

Meet the WAAHBS Student Council Candidates!!!

Candidates for Student Council President

Vinit Kamdar

Throughout my time at the Academy, I've spent the last three years being involved in as many school activities as possible, trying to get that great high school experience. Like many people that I have talked to, I wasn't always happy with certain things. So I thought, why idly sit by and just complain about the things others, including myself, don't like? If we want change, if we want to that great high school experience, then we need to fight and create it ourselves. I am not only running for office because I only have one year left to make the most of it with all the people here but also to show that despite being in a school where we know stress better than the back of our hands, we all want to share in those legendary high school years. I am running for office for Student Council President so that I can do my best to provide an amazing year that the entire school, including both students and teachers, can enjoy. I am running for office to be the ears to which people can freely speak their ideas and be the voice to the changes that we are all striving for. Why am I running for office? It's simple really. I am running for office to stop taking a back seat in all the action, and to give the students of this school a reason to try and take charge for the change I have been wanting for.

Kyle Kopcho

I am running for presidential office in the school student council for several reasons. I believe that I am capable of performing the duties of the office which include, but are not limited to, the coordination of school events such as the Pep Rally, Talent Show, and Field Day as well as other school activities and fundraisers. I wish to address and resolve some problems that the school has dealt with since my freshmen year, mainly those surrounding clubs, their significance and days in which they meet. For years, the significance of many clubs at the Academy has been lacking and they have been seen as merely an escape from class and an activity of no consequence. I want to bring spirit back to these clubs and increase the significance of all clubs in the Academy by changing the requirements for days on which they meet and by putting an emphasis on their activities through the creation of an event to showcase each club's accomplishments through the year. I also wish to be an active leader of the student council. I do not wish to be in the shadows and will try to address students' wants and desires of change when and where I can if it is possible. In many other high schools a club is something that is an outlet for your passion and creativity, with these changes and my actions as president; I wish to bring that passion and ingenuity back to the Academy.

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Marek Vira

Being president, to me, is more than holding a position, its and opportunity and a responsibility, an opportunity to make a difference and the responsibility to do so. Every day when I walked into this school, I used to ask myself, "Why am I here?" Only recently have I found the answer, it is "To help others." I am running for Student Body President for that same reason; I want the opportunity to make a difference that will help others. To even run for this position, I had to get Mr. Fanelli's signature. We sat down and he asked me why I wanted to become president, what I was going to do as president and how I was going accomplish it, at every step bombarding me with realism. I only had a few answers, but that did not discourage me; instead it motivated me and helped me realize that I truly want to play my part in improving the school, in helping the next set of freshmen and the next graduating class. That is the responsibility I wish to undertake. Most importantly, I love this school; its teachers, students and faculty have all had a positive influence on me, I can only hope that I will be able to have the same effect on it.

Jacqueline Wisnik

I, Jacqueline Wisnik, am a caring person who is organized, well prepared and I Want to make a difference in school; but I require the help from every student To do this task. If I were to become President, I would put all my effort to Help us achieve the goal of uniting us a student body. The experience You have in high school will be one that you should remember forever; that is why I Have many plans for student government if elected. I am a President who is for The people and with the people. I plan to work with the individuals who have the Best experience with previous student government positions to guide me through it. High school should be a time, which we should remember for the rest of our lives. School can be fun with help from our kind administrators and devoted students. The Experience we have in High School is up to us,
vote Jacqueline Wisnik for the best one.

Candidates for Student Council Vice President

Ali Ben Saad

The office of Vice President demands an assortment of attributes which will define how effective and compatible a candidate may be for that role. It is important that an individual responsible for this office is punctual, tactful, and passionate about their role. I believe that I will deliver on all of these attributes and exemplify them in every instance and opportunity I am given. I am running for this position to progress our student body forward, so that hopefully we leave our community in a better position than when we began.

Many who run for this position will promise more activities, more events for our school while neglecting the important issues that should be addressed. A major issue with this year and with previous years was that only a fraction of people actually knew what was happening with school events. Unlike my predecessors, I will effectively inform students of all upcoming school events. As a student representative, I plan to work to my full potential in order to better the high school experience for us all. I am committed to work with all students, from all classes, to make the 2014-2015 school year more beneficial and positively memorable for everyone. This includes continuing current school events as well as the possibility of adding new ones. Ultimately, this job cannot be done alone. I can only accomplish these goals by working with my fellow representatives and you. Let's make this school a better place for the student body, *together*.

Aarsh Shah

So why am I running for Vice President of Student Council? Well, there is one really obvious reason that most of you have already figured out and will agree to: our school is VERY different from other high schools. After three years of just going with it and not taking charge, I'm tired of waiting for this school to change by itself. As vice president, I'll not only be a member of student council, but I'll be your voice to help make this school a better place. There is not one intimidating bone in my body, so you guys can easily come up to me whenever you want to and just talk to me and tell me anything whenever you see me roaming around. I know the amount of stress you're going through, and I want to be the vice president that'll add some fun into this school, so we can get that balance of work and enjoyment. If there's a test every day of the week, I want to have more "Academy-wide" events that we can look forward to, where every grade will meet up and have some fun together. There should be no reason why everyone doesn't know each other in a school of 200. I will take this seriously and work with the rest of student council to have your ideas come true. This is just the start, but vote for me for vice president and I will make our Academy worth coming to.

Candidates for Student Council Secretary

Mansi Amin

Hey! My name is Mansi Amin and I'm running for Student Council Secretary. One of the reasons why I'm running for Student Council Secretary is that I really want to incorporate some new, different activities into school spirit week! Student Council is one of the best platforms in a school environment that allows students to voice their opinion on not only how the school works, but also allows students to feel comfortable in a setting with a more fun environment. I believe that you should vote for me for Student Council Secretary because you can rely on me when it comes to your opinions and suggestions for the different events we hold. Just let me know! Even though our school is really small compared to other schools, it's no reason to feel anything less than a normal public high school! Student Council is where that "issue" comes in. Since I've been in the Academy, everything seems the same. It's time for a change, and as you can see along with Ms. Mac's help, that change is possible. It's time to make Student Council activities actually fun and enjoyable! Having me as your Student Council Secretary will ensure that everything will be ordered, organized, and definitely fun! I hope you make the right decision and vote for me for your School Secretary!

Muhammad Carvan

Next year is the last year for me in the Academy and I feel as if I have a duty to contribute and help the school in whatever way I can. As a secretary, I feel as if I can fulfill the job requirements such as creating agendas, keep record of meetings, and keep reports on file. Throughout the past few years I have worked two jobs and have taken many leadership positions in my community. As a former telemarketing representative, organization and fulfilling the job requirements as a secretary would not be an issue for me. As a current tutor, I am very good with people and adjusting to the needs of others. I would like to run for student council secretary so I can apply myself as well as my acquired skills towards something good such as helping the student body of the school.

Paying attention to meetings and keeping record of things such as meeting dates and dance ticket sales, I believe I am more than capable of performing these activities. Throughout the years, I have noticed that there is not enough school pride and the students in this facility are not united. As secretary I can help the other appointed officers help students take pride in their school and be more united. I want to contribute ideas as well as help our student council be more organized. I want to be more involved and help the student body.

Candidates for Student Council Secretary (Continued)

Neha Peddi

After spending three years at the Academy, I believe that it is finally time for me to take a stand. I am running for Student Council Secretary because I want to become an active member of our school. I want the chance to help make a difference in our school and contribute all I can to make next year a success. By becoming a member of the Student Council I will be given the opportunity to do my best in planning events for our school and to help make sure these events are carried out properly. I truly believe that I am someone who will get the job done and make sure that every assignment I am given will be completed to my best ability and on time. Not only do I want to play an active role in our school but more importantly I want to be elected so that I can make sure that the voices of all the students are heard. If elected as Student Council Secretary, I wish to be someone who all of you can reach out to and suggest any ideas you may have. Even though it is Student Council who puts together many of the school activities, without the ideas of all of you, these events would not be possible. Therefore, I am running so that I can help make sure that all of your ideas play a major role in our school and that every single one of you has a say.

Akum Singh

My agenda as Secretary is to make what YOU want possible. I am someone that is approachable, so any ideas you have I would want to hear. In order to be successful in providing fun activities your secretary needs to be responsible and on top of her game every second of every day, and that's what you can expect from me. The job of the secretary is to document what occurs and what decisions are made; and who better to document than someone with neat handwriting, who wants to be involved in school decisions, and someone who will help make those decisions come alive? Every year we have those days that we look forward too; for example the Pep Rally or Field Day. It's no secret that school is a stressor, and we need days off to relax and spend time together. High School is about making memories and having the time of your life, and I want to help make that a reality. So let's take advantage of this year, get involved, try hard, and get a representative who can reflect all of that. I believe that our school has the potential to be enjoyable, but only if your representatives put in the effort and hard work. I plan on making sure that next year we have the most memorable yet, and that will only be possible if you give me a chance. Less talk, more action: Akum K. Singh for Secretary.

Candidates for Student Council Treasurer

Omar Awan

When looking at the Woodbridge Academy, there are many improvements that I could make as student council treasurer. Every high school needs a strong money manager in order to have successful trips, talent shows, proms, and other activities hosted by the school, going by the budget of course. Innovative fundraising ideas and proper budget management will let us have these activities. With activities that will draw in all students of every grade there will be more money for higher standard proms and bigger, more exciting trips. As student council treasurer, I believe I meet the qualities and skills needed to make these plans a reality. As a person, I am quite polite. When working with others, I make sure I stay respectable. Therefore, working with others would be a task that I could do with ease. I never lose my calmness or lash out on anyone. When dealing with important measurers such as school wide money management, it's important that all my peers and instructors have my respect and trust. Suggestions from other students as well as the different treasurers from each grade are always welcome. For every fundraiser the council and I come up with, we will make sure we get feedback from people from each grade if the idea will draw in more consumers. My ideas won't involve only consulting with the council as we can't throw in a random fundraiser that people may not be interested in. With all this in mind, I feel the student council

Tanvi Chaudhry

Have you ever thought about what happens to the money student council gets? Or what about the money that is used for YOUR school events that makes YOUR high school experience enjoyable and memorable? Next year as a Senior in the Class of 2015, I want you to know that I will take care of YOUR money by keeping you informed and updated about the green bills going in and out of Student Council. This world runs on money and it's crucial that we all know how serious of a matter it is to spend money responsibly and to save it for important events. Money *is* treasure and as Treasurer, I want to help YOU make use of the Student Council's treasure wisely. For me, every penny counts, because every penny makes a difference in the school's Treasury. We all, collectively, make a difference in the way we laugh together at the Pep Rally or bond like families together over team spirit during Field Day. The money we put into our school events makes a difference. The money YOU give makes a difference. OUR money influences our experiences here at the Academy. I want to take care of that money because I treasure that sentimental difference it brings to our high school. Go Team Tanvi for Treasurer, T for T! Trust me with your treasure and I will show you how even pennies make a difference.

Anthony Chen

Hello Woodbridge Academy!!! I'm Anthony Chen, and I am running for Student Council Treasurer. I want to be on student council so that I can improve our school activities, school spirit, and help ensure that everything we manage runs smoothly. I want to increase the communication between the student and the class council, so that more people are involved and participate in school events. We had a great year, but I saw things that we could improve on, such as planning and getting the news out to others. In addition, our school is academically-driven, which is a wonderful quality, but I feel that the students in our school need to spend much more time interacting with each other, learning teamwork and sociability, to provide time to improve teamwork and social skills. Thus, I will try to promote more school-wide activities that center around fun and socially active events. I am ideal for the position as treasurer because I am good at budgeting and prioritizing my needs. I am also a very open person which makes it extremely easy to talk to me. I believe that is a necessary quality for any person running for office, because we are running for the benefit of the students, and we must listen to all of their opinions. Finally, I am sure that, as treasurer, I will be able to work with my fellow council members to provide everyone with an extremely enjoyable year, with new ideas and interesting activities planned for 2014-15. :)