

Morgan Morris (6th Form Representative)

Hey everyone! My name is Morgan Morris and this year I'm running for class rep. It's finally time for our senior year and I feel like it should be the best year that we have at Asheville School! We deserve it, we have put up with Saturday classes, tons of homework, and seated meals for three years and it's time for us to celebrate making it to 6th form year before we all go off to college. When you guys look back on your senior year, five or ten years from now, I want it to be memorable. Filled with tons of fun memories and amazing experiences that we had together as a class.

I believe that as 6th form class rep, I can make this happen. My goal as class rep is to be a facilitator, to listen to everyone's ideas and help them come to life. At the very start of the year, I want to make sure the seniors start off the year right, with a class shirt and trip already in the works. We have never had a class trip and since this is our last chance to take one, I want to make sure we get it right and go somewhere amazing and make great memories. I'm going to be a strong advocate for our class, making sure our voices are heard and that our important issues are addressed.

Our school spirit should also be at a maximum our senior year, and I want to help our class foster this. I feel as seniors we should be the leaders of how school spirit should look. So next year, we need to set the example for how awesome it can be. Our spirit convocations and pep rallies should be amazing, not just for us, but for the other forms so our spirit can be passed down long after we're gone.

Our senior year makes or breaks our time at Asheville School. I believe that as class rep I can help our last year be the best year that we have so we can create tons of lasting memories that we take with us to college. Thanks.

Alisha Ki (5th Form Representative)

Hi everyone, I am Alisha Ki, and I am running for 5th form representative. I know sophomore year has been rough for most of us. However, we were able to persevere through all the hardships because we bonded. I can't guarantee that it won't be stressful at all next year, but I want all of us to be at least be able to relieve stress and have fun. Going on a class trip or getting a class shirt are two of our most favorite activities even though we do them every year. However, there are some difficulties throughout the process that should be improved. To start, we should come up with more new and creative ideas. I believe that it is important for a representative to speak up, but to also make sure everyone gets to speak and engage in it. We already have the most wonderful and enthusiastic class, and I have no doubt that we can make our junior year even better! Go Class of 2018!!!

Lillie Bridges (5th Form Representative)

What does it take to be a representative for the class of 2018?

One: a want for change and improvement. Each person has specific changes he or she would like to see made to the school, but I am not trying to make a perfect grade or school. I am trying to create a bonded grade, one where each person has a voice in how the grade is run. Maybe it is time for a change in restrictions and maybe it is time to see more events specifically for the class of 2018. Next year marks a year of change for Asheville School, as new faculty members are stepping into new positions. With this in mind, it is also a time to reevaluate and renew. So what is it that you want to change and how will it be accomplished? I will handle ‘the how’ and take ideas to the Council to fight for the class needs, and ‘the what’, well that is up to you.

Two: determination. A want for change is nothing without determination to implement changes. I will put a fifth form box on second Mitchell where any fifth former would be able to write ideas for the class, no matter how small or ambitious. Once an idea sparks, the class needs someone with the willingness and determination to put the idea into action. This means more than taking ideas to Student Council. It means getting them approved and fulfilled.

So why do I want to be representative? I have come to love this grade and the people who belong to it. We must make our time left at this school as valuable as we can. Class of 2018, this is our grade and our school, so let’s make our voice heard.

Fahad Mohammed (5th Form Representative)

Empty Promises.

Many candidates running for Student Council make impractical promises in order to get elected. They promise us later Internet hours, less homework, and amendments to the phone policy. But as history shows, these promises always fall short.

I’ll be brief because I know that you don’t want to read a long, boring essay. As Fifth Form Representative, there are two things I promise to accomplish. First of all, I will help to plan a new class trip. For the past two years, our class has gone to Carowinds. I think that everyone can agree that it’s time for a change. I will organize our trip earlier in the year so that we will have more time to brainstorm new ideas (National Whitewater Center?). Secondly, our class shirts will incorporate the breast cancer ribbon and will be distributed during October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness month. All profits made on the shirts will be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Although I may not be promising much, I guarantee to deliver.

Paul Hill (5th Form Representative)

Hello fellow classmates,

I am Paul Hill and my motive is to implement the school motto, Vitae Excelsioris Limen, to a greater extent. Together, we can improve upon providing a threshold for a higher life by increasing our communication, health, and efficiency. Achieving a higher life is more easily attained with a strong foundation to support all of us. Therefore, it is crucial that we encourage interactions between all forms. Communication between classes is inhibited when forms are segregated in chapel. As a student body, we all bear a large amount of school work, low amount of stress relievers, and an average amount of spirit for the Blues. Alike to our traditions, such as our Spirit Week themes, the Asheville School Banana, and Mr. Montgomery's disguises on Rocmont day, let our seating be random. Without the barriers of assigned seating, we as students will be able to bond with each other regardless of what class we are in. Thus, attaining the strongest foundation to support us upon entering the threshold for a higher life. While I speak to my fellow classmates I realize how thirsty we are. Although we currently have water stations placed around the school, many of us refrain from using them to fill up water bottles because of how long it takes. By not drinking the recommended two liters of water a day, students are at risk of headaches, muscle tightness, and feeling tired as if the average student already receives the recommended amount of sleep every night. To promote a healthier lifestyle, I will work on having our administration install at least two rapid water bottle refilling stations that are designed to refill bottles faster and more energy efficient. While on the point of being more efficient, we are all aware that a necessary skill for a higher life is organization. This August, 2016 marks the start of our school connecting us all together by providing us with laptops of the same model. As a class we can improve upon this connectivity by having teachers post homework assignments per class online. However, this new digital era does not have to stop there. We can utilize the new computers to their capacity by creating a GoBlues webpage where students are able to see a teacher's availability throughout the day so that we can make appointments to receive help on specific problems that we are having in certain classes. By going completely online with assignments, due dates, and class notes we will become one step closer to becoming the most efficient school we can. Of course I will continue to make sure we have thrilling class trips each semester as well as make sure that we all have the opportunity to receive class memorabilia. Other than what we want as the future 5th form, let's work together to create a Vitae Excelsioris Limen.

Raven Walters (5th Form Representative)

Raven For Fifth Form Rep

This past year has been a great year for our school, and student council has made a few great adjustments for the student body. I would love to help continue the same growth next year. I have served on student council for two years in a row: form representative as a third former and student activities representative for this year. I enjoyed being a part of the change as both positions. My intentions for next year are to fulfil the need of a form rep. I want to be very present with the issues of my form and try to fix them. Not only will I give my best to helping my form, but I will also give my best helping the student council with their needs to reach out to the student body as a whole. One of my favorite quotes is “if you want the rainbow, you have to put up with the rain.” This is my mantra going in to the fifth form year. With so much chaos of being a junior, I believe that I can still reach the rainbow for our form. I can get through this we that support my classmates. Thank you so much.

Kate McLemore (5th Form Representative)

Hi, I am Kate McLemore and I would like to be the new 5th form representative. As fifth form representative I would like to represent every student and their ideas. Everyone has a right for his or her voice to be heard and I would like to make that happen. Before I came to Asheville School I was in student council for two years as my class representative. I came from a small school and student council was a major part of our school. We planned many fun activities and I would like to bring some of those ideas to Asheville School. Our school has the potential to have so many fun activities and I would like to help make those things happen. I believe our grade can do great things with the right person to represent us and I would like to be that person.

Nathan Stickler (4th Form Representative)

After being at Asheville School for a year now, I have pretty much figured out how things work. However, I think that there are a lot of things that I could do to make next year even better for our class and even the entire school. For example, I will make sure that we have a class trip that we all can vote on, a class meal provided by the school, and class shirts or other clothing articles, depending on what the majority of the class would like to have. I also want to bring some ideas to the Student Council next year like having the cereal cart out during lunches, more outdoor activities on weekends like bonfires and full campus capture the flag, and reevaluations of rules like the dress code and phone zones. I have participated in mountaineering, life fitness, and lacrosse, so I am able to bring more varied ideas to the Student Council. I want to put more of an

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emphasis on attending other events like basketball games, soccer games, art exhibits, etc. in order to bring out more school spirit. If I am voted for your class representative, I promise that I will meet the needs of the class and try my best to make everyone happy so that we can have a lit sophomore year.

Alex Wu (4th Form Representative)

The Person who CAREs

What does it require to be a good representative? It requires the representative to voice his or her opinions and the opinions of their voters. It also requires the representative to organize fun events for the need of the Student Body. Most importantly, however, it requires things to be done with efficiency and perfection. Yet, to fully achieve these goals, the people holding the positions have to care about the school and its students and truly devote him- or herself with perseverance. For our form representative, we need a person who CAREs.

Caring needs passion and devotion. As a person who cares about the community, I am always passionately involving myself in school events. Even though I have few opportunities to organize them, each time I have a chance, I devoted myself into the events, including the international dinner. Fundamentally, the reason for my devotion is that I CARE about the community. I CARE about each and every one of you.

I was not elected as the representative last year. I had not been fully equipped to hold the position. I had not known everybody so well. Nor could I communicate to each other fully. Over the past year, however, I have improved a lot. I got to know more people, and I now can better understand what people need. My devotion and passion drove me to equip myself with the abilities needed for the fourth form representative.

If you elect me as the fourth form representative, I would organize more diverse activities more frequently: a Ping-Pong contest, a movie night with pizza and popcorn, a sled race next to the baseball field when the snow storm hits, or even a board game fair where people can share their favorite unconventional board games and have everybody play with them. I would get these things done with greater efficiency and with perfection. It is my overall goal to make next year here one of the most enjoyable and the most memorable experience.

Vote for Alex Wu as your form representative! Vote the person who CAREs!

Tim Lee (4th Form Representative)

The most important virtue for a class representative is the desire for the responsibility of the class as a whole. Since class representative is a position that classmates appoint to be their way of communication, being responsible for the things students want is very important. The greater the desire of a class representative, the greater their achievements will be. I have that desire, and

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I am sure I can fulfil the position of 4th Form Class Representative. I've always tried to be responsible for my role, whether it is school work, lacrosse, or any other activities. If you vote for me to be your representative, I promise you that I will try as hard as I can to make us have an even better year than this one.

In order to make this goal a reality I promise to plan as many entertaining student activities as I can. I will take time to consider every opinion from our class, and will do my best to make the best choice whether it is where to go for our class trip (which will happen!), the design of our class shirt or any other ideas. Although I do not know much about the Student Council right now, one thing I am sure about is that I love our class and I want to do my part to make it even better. If you elect me to be your representative for our form, then I will do my best to make everyone in our class feel heard and will represent the class as a whole make the 2016-2017 school year great!

Thanks!

Nicole Alleyne (4th Form Representative)

Hi Third Form!

I am asking for your vote to return to the Student Council as your 4th Form Representative. The Carowinds Trip, T-Shirts, and the upcoming Dunkin Donut party are only a few activities that I helped plan for our class. We have had a fantastic freshman year, and I would like to be your 4th form representative to make sophomore year even better, a year full of possibilities.

If elected for next year, I would like to begin planning early for a class trip for 4th form exclusively. Then, I would organize mini form activities as we settle into the year. I promise to listen to your ideas about class apparel and other fun social events to make next year great! I will ensure that your voice is heard.

After one year of serving on the Asheville School Student Council, I know what works well to have a successful year. If I were elected 4th form representative, I would use my experience to make sophomore year a success!

I am the one who can get the job done, so I'm asking you to vote Nicole Alleyne for 4th Form Representative!

Robert Harlan (Day Student Representative)

Have you ever been in the Day Hall when you saw too many people, smelled the potent stench of gym clothes, saw trash all over the floor, felt either too hot or too cold, and just felt like you had to just get out there as soon as you could? Yeah, me too. My plan as day student representative is simple, as a community of students, we need to make being in the Day Hall a more pleasant experience. First, we have already dealt with the problem of having too many

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people in the Day Hall, but it still feels too small for such a large group of the Asheville School population. Imagine if we moved the mail room back to Anderson and created more locker space in the auxiliary room. Doing this would create more space for people to get around to their lockers without having to step over others' bags. Next, to deal with the stench, I propose that we keep the doors open in the warm months, get air fresheners for each alcove of lockers, and have a fan somewhere in the room to increase air circulation. To deal with the visual aspect of the Day Hall, I will make a set of rules for us to follow. Doing things like putting trash in the trashcan and putting your gym bag inside the bottom cabinet of the locker instead of the middle of the walkway would greatly improve the visual state of the day hall. With your help, I know we can make the Day Hall a pleasure to be in. Also, have you ever felt left out of the community of Asheville School? Have you ever felt like an afterthought of the school? If you're like me you've probably felt like this at some point during your Asheville School career. I am prepared to work with the administration of our school to make the day students more integrated into the community of the school. Thank You.

Rachel Kuehn (Day Student Representative)

My name is Rachel Kuehn and I am running for Day Student Representative. I have tons of great ideas, like making a Day-student lounge in the day hall, where the mailroom is, and having campus-wide contests like capture the flag and dodgeball. Air fresheners are a must in the day hall, and although there are some in place, certain parts still don't smell particularly nice. I think that we need more air fresheners throughout the day hall, not just in a few spots. I think that Lazy Susans on each dining hall table would be a great addition to the school and our lunchtime routines. I am always willing to listen to and am open to new ideas. Above all, I am honest and hard-working and up for a challenge. I have made an effort to get to know most of the day students, and consider myself an approachable person. Please don't be afraid to come talk to me at anytime. My name is Rachel Kuehn, and I would appreciate your vote for Day Student Rep.

Moe Iqbal (International Representative)

Having a Pakistani mother, having Arab blood, coming from Saudi Arabia while being a U.S. Citizen, I thought it wouldn't be so easy to adjust into a boarding school in America as an international student. I'm sure many other international students felt the same coming to a school so far away from home. However, this wasn't true as Asheville school provides a caring community for all students no matter what ethnicity. Being an international representative in my last year at this significant school, I really want to make sure that all international students feel like they're at home and welcomed in this community. I will definitely help new international students in the opening weeks of school by letting them know that I'm here for them if they need

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anything and that everything at this school is for your benefit. Many international students struggle to adjust yet they don't let students/faculty/advises know they're struggling. I want to take care of this issue by being a helping hand. Furthermore, I would also like to have a phenomenal International Dinner where all students get to embrace their cultures and ethnicity. I want to have larger booths for each country where students get the chance to not only share their cultural food but as well share videos/pictures from where they came from. This will take weeks of preparation, which I am ready to handle. I am also interested in setting up an anonymous Q&A online where international students are able to anonymously ask me questions that may concern them about the different way of life in America compared to their home. In conclusion, it would be an honor to be an International Representative for Asheville School next year, as I really want to have a positive impact on the student body for the next school year and for years that come ahead.

Thank You.

Jeffrey Mohan Peng (International Representative)

After thirteen years in China moving between Beijing and Shanghai, and two and a half years living in Stockholm, Sweden, I realized that there are two things that are undeniably of the most importance: culture and food.

If I were elected as the International Student representative, I will make sure that your culture and tradition will flourish. There will be activities such as school-wide celebrations, including selling traditional items and sporting events.

Simply having activities will not be enough, we will also have events where people come from different cultural background can communicate, thereby enhancing the bonds of friendship and exchanging culture. More importantly, we will also have help the new international students to be familiarized with the new environment, and the local culture.

Here comes the most important topic: food. As the president of Asheville School Entrepreneurship Club, I am proud to announce that after a long time of negotiation with Valet Gourmet since the beginning of April, the Director of Marketing has agreed to have a partnership with Asheville School, meaning there will be discounts, promo codes and even coupons. We are hoping that by the end of the year, this partnership will become active and the discount policy will be executed.

Being the Internal Student Representative means carrying a lot of responsibilities. Being the co-president of Asheville School Model United Nations Club and the president of Asheville School Entrepreneurship Club have toughened me up. In this one semester, we have successfully organized one major campaign, and a successful international conference with one of the most prestigious schools in the field of MUN. The two clubs have both grown in size and experience.

I believe the experience and skills I have acquired from running the two clubs are interchangeable with the skills required for being the Internal Student Representative. My record

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exemplifies passionate, self-driven advocacy on behalf of all of us. I care about your interests and your voice.

Thank you for your time and support!

Carrick Oh (International Representative)

Number One International Representative

It is always hard to be a new international student at Asheville School. For me, especially, it was tough to adapt to the new community and the new environment as I came after the winter break of my freshman year. Everyone else already had what we call the “friend group,” so I hesitated a lot to have conversations with others. Not only that, I was obviously not used to speaking English, which also made the situation worse for me. My first few weeks were tough.

I was talking to Ms. Gruber the other day about what would be hard for an international student to adapt to this community and how we could solve the problems that we came up with. I told her that what made me feel much more comfortable as a part of the community when I was new was the peers with the same nationality. I am not saying that it is good to hang out only with the people from the same country, but for the first few weeks or so, being around the people who speak the same languages other than English is really helpful.

I always loved to step up and help out the new international students who were struggling to adapt to the new life at Asheville School. And if I manage to become the International Representative of our school, I will try my best to help those new international students to settle in more comfortably. My goal as an International Representative is to provide more events to the international community, such as the international dinner. It helps not only the international students to bond, but also share different cultures with different people at Asheville School. For example, we can have an international show, where students from different countries perform their traditional dances or any types of talents related to their own cultures. We can also have a day when students share the snacks of their own countries, kind of like the international dinner. These are only the rough ideas that I have, so it is probably not the best ideas. But what I want to tell you all is that I will definitely work hard to make such events possible. I will talk frequently to Mr. Buddy and the whole school to get new ideas and actually make them happen. I can guarantee you that I will be the number one International Representative to work hard and diligently.

Thank you so much for reading my essay, and please vote for Carrick Oh as the International Representative!

Dohee Kim (International Representative)

Let me introduce myself. My name is Dohee Kim. My birthplace is Korea and Asian is my ethnicity. However, that was and still is the last thing I want people to identify me by. I want to be known as the girl who has attitude when she walks; the girl with a loud voice and a bright smile; the girl that does not give a care for most things but would dig her heart out for the most important things. I'd even rather be known as the girl that sleeps too much. Honestly, I just want to be known as; the girl that everyone knows is real.

I am sure that you all also do not want to be identified as the only Ghanaian or Nepalese kid, or another one of those many Chinese kids. I am aware of the large international population in Asheville School and the pride this school acquires from us. However, I feel as though we do not get the recognition we deserve compared to the amount of reputation we present them with.

I want to make the, "Oh, you literally don't do anything as an international rep," to a "Dang, I thought y'all said that this was going to be easy." I don't want this position to be overlooked. However, that is quite difficult since—in the reality of the past two years I have been here, the only recognition us international students get from the school is: a dinner that allows students to "experience" our culture.

Yeah sure, international dinner is great and all but does eating a bunch of random food from different places make you that much more experienced of other cultures? I mean, it's probably not the best quality of food, and you know that culture's coming right out of you the next day. Food is a great way to experience culture, but what can be better than a simple conversation? Not a presentation or a speech, but a conversation between two or even as many as ten genuinely interested and open-minded people just sitting down and chatting about their own cultures and traditions.

I've been to a total of six different schools and lived in three different continents. And from that I realized that the best way to experience and interact with countless amounts of cultures, traditions, ideals, and beliefs is to just sit down and talk. How much do you really know about the Bahamian traditions, Venezuelan ideals, or the Indonesian culture? Can you tell the difference between the cultures of Korea and China? Ghana and Nigeria?

Many of you may think that I am not the perfect fit for any position that requires responsibility. I agree. I was never a leader and don't think of being one any time soon. All I'm asking for is a chance to lift this school from a layer of ignorance towards other customs and traditions.

Juan Andres Medina (International Representative)

Can you think of the last time you felt like home? Try to visualize what aspects made it feel like home. I know, American culture is great, but there is always something from our own country that never fails to make us feel like home, whether it is reggaeton music, spring festival, exotic cars, rakfish, daily walks on the beach, Kpop, batiks, borscht, noodles, or maharashtra. That's where the task of being an international student gets hard. Not only are we away from our family, but also from our daily life cultural experience. But... how can we solve this? Unfortunately, I cannot bring your country to you, but I can bring some of the aspects of your culture to your Asheville school experience. It is the moment when listening to your favorite song back home or eating your favorite dish during a regular day can really make you feel much more comfortable and at home. Not only that, but also getting to know and immerse in the wonderful aspects of your friends' cultures through activities and events. Lets get our community closer and our daily experience much more fun! I will be an advocate of every and each one of your ideas and thoughts, not only because I am passionate about languages and cultures, but also because I am a hard-worker, I'm a good listener, I'm not a conformist, and most important of all, because I care and I will go to the verge to get your experience to be much more welcoming and fun.

Sincerely,
Juan