA



Why are you running for this position? I've always had a love for politics and the financial aspect of it, so SGA not only fulfills this long term goal but also allows me to fix some of the problems present on campus. Additionally, I believe that the leadership skills I learned from rugby in high school and being the head of various initiatives back home has prepared me well for my role in student government.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? This coming year I want to hone in on the trash problem on campus and at football games through preventative measures as well as delegate more funding to clubs and club sports in general.

Why should students vote for you? I'm very down to earth and willing to put in the hours to get done whatever needs to be accomplished.

What do you love about WVU? I love that Chicfila is only a 7 minute walk from where I live

Fun Fact! I'm the oldest of 6 children!

CHAMBERS COLLEGE SENATOR CANDIDATES



Grace Everly (she/her)

Junior in Marketing, Minor in Philosophy

Hometown: Williamstown, WV

Why are you running for this position? I am running for Chambers College Senator to be a voice for my fellow Chambers Students, and advocate on their behalf. This will be my third year involved in SGA and I'm excited to have a new position where I can directly benefit my classmates, and create a more accessible business school.

What key issues would you like to focus on if elected? If elected, I'd focus on expanding online BCOR classes for greater flexibility, adding more diverse tutoring to the AeSC, and improving communication between advisors and students. I'd like to work with faculty and increase online course offerings, collaborate with the tutoring center to bring in a wider variety of expertise, and promote regular check-ins between advisors and students throughout the semester. These changes would ensure students receive the support they need to succeed academically.

Why should students vote for you? Being the only female candidate for Chambers, I believe I will bring a diverse and necessary voice to the discussion.

What do you love about WVU? I love the familial aspect of this University. Whether you are born and raised in WV, or from out of state, there is a place for you here.

Fun Fact! I have an orange long haired cat named Betty!