

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

SPRING 2013 ELECTION

THE CANDIDATES

PRESIDENT

Cain Alvey



Cain Alvey is a sophomore special education major from Lewisport, Kentucky. He currently serves as the SGA Administrative Vice President, which involves managing the SGA budget (over \$124,000) and administering Organizational Aid. Cain is actively involved in residence life by currently serving as a resident assistant in McCormick Hall. He is involved with the Kelly Autism Program and WKU Cru. As SGA President, Cain will initiate a Design-a-Course option for all students, in which they can create their own course and earn credit hours for that course. Second, he will create a need-based book scholarship fund, helping each Hilltopper succeed at WKU. The third program will be expanding the winter/summer session scholarship, an initiative original to the Dodds administration. Next, Cain will develop test prep programs to give students taking graduate/professional tests (i.e. GRE, Praxis, LSAT, MCAT, etc.) an opportunity to be prepared and develop their test taking abilities. Finally, Cain, in partnership with

Parking and Transportation, will expand the Safe Ride/Purple Line late night bus service for students, an initiative he has already begun exploring as AVP. Expanding this program will allow students to safely reach their destination without prolonged wait times. Cain has represented the student body in the University Senate, advocating for and developing various policies. This experience has prepared him to begin work as the Student Regent on day one. Cain has already demonstrated his tireless dedication to the students of Western Kentucky University, which will not change as he tackles any and all student issues as Student Body President.

Keyana Boka



Originally from Bowling Green, Kentucky, Keyana Boka is a rising senior majoring in biology and work-site health promotions. Keyana has devoted the last three years to servicing the WKU student body, and you can expect the same level of commitment if she is elected president. As students, we deserve a leader who is passionate and driven, someone who will stand up for our concerns. Keyana has established such a record. Keyana believes in the unique traditions, history, and spirit of progress at Western Kentucky University. As Executive Vice-President and the former Campus Improvements chairperson, Keyana has addressed student interests regarding the university study abroad fee, fair trade initiatives, DUC Renovation project, syllabus transparency, and more. She has organized SGA events, such as Dine with Decision Makers, Campus Clean-up, and Campus Safety Walk. She will continue to establish initiatives for students and work to ensure that student opinions and needs are

being heard. If elected, Keyana will: establish a free Preston Center guest pass program for all students to better support a culture of good health on campus; establish an official SGA international student senator position to stand for a growing yet underrepresented student population; establish more test-prep resources for students to ensure quality academic assistance; establish a summer-term scholarship program; work to establish higher levels of sustainability efforts and initiatives on campus; re-establish a SGA-sponsored tailgating event to provide students with the best available tailgating locations; expand Safe Ride promotion and service.

Austin Wingate



Greetings everyone, my name is Austin Bernard Wingate and I'm a 23 year old senior here on the Hill earning a degree in Political science and a minor in African American studies. I want to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself and why you should elect me as your next SGA President. I was raised in a military environment that allowed me to experience all the different types of people and help to cultivate a spirit of unity between people. While at Western Kentucky University it has been my great pleasure to meet several wonderful and brilliant students who have some of the greatest ideas to help make our institution a better place to learn. I served in our Student Government Association from the levels of Senator all the way to Speaker of the Senate and believe that now is the time for someone with years of experience and dedication to the prosperity and development of our fellow students. I want to see not just the numbers of our enrollment to continue to rise, but also want

to see the numbers of those that graduate increase as well. I want to be a voice for every student that is welcomed to this campus because it is my belief that if Western Kentucky University welcomed you to this campus then we must do all that we can to make sure that you feel at home and enjoy your time here. Once again I want to thank you all and remember to vote for Austin Wingate for SGA President on April 2-3 on TopNet.

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EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Brad Cockrel



Brad Cockrel, originally from Texas, attended Ottawa Township High School in Illinois. He was active in high school, participating in band, choir, swimming, soccer and a nonprofit organization known as 3P(Positive Peer Pressure). During his summers he would travel to the Czech Republic and teach conversational English. Overall he taught in the Czech Republic for seven months. After high school he attended Illinois Valley Community College, where he was also quite involved. At IVCC, Brad Cockrel participated in Chem Club, Student Government and the honors society on campus, Phi Theta Kappa. He was the Student Treasurer for Student Government, the Student Trustee of IVCC (this is more or less the equivalent of the Student Government president here) and the Vice President of Leadership for Phi Theta Kappa. During his time on campus he also organized a screening for Invisible Children. Currently, Brad Cockrel is attending Western Kentucky University, double majoring in Mechanical Engineering and

Philosophy with a minor in mathematics. He is involved in Men's Volleyball Club, Greek Life, the Honor's College, and Student Government. His goals, should he be elected Executive Vice President, are to empower the community, ensure opportunity, and extend sustainability. Some of his specific plans include: using Shared Interest Groups to get freshmen more connected and involved on campus, providing more academic utilities such as tutors for higher maths and sciences, pursuing better conditions for student workers, making cardboard recycling more easily accessible, and providing incentives for dorms that do the most recycling.

Mark Reeves



After growing up in Louisville, Kentucky, Mark came to WKU for the Honors College and the beautiful campus. Mark graduated from the Honors College and studied abroad. After graduating in May, he liked it so much he came back as a graduate student in the History department. He wants to use the position of Executive Vice President to bring the opportunities he has enjoyed as a Hilltopper to more and more Hilltoppers, to make our campus stronger. Mark has extensive experience in leadership, serving in leadership with WKU's French Club and History Club as well as with the Baptist Campus Ministry. Through BCM he worked extensively with international students all five years at WKU. Mark entered SGA during this past year because he saw things that needed to be fought for, including international students' interests, and the ability for all students to access WKU's services. Hence, he fought against the bi-term proposal and against recent study abroad fee hikes, and he will work to

help the Honors College, study abroad, and nationally-competitive scholarships make their services more accessible to a broader base of Hilltoppers, present and future. Mark has the experience, the network, and the leadership to be your Executive Vice President.

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Nicki Seay



Nicki Seay is a junior, majoring in Agribusiness and Mass Communications. She has served a year and a half within the Student Government association; last year as the Parliamentarian and this year as the Legislative Research Chair. Nicki has various leadership experiences that can help her take on the role as the Administrative Vice President. In addition to her leadership experience in FFA, she was the choir president in high school and is currently serving as the Pennyryle State Vice President for the Kentucky FFA. In this role, she travels across the state, meeting with people and addressing various groups from high school classrooms to business executives. Here on campus, Nicki wants to do many things to improve the experiences of all students. She wants to help the business club Enactus re-open the South campus food court, and work with WKU Dining Services to ensure food allergen awareness throughout all restaurants on campus. She also wants to make more efforts to represent

WKU students off of main campus, such as holding senate meetings at south campus or utilizing adobe-connect to include regional campuses. Finally, she is interested in working with Parking and Transportation to expand the Safe-Ride service by adding a third bus to the route. All in all, Nicki Seay wants to put students first in the role of AVP. If elected, she will actively seek out the student's opinion on issues and seek to respond to their wants and needs—regardless of which campus they attend.