



Student Government Association
Candidate Packet Spring 2018

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*Bios were written and submitted by Candidates.

Descriptions of Positions

The **Student Body President** not only represents all students as part of our campus community but also serves as the sole Student Regent for Western Kentucky University's Board of Regents and two subcommittees of the Board. In addition to leading the Executive Board of the Student Government Association (SGA), the President represents all students by serving as the only student representative on more than 10 university committees including Faculty Senate and all affiliated duties. The President may also be called to serve on additional ad hoc committees during his or her term. Cumulatively, these meetings total approximately 30 hours each week, and often take place outside of the SGA President's twelve scheduled weekly office hours. Beyond these duties, the President serves an important role on the Steering Committee of the 10-year Strategic Planning initiative for the WKU. Furthermore, the WKU SGA President acts as one of eight members of the Board of Student Body Presidents for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as well as an advisory student to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education. Many of these meetings occur in Frankfort and involve lobbying on behalf of all Kentucky students for higher education funding. Service to SGA, WKU, and the student body is nonstop and does not simply take place during scheduled hours. When committing to this position, a student commits to week days, weekends, evenings, and all vacations for one fiscal year.

The **Executive Vice President** is responsible for assisting the Student Body President with attendance at meetings and any other business matters. The Executive Vice President serves on multiple university committees: the Student Life Foundation, the Budget Council, the Parking and Transportation Committee, and the Student Advisement Award Subcommittee. The Budget Council met for more than 100 hours during the 2017-2018 school year, and advises the president on the budget. The EVP is also charged with all Senator appointments to university committees. The EVP plans the annual trip to Frankfort as well. In addition, the EVP maintains correspondence with the regional campuses and establishes regional campus ambassadors. This position requires a minimum of 10 office hours, not including Senate or Executive meetings, or additional university committees or subcommittee meetings.

The **Administrative Vice President** is responsible for the maintenance of SGA's budget, chairing the Organizational Aid committee, and keeping record of all legislation. The AVP is responsible for transferring all SGA funds to the appropriate places, purchasing all supplies needed for SGA, including scantrons, green books, and supplies for events, and communicating passed legislation to the administration, faculty, and staff. The AVP oversees the office and ensures that the budget is being used efficiently. This student is also responsible for keeping a complete record of all financial transactions and submit financial records for official audits. The position requires 10 office hours, not including Senate meetings, Executive meetings, Organizational Aid meetings, and taking care of purchasing supplies and funding.

Executive Board Candidates



Conner Hounshell is a rising junior and has been an active member of SGA since the beginning of his freshman year. He is running for Student Body President and Student Regent. He now serves as Chief of Staff and assists the current Student Body President with her duties, gaining valuable experience. He has authored multiple pieces of legislation to better student life, such as requesting a renegotiation of the Aramark contract to protect students from excessive fees, pushing back the university withdrawal date, and making SGA a more representative organization. He has also served on three university committees, including a strategic planning committee regarding student success, as well as a committee focused on making WKU's campus more inclusive for all. Lastly, he works closely with a wide array of students to address their concerns.

Conner's first goal, through his position on the WKU Board of Regents, is to ensure budget shortfalls do not rest on the back of students. He promises to protect programs and services which are important to students, those that increase retention and help students to graduate on time. Additionally, he will improve student wellness by increasing access to vital resources, such as mental health counseling. Finally, he plans to make SGA representative of the whole campus and create a more inclusive community for all Hilltoppers.

Conner has already established professional relationships with faculty, staff, and administration that uniquely enables him to advocate on the behalf of students. Conner is committed to empowering all WKU students and ensuring that the student voice is heard.



Savannah Molyneaux is a rising senior and has been a member of SGA since the beginning of her Freshman year. She is currently the Executive Vice President, and has written 13 pieces of legislation during her time in SGA, regarding sustainability, sexual assault awareness, and improving campus life. While in her position as Executive Vice President, she has served on multiple university committees, including the Student Life Foundation, the Parking and Transportation Services Committee and their Subcommittee, and the Budget Council. She has served as the sole student voice on the university's Budget Council, which met for over 100 hours this past year in order to devise recommendations for the President on the university's budget cuts. She also planned SGA's annual trip to Frankfort, where she set up individual meetings with legislators for members of SGA to meet with, in conjunction with helping coordinate the Rally for Higher Education. This year she has been focused on sexual assault prevention and has been working on a project since last semester to allow sexual assault survivors to share their stories in order to raise awareness about the issue.

Her goals for this coming year include increasing diversity on campus and in various student organizations by making students of all backgrounds feel respected and empowered to get involved. She also wants to work to expand resources for sexual assault survivors on campus by adding additional resources, like student advocates and student help-lines. She will work to eradicate rape culture on campus, and to end the high, and often un-reported, rates of sexual assault. She wants college to be an accessible experience for all students, and vows to represent those whose voices often go unheard. She is running for Executive Vice President.



Kara Lowry is a rising senior and has been active in SGA since the beginning of her freshman year. She is running for Administrative Vice President. She is currently the Administrative Vice President and the Chair of the Organizational Aid Committee. Under her leadership, 36 organizations on campus were funded and were able to enhance the campus community. She is determined to use SGA funding to benefit all students on campus. She has written multiple pieces of legislation focused on bettering the quality of life on campus, including pushing back the university's class withdrawal date, funding for free feminine

hygiene products in campus bathrooms, and requesting the renegotiation of the Aramark contract in order to decrease student fees. She previously served on the strategic planning committee for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Endeavors, where she used her voice to improve student access to higher levels of learning.

Kara's goals for the upcoming year include enhancing diversity and inclusion on campus, increasing retention rates, and promoting student wellness. Kara believes that all students deserve to feel welcome and at home on the Hill, as well as graduate on time with a healthy mind. By working to make SGA more representative, creating a first-generation student mentoring program, and expanding access to mental health check-ups, she believes she can make positive change on campus that will benefit all students



Stephen Mayer is a rising Junior from Louisville, Kentucky running for Student Body President and Student Regent. He has been an active member of SGA since his first semester on campus in Fall 2016. Stephen is also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and TriBeta. He studied abroad at Harlaxton College in Grantham, England in Fall 2017 and had to be re-appointed to SGA upon his return in Spring 2018. Stephen was elected in SGA as a senator-at-large in Fall 2016 and after his first semester in SGA, he was appointed as the chair of Academic Affairs. Under his term as the Academic Affairs Chair in Spring 2017, the first scholarship for

students with disabilities was executed.

If elected as Student Body President for the 2018-2019 school year, Stephen hopes to create a more welcoming and collaborative Student Government Association to allow senators to become more efficient in writing and passing legislation. Stephen is running on retention, focused outreach, and accessibility alongside his great team of Garrett Edmonds and Harper Anderson. With the current budget cuts to the university, inevitable change will occur and WKU needs a student body president that will always defend any and all students and vote no to tuition increases as a Student Regent.

Through focused outreach, SGA will not only gain a more diverse senate, but it will also help the university's retention rates through increased involvement. Stephen's goal is to get an increased number of people on campus, of all backgrounds, more involved. As students get more involved, retention rates increase. Another goal of Stephen's team is to hold more SGA sponsored forums to allow SGA to become more accessible to hear the concerns of all students. Read the biographies of Garrett Edmonds and Harper Anderson to hear more about their platforms! Go Tops!



Garrett Edmonds was born and raised on a small family farm in Island Kentucky. Throughout his youth, he learned the real value of hard work and dedication to a community. He is a rising sophomore majoring in political science and seeking the position to be Executive Vice President of the student body. As a member of FIJI, Young Americans for Freedom, and SGA, Garrett has had the great opportunity to be involved on Westerns campus. He has been an active member of Student Government Association, as he was elected as Senator of Potter College, serves as committee chair to Campus Improvements and the Potter

College Complaints Committee.

During his time as chair, Garrett has passed legislation intended to improve the safety of Westerns Campus. He fights to improve student well-being, and to ensure students find WKU to be a well-suited foundation. With the uncertain times plaguing WKU, he is driven to increase retention. He advocates for legislation that will improve retention rates so that students will not

be hit with a reoccurring raises in tuition cost. If elected as Executive Vice President, Garrett Edmonds will ensure student demands are heard on the budget council, he will fight to ensure students along with future students have a chance at an affordable college career. With a dedicated team of students, ideas will be shared; the student body will be the number one priority.

Garrett Edmonds wants to see WKU grow and flourish for years to come. If students can come together and cultivate shared ideas, Western Kentucky University will change for the better. He believes in a “Student Lead. Student-Driven. Future Focused.” type of campus.



Harper Anderson is a political science major and rising sophomore from Morehead, Kentucky running for the position of Administrative Vice President. As a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and Student United Way, Harper has multifaceted involvement on campus and in the Bowling Green community. She has been an extremely active member of the Student Government Association, as she was elected Freshman Senator and serves as a member of the Organizational Aid Committee during the 2017-2018 semesters.

As an SGA senator, Harper has become passionate about improving retention rates and ensuring that Student Government is an accessible resource to all students on campus. If elected as Administrative Vice President, Harper’s top priority would be to increase the retention of Western students by always negating tuition increases; promoting the creation of new SGA sponsored scholarships, and expanding the reach of funding for various campus organizations.

Harper strongly believes that students and campus organizations should never be turned away from WKU or struggle to be successful due to financial deficiencies. If elected as Administrative Vice President, she would ensure that every single dollar allotted to Student Government will always directly benefit students. Alongside her team of Stephen Mayer and Garrett Edmonds, Harper plans to expand the current involvement of Student Government, and work with more faculty, students, and community members than ever before. With current budget cuts, and inevitable changes across the university, it is imperative for members of Student Government to be deeply invested in making decisions that will enact positive results, and through retention, focused outreach, and accessibility, Harper will always put students first.



Kenan Mujkanovic is a sophomore studying biology and politics who grew up in Bowling Green, looking up at WKU's hilltop since he was a kid. He is the son of Bosnian genocide refugees, who came to America with a blue grocery bag and a hope for their kid to have a better life. Kenan showed up to preschool with 0 english, and as he learned, he taught his parents too. Growing up in poverty, Kenan made it his mission to help youth in our local community who were going through a similar battle- leading him to build a nonprofit, write a book, and start a business. Kenan has won many awards for public service and leadership, but he is not one to rub it in your face. He's been serving the Bowling Green community for years, and now he knows that right now is the time to

focus on serving WKU students, especially those who often fall through the cracks. Kenan is running for Student Body President to reclaim respect and awareness for student voices, and to steady the hand that reaches for the money in students' pockets. He knows all too well the struggle of paying for school, and will fight for every last dollar. He wants to build a leadership culture in student gov that doesn't degrade others in leadership, because he knows his place and knows that everyone has a role to play. Ultimately, his goal is to represent you, not himself. Kenan knows this isn't a solo mission, because "this is not about me, it is about we"----we the students.

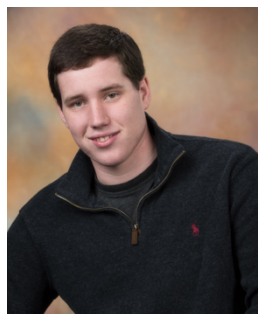
Senior Senator Candidates

Conner Hounshell is also running for President. See biography on Page 3.



Lucas Knight is a Political Science/International Affairs double major from Owensboro, Kentucky running for Senior Senator and Senator-at-Large. He has been an active member of SGA for the past 4 years, currently serving on the Academic and Student Affairs committee. He also serves as the chairperson of the Student Coalition for Renters' Rights, an organization dedicated to improving the living situation of renters in Bowling Green, and as the SGA representative with Bowling Green Fairness. His goals for the 2018-2019 school year include furthering the cooperation between social justice organizations and movements in Bowling Green and SGA, working to address issues faced by the LGBTQ+ community, both on campus and in the wider community, and expanding awareness of and access to SGA's various scholarship programs.

Kara Lowry is also running for Administrative Vice President. See biography on Page 4.



John David May is a Junior from Marion County, Kentucky running for Senior Senator and Senator-at-Large. He has been a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity for the past year and a half and has served as the chapter's bylaws chairman for the last 4 months in addition to serving on the chapter's executive board for the same time period. Also, John David has been involved in the new and growing Government and Politics Society of the Western Kentucky Political Science Department.



Dallas J. McKinney is a transfer-junior WKU meteorology student who is running for Senior Senator and Senator At-Large. In the past year as a SGA Senator, Dallas has helped create a first-generation scholarship to benefit other students like himself whose parents do not have a bachelor's degree and a No-Shave November beard contest to conserve water and fight cancer. In the next year, he hopes to continue these initiatives along with improving parking, installing more green technologies on campus buildings, and advocating for lower campus food prices and fees. Dallas has served as a Senator At-Large in the WKU SGA and as President of the West Kentucky Community and Technical College SGA from which he transferred into the WKU meteorology program last year. He places an emphasis on helping others by working as a tutor in the TRiO program, representing students on the Parking Appeals Board, and being a forecaster for White Squirrel Weather that provides information about hazardous weather to the campus administration. He has also been a leader in the WKU SGA's Campus Improvements and Sustainability Committees bringing new ideas to

the table and planning events such as the Campus Safety Seminar and Earth Day Festival. Dallas enjoys running and can often be seen circling campus at all hours of the day and night and has people wave, honk, or yell “Run, Forest, run!” at him. Similarly, he hopes fellow students will support his mission of helping others through running for SGA Senate.

Savannah Molyneaux is also running for Executive Vice President. See biography on Page 3.



Lauren Pedersen is a rising senior from Barbourville, Kentucky double majoring in biology and chemistry. She served as the Ogden College of Science and Engineering senator for the 2017-2018 school year and the Vice President of the SGA SAVES committee. Lauren would like to continue advocating for mental health and sexual assault awareness in the 2018-2019 school year by running for Senior Senator and Senator-at Large.



Cassidy Townsend is a sophomore majoring in English Literature and minoring in Political Science and Teaching English as a Second Language. She has been an active senator in SGA for a year and a half and has been on several committees, including SAVES and the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. Cassidy has been a member of WKU Mock Trial for the past two years. Additionally, Cassidy spend the last semester abroad in South Korea, where she studied political science and English Literature. This experience instilled in her a passion for international and exchange students, a group which she currently works with through the Committee of Diversity and Inclusion. One of her goals for this upcoming year is to expand resources to help further integrate

international students on campus. Additionally, she would like to push for an expansion of diverse meal plan options, as last year she wrote a resolution to help expand vegetarian protein options for meal plan swipes at Subway and Burrito Bowl, which later passed in senate.



Amy Wyer is a rising senior from Clarksville, TN. She has actively been involved with SGA since her freshman year. In previous years, Amy served on the Academic Affairs committee, and became Academic Affairs chair in Fall 2016, where she helped to award Study Abroad Scholarships, Scholar Development Grants, and Winter Term Scholarships. Amy has also served on the Preston Health Advisory Council for 2 years. During the past year, she served as the Director of Public Relations, running the social media, planning events, and working on organizational outreach. She also created the 1st Annual Women in Leadership Forum, and has worked on legislation to uphold current Title IX policies. Her goals for the 2018-2019 school year are to continue to expand SGA’s outreach to

student organizations on campus and access to mental health resources.

Junior Senator Candidates



Nathaniel Krantz is a Sophomore from White House, Tennessee running for Junior Senator and Senator-at-Large. He is an attorney for the WKU Mock Trial Team, and is a major in Political Science and English. Nathaniel works for the Warren County Public Library. He is very passion about government, and would like his political career to begin here by serving the people who matter most to him, his friends and peers. His goal for the 2018-2019 school year is to foster communication between all political ideologies that are represented in SGA, and among the students of WKU.



Anna McAvoy is a Sophomore from Richmond, Kentucky running for Junior Senator and Senator-at-Large positions. She has been an active member of SGA for the past two years, serving on the Organizational Aid Committee and the Sustainability Committee as Vice Chair. She is also a member of Alpha Sigma Pi (NSLS). She has helped to pass many pieces of legislation that support the students. Her goals for the 2018-2019 school year are to start a textbook library for the students' use and to continue to create sustainable legislation and practices on campus.



Ashton McHatton is a first-generation transfer student from Henderson, Kentucky running for Junior Senator and Senator-at-Large. Since she is a philosophy student concerned with the maintenance of logic, one her goals for this upcoming school year is increasing the student government's competency in logical arguments. Ashton is a prospective environmental attorney, and as in intern in the biodiverse lands of Samos Island, Greece, she cares about maintaining sustainability and plans to do so as a senator. As a student of Princeton University's seminar on inequality, Ashton will have an in-depth perspective on systemic injustice; as a double nominee for the upcoming Seneca Falls Women's Empowerment Award, Ashton understands the need for women's and gender equality as well; thus another goal of hers is to encourage the diversity of all traditionally silenced groups among the student government body (not so that these diverse groups are favored, but so that they have equal opportunity to make a difference). Ashton values the voices of all and believes that all should be united as one. She hopes very much that she has the opportunity to benefit the Student Government Association during the 2018-2019 school year, by not only sharing and implementing her experience and knowledge, but also by carefully listening to the concerns of others.



Asha McWilliams is currently a Sophomore from Lexington, Kentucky running for Junior Senator and Senator-at-Large. She is passionate about law and government, currently majoring in Political Science with minors in Legal Studies and Entrepreneurship. Following her undergraduate program, she plans to attend law school to become a corporate attorney. During her time at WKU, she has been an active member of SGA, serving as the Secretary of the Senate this past year. She is also a member of the Mahurin Honors College, Alpha Omicron Pi, and is an A-Team Attorney on the WKU Mock Trial Team. Additionally, she participated in many mock government and legislative programs in high school through the KYMCA. These included the Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA), the Kentucky United Nations Assembly (KUNA), and the Conference on National Affairs (CONA). In high school she was also an attorney for Teen Court, President of Key Club, Vice President of AP Club, Vice President of Beta Club, Secretary for Y Club, a member of the National Honors Society, and captain of the varsity swim team. Therefore, she is well versed in government and leadership and would love to apply those skills to continue to help improve our campus as an SGA Senator.



Noah Moore is a Freshman from Fort Thomas, Kentucky running for Senator-at-Large for the 2018-2019 year. He has been an active member of SGA since February, serving on the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. He is also an Admissions Ambassador, TOP Guide, VP of Communications for Sigma Phi Epsilon, and works for both the WKU Herald and Talisman. He authored legislation to create a LGBTQIA+-friendly housing application question to support the LGBTQIA+ community. His goals for the 2018-2019 year include greater resources to promote minority student involvement in SGA and a better outreach to WKU's international community through open organizational cooperation.

Sophomore Senator Candidates



Matthew Barr is a sophomore from Brandenburg, Kentucky located in Meade County. He has been a very active member of SGA, especially with the Campus Improvements Committee. He has authored legislation and advocated for the funding of important campus events sponsored by SGA, including the Campus Safety Panel in March which had a great turnout by both students and administrators. He was also instrumental in co-authoring a bill that increases diversity and inclusion in our campus by adding senate seats for minority students. His platform for the 2018-2019 academic year include one main point, "Putting Students First." He has run this message since his first campaign and will continue to advocate for and guarantee that every student voice on WKU's campus is heard.



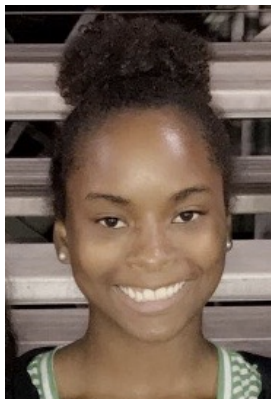
Amanda Harder is a rising Sophomore from Bowling Green, Kentucky who has served on SGA as a Senator At Large since being elected in Fall 2017. She is a member of the Campus Improvements Committee and has served on the Student Publications University Committee as the SGA representative during her year in office. Amanda is also the founder of WKU Students for Breast Cancer Awareness, member of Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Health Honors Society, and Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity. If re-elected, she plans to work further with Campus Improvements committee and strive to make SGA a more efficient body that represents all students.



Will Harris is a current freshman at WKU looking to run for a Senate Position. Will currently serves on SGA as a freshman senator and is an active member in the CASA committee. Will is also one of the two current SGA representatives to sit on the University Athletics Committee. Outside of SGA, Will is a Communication Ambassador and member of Red Wave. He is also in the Mahurin Honors College and Student United Way. Will served last fall as the vice president of his Phikeia class of Phi Delta Theta where he now is an active member of the Fraternity and serves on the Philanthropy and Recruitment Committee. Will also enjoys volunteering with the Kentucky YMCA at youth leadership development conferences and mock governmental conferences. He has also participated in Midnight on the Hill and Dance Big Red this semester.

If elected, Will wants to emphasize and put a direct focus on student voice. He believes that many students on campus have great ideas for new legislation, but don't know who to talk to. Will wants to work with all students to draft and write legislation to make effective changes on campus that will benefit all students. Will has worked with Students this semester and fellow Senators on legislation. He has helped with implementing a campus wide free charging station

program fully funded by SGA, and he is currently working on legislation to convert all hallway dorm lighting to motion activated lights. Where there's a Will, there's a way!



Kimberly Jefferson is from Louisville, Kentucky. She is a rising sophomore that believes all people of various backgrounds should be represented in SGA. Kimberly is a minority that can add a diverse perspective as a SGA Senator, although, she does not know every minorities' outlook; she is willing to generate conversations to have a sense of awareness with all minorities on campus. Kimberly is a member of the Committee of Diversity Inclusion and works with other members and non-members of SGA to communicate about how to better include diversity on our WKU campus. As a SGA Senator, her goal is to listen to all people to understand how to better Western Kentucky University, so we are all on one accord. Kimberly wants to help represent the minorities that are small in percentages, but help fulfill the spirit on WKU's campus.



Ashlyn Jones is a rising sophomore from Lafayette, Louisiana, running for a Sophomore Senator and Senator at large position. She is a member of WKU's Forensics team and has been an active member of SGA over the past year. Serving as the SGA SAVES Committee Chair, she has headed legislation focused on removing the stigma of mental illness while increasing services for students with mental illnesses. Additionally, she has worked on legislation to mandate sexual assault courses for students and increase protections on campus for victims of sexual assault. She hopes to continue serving the student body in SGA by increasing legislation that will help students have access to mental health resources and further provide resources for any victims of sexual assault. Ashlyn seeks to continue working with the Counselling and Testing Center as well as the Title IX program on campus to better understand and address student needs.



Will Pride is a Freshman Senator from Bowling Green, Kentucky. He is a Political Science and Economics double major. He is running for Sophomore Senator and Senator-at-Large. He has been an active member of SGA, serving on the Campus Improvements Committee. He is also a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity in which he serves on the Greek Week Committee and has served on the Social Committee and Philanthropy Committee in the past. His goals for the 2018 - 2019 school year include improving various aspects of campus for students with disabilities and creating a safe, comfortable, and fun campus environment for students to be a part of.



Brigid Stakelum is a sophomore from Louisville, Kentucky, who is running for Senator-at-Large. Brigid Stakelum is finishing her first year as a Senator-at-Large, and she's excited to continue in the Student Government Association. She is the Public Relations chair, and has served on the Public Relations committee throughout the 2017-2018 academic year. She served on the Student Research Council this year, and helped organize the Student Research Conference on March 24 with that council. Her goals for the 2018-2019 academic year include promoting student research, increasing student engagement with the Public Relations committee, and developing programs to address student needs on campus.



Hannah White is a Freshman from Paducah, KY running for Sophomore Senator and Senator-at-Large. She is a member of the Mahurin Honors College. She is currently involved in Alpha Omicron Pi, Best Buddies, Circle of Sisterhood, and National Society of Collegiate Scholars. One goal for the 2018-2019 school year is to create a standardized matching system that presents possible clubs, jobs, internships, organizations, and philanthropies associated with WKU based on your interests gauged in a quiz. Another goal is to get water fountains with the water bottle refill station in each of the residence halls.

Senator-At-Large Candidates

Harper Anderson is also running for Administrative Vice President. See biography on Page 6.

Matt Barr is also running for Sophomore Senator. See biography on Page 12.



Mark Clark is a rising Junior from Crestwood, Kentucky running for Senator-at-Large. He has spent the past year serving as Senator-at-Large, and the past spring semester serving as the Chair of the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. He is a member of the Queer Student Union and Transgender and Non-Binary Group, frequently visiting the new WKU Pride Center. Mark is an honors student pursuing a mathematics degree. As an openly transgender and gay man, he is passionate about LGBT inclusion efforts on campus. He has written legislation about implementing cultural competency training for WKU faculty and staff, purchasing stoles for lavender graduation, purchasing a recycled computer for the new WKU Pride Center, supporting the integration of LGBT health into medical education curriculum, and for the student body of WKU to publicly support the Bowling Green Fairness Ordinance. Mark's goals for the next year include hosting new cultural events through CDI, performing more outreach to diverse clubs on campus, and raising WKU's Campus Pride Index rating.

Garrett Edmonds is also running for Executive Vice President. See biography on Page 5.

Will Harris is also running for Sophomore Senator. See biography on Page 12.

Amanda Harder is also running for Sophomore Senator. See biography on Page 12.



Trevor Huffman is running for a Student Government Association Senator at Large seat. He is an upcoming sophomore at WKU, majoring in political science, and is a proud member of Phi Delta Theta. The past year he served on SGA and gained hands on experience and knowledge about our campus that he feels he can use to continue to better our university and address it's problems. He also served on the organizational aid committee and campus improvements committees while serving as senator at large. Trevor loves WKU and wants to make change for the better through the Student Government Association. If you agree, log onto TopNet April 16th-17th and vote Trevor Huffman for Senator at Large. Thank you and Roll Tops!



Logan Hornback is a rising Sophomore from Louisville, Kentucky running for Potter College Senator and Senator-at-Large. She has been a member of SGA since September of 2017 and in that course of time has served as the secretary for the SGA Saves Committee as well as a student representative for the Athletic Committee. Logan is also in the Honors College and serves as a Communication Department ambassador. Her goals for the 2018-2019 school year include writing and promoting legislation that encourages equality for all students as well as programs that foster student safety and mental health.

Conner Hounshell is also running for President. See biography on Page 3.

Kimberly Jefferson is also running for Sophomore Senator. See biography on Page 13.

Ashlyn Jones is also running for Sophomore Senator. See biography on Page 13.



Ashton Jones is a Freshman from White House, Tennessee running for Sophomore Senator and Senator-at-Large. She has been an active member of SGA, serving on the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. She is a member of a Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity, and HOLAS, the Hilltopper Organization of Latin American Students. She helped her CDI committee gather contacts and information for the school's Cultural Competency Legislation. Next year, her goal is to institute a buddy program in SGA to help new senators get acclimated to SGA and to help recruit new senators.



Aubrey Kelley is a sophomore from Somerset, Kentucky running for Senator-at-large. She is double majoring in English and political science and is a student worker for the Political Science Department. She currently serves with SGA Academic Affairs Committee. She is the Academic Excellence Chair for Kappa Delta Sorority, the president of Government and Politics Society, and a member of the Honors College.

Lucas Knight is also running for Senior Senator. See biography on Page 8.

Nathaniel Krantz is also running for Junior Senator. See biography on Page 10.

Kara Lowry is also running for Administrative Vice President. See biography on Page 4.

John May is also running for Senior Senator. See biography on Page 8.

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Ashton McHatton is also running for Senior Senator. See biography on Page 9.

Asha McWilliams is also running for Junior Senator. See biography on Page 10.



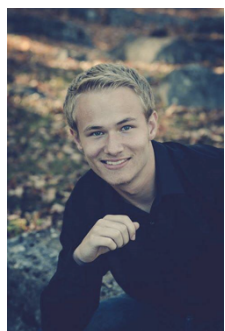
Andrew Merritt is a freshman from Knoxville, Tennessee, running for Senator-At-Large. He was elected in the fall to be a Senator-At-Large in his first year at WKU. He is currently the Vice Chair of the Legislative Research Committee. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI), a Chinese Flagship student, and a teacher with the Open Bible Ministry on campus. His strengths are his organization, friendliness, and nerdiness. He hopes to continue to use SGA to promote a healthy, spirited environment for every Hilltopper.

Savannah Molyneaux is also running for Executive Vice President. See biography on Page 3.

Noah Moore is also running for Sophomore Senator. See biography on Page 13.

Lauren Pedersen is also running for Senior Senator. See biography on Page 9.

Will Pride is also running for Sophomore Senator. See biography on Page 14.



Hunter Smith is a Sophomore from Elkton, Kentucky running for Senator-At-Large. He has been an active associate of SGA, serving on the Public Relations Committee. He has authored legislation to close a loophole in the Constitution allowing someone to hold a Legislative and Executive branch office and hope to continue legislation promoting constitutional and government maintenance and reform, such as reforms for government transparency. Smith is also a member of the Kelly Autism Program and wants to be a representative and voice for acceptance of neurodiversity and neuroatypical rights within SGA. Formerly a struggling student, one of Smith's primary goals is for students to achieve easier access to peer tutoring programs within Western and provide a voice to students who struggle with academic structure. Staunchly environmentalist, Smith like to see trash bins and recycle bins in more areas to reduce litter and explore more environmentally-friendly options for everyday items to protect our environment.

Brigid Stakelum is also running for Junior Senator. See biography on Page 11.



Jayden Thomas Is a Freshman from Barren County, Kentucky running for reelection for Senator-at-large. He currently serves on the Sustainability Committee as well as the Committee for Diversity and Inclusion. During his time with SGA, he has co-authored legislation regarding funding for the Lavender Graduation and Earth Day festival and has advocated for the fair treatment of LGBTQ+ students. He deeply cares for marginalized groups of students and strongly believes in the power of organized student voices. For the upcoming school year, he would like to focus on drafting legislation that would increase the University's current Campus Pride Index score so that LGBTQ+ students will for more welcomed on campus.

He is also an advocate for culture and language learning and encourages student involvement in intercultural activities. He serves as a member on the International Education Advisory Council where he offers a student perspective on proposed trips abroad by faculty and University members. Other activities include working in the financial aid office as a student worker, being an active member of the Japanese club as well as an honor student, and a recent trip to Charleston, SC for an alternative Spring break service trip. He strongly advocates for government transparency and accountability. He would love to hear any ideas, concerns, or questions students may have about SGA, legislation, or how to make WKU a better place for everyone. He can be reached at Jayden.Thomas199@Topper.wku.edu, so please feel free to reach out to him.

Amy Wyer is also running for Senior Senator. See biography on Page 9.