

New ASB officers express personalities, ideas

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The results are in! After April 8 elections, the new Associated Student Body officers have taken office. Senior ASB includes Samantha Hanlin, president; Alyssa Aramaki, vice president; Sara Sebastian, activities director; Avary Kolasinski, public relations; Veronika Jonsson, secretary/treasurer; Jake Fogle, deputy of spirit; and Matt Peppler, homeland security. Junior ASB includes Chelsea Benge, Hannah Bradford, Kelsey Bradshaw and Mollie Bushnell.

Samantha Hanlin, president:

What do you hope to accomplish next year on ASB? More events that will get more than the spirited few involved and interested while making sure ideas are not just heard but also executed and taken to even greater levels than expected. **Why did you run for ASB?** So that there could be a justifiable reason for me to spend all my time at school. **What are other out-of-school activities in which you participate?** Manual labor, painting leadership posters and other art-related freakiness, throwing mad cram sessions and laughing...a lot.

If you had to give anyone a piece of advice, what would it be? If you have an idea, commit to it and throw yourself and everything you have into it; that's the only way it'll ever be successful.

What is your favorite thing about participating in leadership and school activities? Being a part of the finished

product that gives you the exhausted, relieved, frustrated, exhilarated emotions....and still knowing you can't wait to do it again tomorrow.

In your opinion, what makes you a good leader? My outgoing, outspoken, ostentatious personality, that helps me not only earn respect but gain friends and help others and break out of my shell.

Alyssa Aramaki, vice president:

What do you hope to accomplish next year on ASB? I hope that we can help our school have more pride. I don't mean school spirit or anything like that,

but pride in who we are as a school. I think this includes school unity. Everyone

should support each other, even though we all have different interests and talents.

Why did you run for ASB?

I love being involved, and I enjoy being a part of planning the events and activities at our school. I also think it's really important for administration and students to be more connected. On ASB we can work on communication between these two groups so everyone can work well together. Being on ASB this past year has been a great experience, and I wanted to be a part of it again to make things at our school even better.

What are other out-of-school activities in which you participate? I am involved in choir, theater and Mock Trial. I enjoy dance and singing, and I also do a lot with my church youth group.

What is your favorite thing about participating in leadership and school activities? I really like being

behind the scenes and coming up with ideas for our activities. Our planning sessions are always fun—brainstorming and trying to come up with things that will get everyone excited.

Another thing that I

like about being involved in leadership is that I enjoy being in a position where I can notice everyone's opinions and what needs to change. It's nice to be in a place where I can talk with teachers, administration and other students about things that need to improve, or things that are going well.

In your opinion, what makes you a good leader? I think one of my strengths is being optimistic. I try to always have a positive attitude, even when things might not be going perfectly. It's important for a leader to stay motivated so everyone else can be happy with what's going on. I am also very dedicated and

committed, so people can rely on me to get my job finished.

Sara Sebastian, activities director:

What do you hope to accomplish next year on ASB?

I really hope to bring our school together even more. I know our students are capable of being even more excited about the zest of life 'cause I've seen it, and I want to

bring that back in whatever way possible.

Why did you run for ASB? I ran because I felt that having a position on ASB is a huge honor and responsibility.

It allows young people to plan, communicate,

organize and get excited! And I must say, those things are my cup of tea.

What are other out-of-school activities in which you participate? I participate in theatre, and in

January I was initiated into Thespian Troupe 1915! I also love to go to the gym, run outside, do anything outside, travel, cook and dance.

In your opinion, what makes you a good leader?

I really love people, and talking to them. Communication is one of my biggest strengths, and I really enjoy planning anything. This is weird, but I feel in my gut that I should be a leader of some sort. Maybe it's my genes. But really, I'm my own person. Not Ted, or Rachel (older siblings). But Sara.

Avary Kolasinski, public relations:

What do you hope to accomplish next year on ASB? I have a very big expectation for next year coming from such a spirited and outgoing ASB this year. There are too many things I would like to accomplish to list them all for you but I can assure you there will be many surprises during next year. Next year is going to be amazing! Bigger and

better than last year.

Why did you run for ASB?

Because I love to be a part of the school and how it's run. It's cool to have the ins and the outs of what is going on behind the scenes. **What other out-of-school activities do you**

participate in? I am a part of the Model United Nations Team that went to New York for nationals this past year and is going again this upcoming year. I also play basketball, knit a lot, run, sew, shop and hang out with

friends. **What is your favorite thing about participating in leadership and school activities?**

I like everything about it. Like I said before, it's cool to be behind the scenes and know what is going on

during the year.

Veronika Jonsson, secretary/treasurer:

What do you hope to accomplish next year on ASB? Some of the things I would like to accomplish include having more motivational assemblies and a service forum where students could have an array of fun service opportunities to get involved in.

What are other out-of-school activities in which you participate? I

participate in Model United Nations, Ski Team, mentoring, youth group and running a girls camp over the summer. **What is your favorite thing about participating in leadership and school**

activities? It challenges me to think beyond myself and work towards bettering our environment.

In your opinion, what makes you a good leader?

I think a good leader is someone who selflessly and

passionately works for the people they lead.

Jacob Fogle,

deputy of spirit:

What do you hope to accomplish next year on ASB? The standard answer seems to always be more school spirit, better assemblies, more pride, etc. While these are all high on my list, I think the most

meaningful thing I would hope to accomplish is to get everyone to take a greater interest in what everyone else is doing. I realize everyone is busy with their own things, but it is disappointing when you look at the seating in the auditorium for a play or concert, or the stands at a ball game, and all you see are the parents of the participants. We need to support each other in all events, and in doing so, we



Alyssa Aramaki



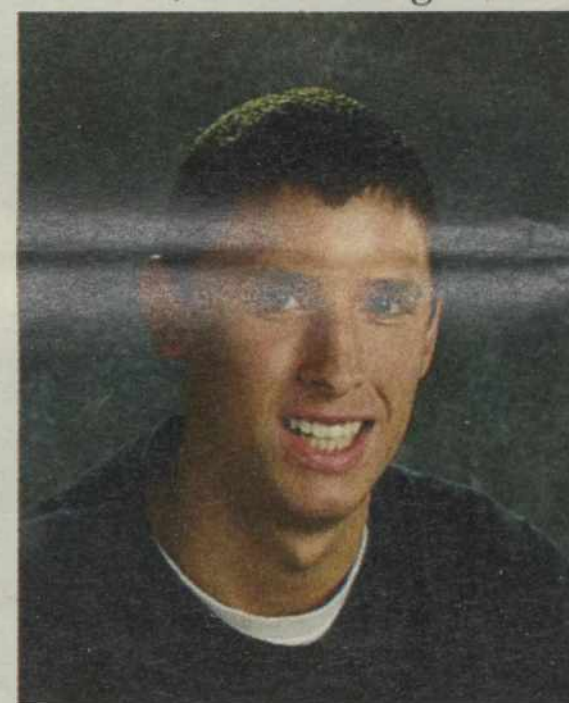
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