

SGA Elections for Fall of 2010 will take place on Wednesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 15.



Quick hits: SGA Election

Who: Candidates listed here.
What: Students running for positions for the Penn State Behrend Student Government Association. Twelve students are running for ten seats on the Senate, and three uncontested races will also occur.
When: Voting opens on Wednesday, April 14 and closes on Thursday, April 15.
Where: Online. An e-mail will be sent to all Behrend students letting them know where to vote. Also, voting booths will have laptops for voting in Reed and REDC from 11am-1pm on the voting days.
Why should I care: The Student Government Association is responsible for drafting legislation, much of which centers around the student experience at Penn State Behrend - including how your money is spent at the college.

Senator

There are ten open positions for Senators on SGA. Twelve students have submitted their candidacy.

This race is contested.

Job Description: Responsible for proposing resolutions, attending committees, representing the student population. Senators represent the large voting portion of the Student Government Association and have a direct impact on SGA policy.

Ryan Voris



Semester: 2
Major: Computer Science
Platform: I should be on SGA because I always look at things ana-

lytically and consider all options before making decisions. I would vote based on the ethics and beliefs of the student body as a whole. I can't promise to make your wildest dreams come true, but I can definitely promise that I will do whatever I can to make the campus a better place to live, learn, and have fun.

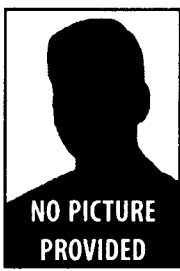
Briana Newstrom



Semester: 6
Major: Psychology
Platform: My goal as an Upperclassman Senator next year is to increase involve-

ment in SGA Senate as well as other groups on campus. I will promote SGA to students not on the senate by advertising SGA and giving out information. I will work with other SGA senators to help clubs create more interest from students. I will work hard to make SGA the best it can be.

Devin Pierre



Semester: 2
Major: Undecided
Platform: To ensure that the student body's wants and needs

are translated into SGA action.

Cassie Kosmal



Semester: 4
Major: Business
Platform: I am a student who has experience in student govern-

ment and leadership. I want to assist in making decisions to help Penn State Behrend appeal to a wider audience. I would greatly appreciate your vote to keep serving in SGA.

Aharon Robinson



Semester: 2
Major: Business
Platform: I believe that the SGA is not only responsible for

building the campus community, but maintains the ability to further the progression of the community outside of the boundaries of this university. As senator, I will make sure that the SGA will be proactive in raising awareness about service events outside of Behrend while continuing to advance campus life.

Jake Randolph



Semester: 6
Major: Marketing
Platform: When I think of student govern-

ment, I think of campus leaders being there to represent and fulfill the needs of the student body. I am a dedicated and hard working individual that wants to make Behrend the best place possible for our students. I believe I can help accomplish this by becoming a SGA Senator. I am a very outgoing individual who has a great relationship with faculty. If elected, I will dedicate the time and effort to satisfy the needs and wants of the student body.

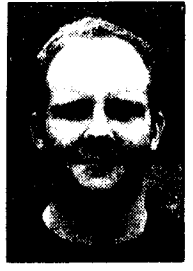
Almedina Alicusic



Semester: 6
Major: English Lit.
Platform: Being a part of SGA in the past year helped me

learn and helped me teach others about SGA while also showing and proving that our differences are what makes us (something I learned from my position as Diversity Director in SGA). I would like to show this same thing next year, more so I would like to represent that there are people on this campus that are not like the majority, and I would like to give voice to them.

Andrew Sywyj



Semester: 2
Major: Business
Platform: I believe you should vote for me because I want to

better the Penn State Behrend community for both on and off campus students. I plan to help PSB create more activities for students to participate in on weeknights as well as weekends. Next year's renovations of the Reed Union Building will definitely contribute to these efforts. I look forward to helping the SGA improve the opportunities for student involvement at Behrend.

Aaron Morelli



Semester: 2
Major: Business
Platform: As an SGA Senator, I will make it my primary objective

to place the interests of Penn State Behrend's students and organizations at the top of SGA's agenda. I believe myself to be a valuable asset to Penn State Behrend's SGA because I can provide an unbiased opinion to all of the decisions made in SGA. Also, I promise to be as dedicated as possible, work with the other senators well, and work in two of the SGA committees to promote Penn State Behrend's activities and events to all students. As Senator, I hope to improve Penn State Behrend.

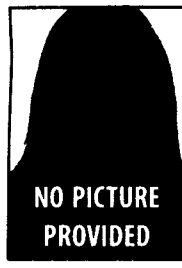
Urooj Fakhrudin



Semester: 5
Major: Accounting
Platform: I wish to empower and represent the student body by actively engaging

all students' questions, concerns, and suggestions to ensure their voice is heard. Such a leadership position requires an individual with whom students can relate to and who can inspire change. By acting as a bridge, I will do my part to guarantee this process and make my name a recognizable one to the entirety of the student body. As a member of the senate, I hope to enact change and address the wants and needs of the students at Penn State Behrend.

Rose Francois



Semester: 2
Major: Accounting, Int'l Business
Platform: I was a part of the Student Govern-

ment during my freshmen year and I loved working with everyone on the panel. I was also the co-director of the diversity committee through which we (as a committee) put up different programs to promote diversity on campus. I want to keep on being a part of the SGA because I think that I have a lot more to offer. I want to be able to change Behrend for the better. I want to be able to vote on constitutions and legislations that I know will benefit Behrend. Therefore, I trust that you will make the right decisions in voting me as a SGA senator.

Ryan Frankowski



Semester: 2
Major: Industrial Engineering
Platform: Being a part of the Student Govern-

ment Association this year has been a great, informative experience. The student government and I are able to stay connected on current topics related to Penn State Behrend, such as the future renovations to the Reed Union Building and the potential plans for Dobbins Dining Hall. The student body is who I am trying to work for each week at SGA meetings. As a leader, I obtain information from activities on campus so that I can vote upon what I feel you, my peers, want to see changed on campus. My curriculum includes engineering, participating in clubs, cross country, track & field, writing for the Behrend Beacon, and participating in the Resident Assistant course.

Alli Heitzenrater



Semester: 4
Major: Creative Writing
Platform: I believe I would make a great senator for many rea-

sons. I want to make every student's college experience worthwhile. In addition, as a sister of Alpha Sigma Tau, I strive everyday to live by its motto, "Active, Self-Reliant, Trustworthy". If elected as a senator, I will continue to carry that motto while considering the student body. I am hard working and very organized. I am dedicated to everything I am involved with and will continue to do so as a senator. Because I would represent the voice of the student body, I vow to be as dedicated as possible.

Jennifer Slane



Semester: 2
Major: Psychology
Platform: I believe that I will be a well-qualified SGA

Senator because:
1. I am currently the co-chair of publicity for Concert Committee where I have gained experience with Student Activities as well as developing my skills of leadership & teamwork.
2. If elected, I will work to make sure that SGA's best interests is that of Penn State Behrend's students.
3. Also, I will work to promote SGA committees and activities to the Penn State Behrend community.

President / Vice President

Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates run together on one ticket.

This race is uncontested.

Stephen Burger/Hannah White

Semester: Burger: 6 / White: 6

Major: Burger: Finance / White: Biology

Platform:

Our main objective for next year is to increase student involvement on campus through:

1. Holding round table discussions weekly that all club executives are encouraged to attend.
2. Promoting co-sponsored events involved to all students on behalf of all clubs and organizations. By doing this, each club and

organization can fully utilize programs and funding provided by the school.

With each club and organization collaboratively working together, each organization can achieve maximum success.

Also, if clubs and organization work together, we can establish a more coherent and connected campus community.

Secretary

This race is uncontested.

Job Description: Responsible for everyday logistical duties of the Student Government Association, including keeping minutes and keeping members aware of and updated on all resolutions.

Briana Newstrom



Semester: 6

Major: Psychology

Platform:

My goal as Secretary next year is to increase involvement in the SGA Senate as well as other student groups on campus. I will do this by:

1. Working with other students on the Senate and promoting club activities.
2. I will do my best to help clubs and organizations promote their goals and activities in order to get more students interested.
3. I will promote SGA as a whole and work with SGA senators to make SGA the best it can be.

University Faculty Senate Rep.

This race is uncontested.

Job Description: This position is a student representative from Behrend that travels to University Park to represent Penn State Behrend's student body on the University Faculty Senate.

Harshal Patel

Semester: 6

Major: Supply Chain & Information Systems

Platform:

I hope to be appointed University Faculty Senate Representative to become an advocate for Behrend students. If chosen, I hope to alleviate issues between students and faculty, and also bring up topics of concern to better our career at college. I believe that Behrend needs someone to represent the student body in a positive light, and I believe I can do that and more. If I am granted this position, I will do all that I can to represent the Behrend student body in the best manner, make the relationship between faculty and students even more harmonious, and to bring up and solve matters that will make our experience at Behrend unforgettable.

