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The Patriot Student Council Election Edition

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Presidential candidates state goals

Amanda Esposito '07

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I have decided to run for Student Council president because I have had so much fun in Student Council as a junior and would really enjoy improving the school and making the events more fun and memorable.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

I am currently the photo historian for Student Council, a peer counselor, a member of NHS, vice president of the symphony orchestra, varsity girl's volleyball manager, teachers assistant at Chez Dance Studio, and a life guard at Lake Kandle.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

As a member of the student council executive board, I would like to create new events, improve old events, get the student body more involved, and lastly lead student council to first place in the spirit parade.

What is something that voters may not know about you?

I have been dancing for fifteen years. My favorite color is red, and I love Taco Bell's Crunch Wrap Supreme.



Nady Hin '07



Why have you decided to run for this position?

I decided I wanted to run for president because it would make senior year amazing and I believe I could truly make a difference for the organization.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

I am/was a member of model UN, youth and government, NHS, and Peer to Peer, and I work during the week (reenforcing my time management).

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

As the president, I would like to incorporate some new ideas and programs including suggestion boxes throughout the school, and new activities like a volleyball tournament, and I want to establish a student forum where the student body can express its complaints and ideas for change to the student council executive board.

What is something that voters may not know about you?

I know how to get the job done, and still have fun. I have a variety of friends, who participate in the many activities offered by the school, and I feel I can represent them all. If elected to this position I would try to represent the student body as a whole, and better the school.

Reema Patel '07

Why have you decided to run for this position?

Because I love Student Council and the past three years have been amazing! If I am elected, it'll give me the chance to make next year's student council and activities like dodge ball and Mr. WT better than ever for the whole school.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

NHS member, peer counselor, tennis manager, project 540, and I volunteer at the hospital and baby-sit. It's important to reach out and still have fun.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

First off, win first place during the spirit parade (after so many years of trying), to have more people involved in student council next year, and to do more for the school, and the students.

What is something voters may not know about you?

Sleeping is my favorite hobby and I love Lucky Charms. But seriously, I'm responsible and motivated, a leader the students can count on.



Four compete for vice presidency

Mitsu Asher '07

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I have been part of the executive board since my freshmen year and have grown over the years. It would be great to graduate as the vice president of one of my favorite clubs.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

Currently I am an administrative ambassador on the executive board. Also I am in NHS, Interact Club, Freshmen Transition and Project 540. I feel like I can work with people and easily relate to them.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

I hope to make next year one of the best not only for myself but for the entire student body.

What is one thing you would like voters to know about you?

I was born in India, lived in United Arab Emirates, presently live in the US, have a Japanese first name and a Jewish last name.... talk about an identity crisis.



Ashley Trombetta '07

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I've decided to run because I want to be more involved with WTHS, and I want my senior year to be more memorable.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

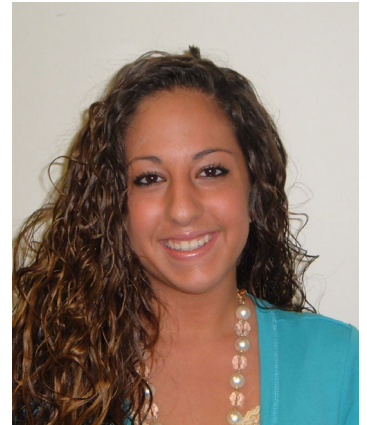
I am currently a public relations representative on the student council executive board. Also, I am a member of the National Honor Society.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

As a member of the 2006-2007 student council executive board I would like to get the student body more involved with things such as the state charity fundraisers and the dances.

What is one thing you would like voters to know about you?

I feel that I am very dedicated, and I will commit to all of my duties as vice president.



Katelin Merkh '07

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I decided to run for vice president because I feel I could make a difference for the school and work to make the students happy.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

This year I am also on the executive board, holding the position of public relations.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

To be a good leader and accomplish goals.

What is one thing you would like the voters to know about you?

I believe I am a very responsible and organized person and would represent the executive board well.



Cristina Virgilio '08

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I have actively participated on the executive board since my freshmen year and have thoroughly enjoyed every experience and taken every opportunity available to me. I would love to continue to work with Student Council to benefit the student body and serve as a representative of the student voice.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

I hold the current position of Student Council Executive Board's recording secretary, Washington Township High School's representative for the New Jersey Association of Student Council's state board, the freshmen and sophomore editor of the yearbook, and summer Leadership Training Conference delegate (LTC).

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

My main goal as vice president is to reach out to my fellow peers with unprecedented, self-sacrificing spirit. I want to promote a greater role of the student body in Student Council and continue to organize and enact core student events such as Mr. Washington Township, Dodge Ball and Winter Twilight.

What is one thing you would like the voters to know about you?

Just some random facts: I can say the alphabet forward and backward in four different languages. I'm an active senior Girl Scout, and I am the reigning Miss New Jersey National Teenager. I'm an advocate of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and hope one day that my efforts will help find a cure.



Vote

Homeroom
Friday, May 19

Financial managers look forward to change

Caitlyn McFall '07

Position for which you are running: Treasurer

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I decided to run because I feel I can make a difference in the school by running for a high position.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

This year, I was also on the executive board, holding the position of public relations.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

I hope to not only be a good leader but to also be an inspiration to the student body.

Describe one thing that you would like voters to know about you.

I believe that I am a very reliable person and would be a good addition to the executive board next year.



Michael Jay Wright '09

Position for which you are running: Treasurer

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I decided to run because I will be able to do a great job handling the Student Council's accounts.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

I previously worked in peer mediation to help other students solve their problems.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

I hope that we can really change our school for the better next year. It would be great if we could plan more school events similar to the dodge ball and Mr. Washington Township events.

What is one thing you would like voters to know about you?

I think I am very trustworthy and that anything that can happen, I could be trusted with.



Corresponding Secretary runs uncontested

Sarah Dollarton '09

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I feel that I am well suited to fit this position. I think I will do a very good job as corresponding secretary. Also, I want to be a part of something good... Student Council!

What previous leadership experience have you had?

I was in Class Council in middle school, and I was also in yearbook in middle school. This year I was the boys' freshman basketball manager and on the freshman soccer team, and I am currently on the JV softbal team.

What do you hope to accomplish in this office?

I hope to make the student council even better than it already is. I also hope to make all of our events as good as possible.

What is one thing you would like voters to know about you?

I would just like everyone to know that I am a very loyal and friendly person and I get along with most people.

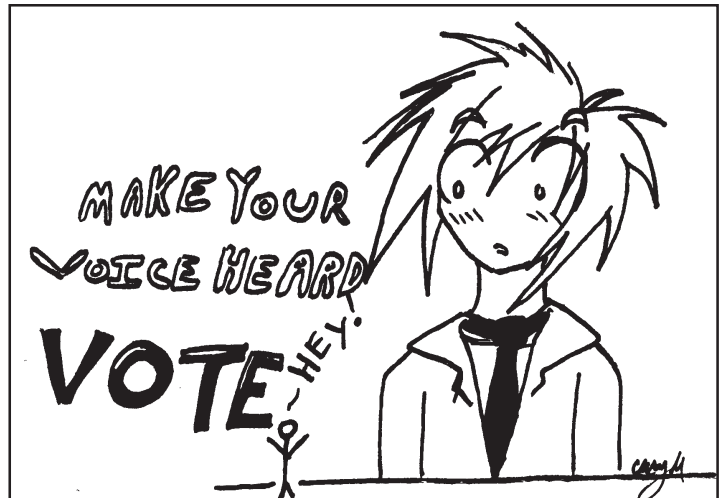


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2006-7 Student Council Executive Board Candidates

President:

- Amanda Esposito '07
- Nady Hin '07
- Reema Patel '07

Vice President:

- Mitsu Asher '07
- Ashley Trombetta '07
- Katelin Merkh '07
- Cristina Virgilio '08

Treasurer:

- Caitlyn McFall '07
- Michael Jay Wright '09

Recording Secretary:

- Dana Pasqualone '07
- Sam Baranowski '08

Corresponding Secretary:

- Sarah Dollarton '09

Organization key to recording secretary job

Dana Pasqualone '07

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I love and enjoy being part of the student council executive board. Being in one of the top five positions will allow more time to be with Student Council.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

During my high school years I have been involved in student council executive board, varsity cheerleading and DECA.

What do you hope to accomplish in this position?

I hope to make Student Council more organized, and I hope to bring new ideas such as events, organizations, and charities to the student body.

What is one thing you would like voters to know about you.

I am organized and I work hard to get the job done.



Sam Baranowski '08

Why have you decided to run for this position?

I have been an active member of the executive board since freshman year, and I believe that I can bring leadership and experience to the executive board. Also I want to be a broadcast journalist, so the position of secretary would help me prepare.

What previous leadership experience have you had?

I'm currently the photo historian for the executive board. I am in the National Society of High School Scholars, on varsity track and swimming and I was selected as a delegate for the NJ leadership Training Conference.

What do you hope to accomplish in this position?

I hope to act as a leader for the student body, and to continue my role as chairperson of state charity.

What is one thing you would like voters to know about you.

My pet peeve is not matching, and I love dry cereal and swim practice in the rain.



Roving Reporter Mark Natale and Dave Zappacosta

What issues would you like to see student council address next year?



"Student council should host more school events, such as informal dances."

-Lauren Kaiser '06



"Student council should help push for no gym for varsity athletes. Gym [for those athletes] should be replaced with a study hall"

- Taylor Sartorio '09



"We need to pay more attention to the school's appearance, both inside and outside. Student council could take measures to form community service projects to help keep our school looking nice."

- Jackie Petruzelli '07



"Student council should collaborate with limo companies in order to help with the expense of school dances and proms."

- Katie Dunn '09