

# SGA ELECTIONS



SGA Elections for Fall of 2009 will take place on  
**Wednesday, April 15 and**  
**Thursday, April 16.**



A LISTSERV e-mail will be sent out to students the week of April 12th directing Behrend students to a site where they will choose representatives from the student body to serve on the Student Government Association (SGA) for the 2009-2010 school year. Below is a list of the candidates running in this year's elections.

Each position has a restricted amount of seats, so use the platforms provided by candidates to make your decision when it comes time to vote.

Voting "booths" will also be set up outside of Bruno's Cafe on the April 15 and 16. Voting will remain open until 12:00 a.m. on April 17.

## President(1)/Vice President(1)

**President: Bradley Kovalcik**  
**8th semester: Creative Writing**

**Vice President: Molly Thomas**  
**6th semester: Computer Science**

**Experience:** Mr. Kovalcik and Ms. Thomas have a combined experience of five years in SGA as well as two years on the executive board. The two are the most experienced students at Behrend dealing with policy making and advocacy for students. They plan on expanding this knowledge to other students by recognizing them for their leadership and accomplishments at the college and will continue to push for a wealth of leadership in the Student Government so that students of the college are well represented.

**Transparency:** Kovalcik and Thomas plan to create a bigger presence of the SGA at Behrend so that the students of the college know what is being discussed and worked on. This will include regular open forums and a constantly updated website. Their main goal is for students to become involved with the changes being made to better Behrend.

**Furthering Behrend:** Behrend has been growing for 60 years, and under Kovalcik and Thomas's leadership it will only continue to grow for the better. They would like to work on expanding course offer-

Note: President - Vice President will be listed on a single ticket.



ings as well as majors offered at Behrend, better descriptions of courses and mentoring within the major by peers, expand the number of businesses that accept LionCash, and stretching Behrend's accomplishments to the community to drive enrollment.

**Responsible use of student fees:** Mr. Kovalcik and Ms. Thomas will make sure student generated fees are used responsibly and for the best use to Behrend students. The two are very club-oriented and want to make sure clubs receive the resources they need to thrive. With the use of these fees, they wish to give students of the college a diverse and rewarding experience with both unique activities and new, improved facilities.

**University Relations:** Through CCSG, Mr. Kovalcik and Ms. Thomas will make positive strides within the university. The two are leaders in the Commonwealth Student Government and will settle for nothing less than what is best for Behrend Students.

## Secretary(1)

**One position:** Responsible for everyday logistical duties of the Student Government Association, including keeping minutes and keeping SGA members aware of, and updated on, all resolutions.

**Caleb Rodgers**  
**4th semester - Finance**

At the beginning of the 2008-2009 academic school year, I was granted the privilege of serving the Behrend community as an upperclassman Senator for the Behrend Student Government Association. Throughout that period

of time, I gave my best effort through speaking up in meetings, giving my input, attending all events for the SGA, and serving office hours every week. I would love to serve the student body here at Behrend as the secretary for the SGA. I am very skilled at keeping student groups focused and organized. I am currently involved in the LEB, SGA, Facility Fee Committee, KDR, and I am chairing the Spring 2009 Concert Committee.

**Chasity Wilson**  
**2nd semester - Political Science**

I am Chasity Wilson, my major is political science, and I am a candidate for the secretary position in SGA. I know that I can dedicate the time to be an aid to the president, vice president, and student body. I will be detailed and accurate with all documentation and fair when voting on financial and social issues. I know how to work well with people, speak in public, manage my time, and be efficient with all assignments. What I don't know about the position I am willing to learn, and I am willing to dedicate myself to the position as secretary.

## Looking for a Job on Campus?

Rules are changing for eligibility for federal and state work-study. In order to be considered for either, please be sure to follow the directions below.

### Federal Work-Study

#### Summer 2009

- Have the 2008-09 FAFSA on file with Penn State
- Contact the Financial Aid office for help applying
- It is not necessary to be taking classes during the summer to be considered for Federal Work-Study
- Complete the 2009-10 FAFSA as soon as possible
- Answer Yes (to at least) Work-Study on Question 31 on the FAFSA
- The Penn State school code for all campuses is 003329

#### Fall 2009 - Spring 2010

- Complete the 2009-10 FAFSA by April 1, 2009
- Answer Yes to (at least) Work-Study on Question 31 on the FAFSA
- The Penn State school code for all campuses is 003329

Please feel free to contact Michelle Slagle in the Penn State Behrend Financial Aid Office at 814.898.6166 or fms6@psu.edu with any questions.

### State Work-Study

#### Summer 2009

- Pennsylvania Resident
- Have the 2008-09 FAFSA on file
- Complete the 2009-10 FAFSA asap
- Complete the State Work-Study Program(SWSP) Application/Placement Form with your employer no later than May 31, 2009
- The form can be found at: <http://www.pheaa.org/workstudy/pdf/swsp2.pdf>
- If you are a Pennsylvania resident and returning home for the summer, check this web site for State Work-Study jobs in your area: [https://connections.pheaa.org/swsp/swsp\\_index.cfm](https://connections.pheaa.org/swsp/swsp_index.cfm)

#### Fall 2009 - Spring 2010

- Pennsylvania Resident
- Complete the 2009-10 FAFSA asap
- Complete the State Work-Study Program(SWSP) Application/Placement Form with your employer no later than October 1, 2009 for Fall/Spring employment, and no later than January 31, 2010 for Spring only employment