



Freshman Elections 2017-2018

Get to know your candidates!

Voter's Guide

Who will be the 3 to complete the ASB '21?

All candidates were asked to answer the following questions:

1. What sets you apart from other candidates?
2. What would you work to improve for your class, if elected?
3. What would be a new idea or program you would like to see come to Ballard or a cause you would like to promote to improve our school culture?

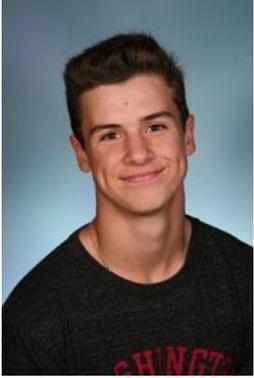
**Please read carefully through this voter's guide before making your decision.*

Primary elections are on Wednesday, November 8th

General elections are on Wednesday, November 15th

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Freshman Class President (5 candidates)



Connor Dynes

1. I am a student athlete who has both physically and mentally put myself on the line for Ballard high school. I am someone who is extremely proud to be a student in the class of 2021, I am a hard worker and someone who is not afraid to state my opinion.
2. If I were elected I would bring school and class spirit. I will try my hardest to make everyone feel more welcome at Ballard as well as being involved and having a good time.
3. Some things I would work towards having at Ballard if I were elected are more pep rallies to promote school spirit as well as more field trips and more hands on activities in the classroom.



Anna Fina

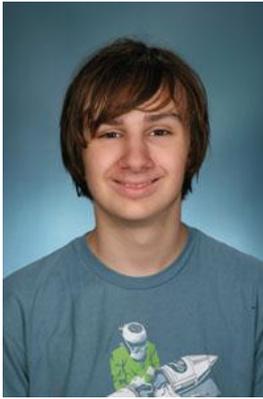
1. What sets me apart from other candidates is that I am willing to listen to everyone's opinion and do everything I can to fulfill their requests by voicing their concerns.
2. I would work to improve the community of our class and school, as well as the spirit of our grade as a whole.
3. I would like to have more schools events to connect students to one another. As well as fundraising more for sports, clubs and other extra curriculares, which help create small communities within the high school.



Eavan Burke

1. For starters, I am set apart in that I am experienced in student government and public speaking. Currently, I am on the BHS Student Senate, thus I already have knowledge and experience in the inner workings of the ASB. I also enjoy public speaking and have even spoke in front of five different schools on an occasion. My experience will help propel your ideas forward and will make all assemblies entertaining and engaging. On top of that, I have a wide spectrum of interests. So for you interested in anything from ethics to science or from music to math I understand and want to create an environment that allows you to pursue these interests. Finally, I am set apart from my fellow classmates running because of my hardworking character and positive attitude. When I start something I see no reason to stop. You can be certain that when you present your ideas to me I will try my hardest to fulfill them and approach them with a positive outlook. As you can see, my experience, understanding of a wide variety of interests, hardworking character, and positive attitude all set me apart in this race for the presidency.
2. If I am elected I can promise a school environment that is positive, stress-free, and safe. I know the pain when you open your planner at the end of the day. What seemed like an easy homework load to start has become a massive mound of suffering. Suddenly the world seems like it's over and it doesn't help that the atmosphere around you is stressed and tense. This is the first thing I would improve. I want to create a vibe at BHS that is stress-free and positive. This can be accomplished through fun assemblies that get your mind off of school for a couple of hours. If I am elected I will make sure that your ideas for these assemblies will reach the ears of the ASB. I think assemblies where your ideas are used create a positive community and make assemblies all the more fun. Being part of the community also ties into feeling safe. I think the most crucial thing about a school environment is safety, and if elected I hope to provide this atmosphere to all of you. I want to make sure all of your voices are heard. If elected, I would be easily accessible for you to bring your ideas to me. You are the community of this school and it's your ideas, which make it great to be a beaver. If elected I hope to create an atmosphere that is positive, stress-free, and safe where your ideas are heard.
3. Ballard's school culture is a key aspect in all our daily lives. If elected, I hope to enrich this culture. I would like to support all our current clubs but also support new projects and causes. One cause I would really like to focus on is cancer-awareness. My Grandma who I was really close to died last year of cancer. I know many of you reading this right now have experienced the same thing. If we act now and support research we can prevent more loved ones from passing. We can support research through donations, bake sales, and other means of fundraising. Another cause I'd like to promote is protection of wildlife in Washington. If elected I would help the ESC (Earth Service Corps) at our school continue to spread awareness and protect wildlife in

Washington. Finally, I would like to support the arts at Ballard, by establishing a student art show in support of the causes listed above. If elected I hope to enrich our school culture by supporting our current clubs along with cancer-awareness, environmental protection, and the arts.



Rowan Conway

1. What makes my candidacy and myself preferable over my competitors is that I have a well-tuned ability to articulate my ideas and thoughts to a highly detailed extent to everyone who seeks to understand my idea's without causing any confusion about the basics of a subject, and that I can and will spend all the time needed to implement these new ideas and policy into the school without compromising the amount of things that can be done in my time as president. Beyond this, I will be constantly on the lookout for new ways to improve my ideas, the ideas of others, and to be unbiased in all that is done.
2. I will put my efforts into making sure that in class our education recourses are prioritized to be effective more than to be convenient, and to provide quality of an education over the quantity as long as all that students need to understand is understood. When it comes to making sure that students stay on pace or ahead of there course of learning, I will push for ways that students can study a subject that is being taught within a class without having the student need to rely on the presence of a teacher after or before school.
3. There is a multitude of things I would like to touch on over my presidency. Priorities of that includes a better, more complex method of ensuring nutritional value in a students school lunch besides whole wheat bread and beef with high standards, because a hamburger and fries, regardless of the quality of the product, is not a healthy meal which students eat daily. What growing children, especially teens, require is access to a wide variety of healthy foods, not just any food. What children and teens also require is the guarantee of safety on school grounds, and not just from outside factors, but from within. As many students were made aware of in the recent segment of the Talisman, "These are your peers," assault is beyond an expectable measure in this school. It clearly demonstrates the lack of education students receive on this issue, and that students are either not being properly taught how to avoid situations like those shown in the Talisman, or that the education of this issue it is not happening whatsoever.

Ruby Eaton



1. I am a dedicated student, responsible and hardworking outside of school, I am empathetic and driven to help others, and I'm an active participant in my community. I strive to put others before myself, to understand our place in this world and how to improve ourselves everyday to create a better place. As President, I want to have a hand in making Ballard High School an even more inclusive and fun learning environment where everyone feels they have a place to be themselves.
2. Witnessing the pep rally during homecoming week and how others discuss BHS around me, I feel there is a need of more school spirit! I would like to hear more of my peers discuss their clubs, sports and activities, and improve the enthusiasm of our class. To do that, I'd like to create a method of spreading the word of upcoming events and activities through an easily accessible medium that students would use, utilizing technology or social media.
3. I am someone who is very vocal and aware of world events and current problems in our global society. To me, the education that we get is very precious, and we are lucky to go to school everyday. That being said, I would love to see Ballard High School adopt a Sister School in a 3rd world country, and have fundraisers/donation rallies a few times a school year to raise money and donate supplies to a school or children in need. Education is something we, as American kids, take for granted, and I want to see us make a difference in that field.

Freshman Class Vice President (5 candidates)



Min Jang

1. I have attended many different schools, 9 to be exact, and all these schools have shown me all these different ideas and I believe that I can bring those ideas to life at Ballard.
2. I will improve relations in ASB between freshmen and upperclassmen, and improve relations between making sure that the freshmen class has an appropriate amount of representation.
3. I would like to see more clubs to fit more freshmen interests, and increase our class' school spirit in spirit weeks.



Helena Foster

1. One thing that sets me apart from other candidates is that I have a strong connection to the school. I have been coming to Ballard High School since I was a toddler and I feel like now it's my turn to make the school a better place and show what I can do to impact Ballard High. What also sets me apart from other candidates is that I care about the future of our school. Even though it's only the beginning of the year I have already attended school dances, plays, and numerous school sporting events and I've joined some clubs. From doing all this I can tell that Ballard has a lot of school spirit and pride. I think it's important to help all students find activities at school that they can connect with and so they can feel included and will have school spirit and pride.
2. If I were elected freshman Vice President I would work on making sure more students' ideas are involved in student government and their voices heard. I would work on making sure all the different clubs and classes are given the same opportunities and that some are not favored over others. If I were elected I would try to think of all the students different situations and work to make sure all students' needs are considered.
3. As a freshman I have found my experience with link crew very helpful, I would like to work towards keeping that system strong and making sure everyone has the same amount of support within their link crew groups. I think that many students have great ideas for clubs or programs at Ballard but are unable to make them happen. As Vice President I would like to help these students be able to have a say in what happens in their school. I will listen to you. I will work to give you a voice in student government.



Ella Tipping

1. What sets me apart from other candidates running for vice president is that I love to talk to everyone and some people running could not be as open to listening and responding to questions people might have during the year. Another thing that sets me apart is that my sister has gone to Ballard so I already know the school pretty well.
2. If elected I would work on our class spirit. I would work on this because I could see not everyone likes to dress up but at the pep assembly we were very mono tone and I know our class could be so much better than I saw.
3. Was thinking about what I would bring to Ballard I believe the best would be bringing a new class in altogether, sign language is very apparent in our world today, having the language of sign at our school would benefit in all countries because people everywhere in our world is deaf



Grey Colleran

1. I think my qualities are different than those of other candidates because I have a diverse background of interests that relates to many different kinds of people. I like to play sports and be competitive, but I also like to be more laid back and chill with friends, play the saxophone, and read. I can work with other students in class, and be serious about my own and others learning, and also have fun cheering at football games. These qualities help me bring different kinds of leadership depending on the situation, whether it is helping someone with their homework, encouraging people to speak up, being a leader on the basketball court, or showing school spirit.
2. The freshmen are the future of BHS. I would work on improving the unity of our class, and attempt to help everyone work together in an environment where all feel comfortable. For a huge class like ours, it is hard for people to feel like they all have a role in it, and I want to try and make sure that every student is represented. I also want to encourage people to support teams and clubs and show good school spirit!
3. I want to promote a more environmentally friendly school. We should all have access to ways to stay green. People don't only eat in the commons, so we should put compost bins everywhere, and make sure people know what container to throw their waste into.



Tim Gaston

1. My curiosity and creativity when taking risks helps me be successful, and my willingness to try new things makes me an ideal leader.
2. I want school to be remembered in a good sense. Classes should be more interactive, letting students enjoy learning and take risks.
3. A class retreat at the begging of freshman year would provide us an opportunity to build relationships with a good number of the classmates with which we will be spending the next four years.

Freshman Class Secretary/Treasurer (3 candidates)



Angela Gervassi- Saga

1. One thing that sets me apart from all the other great candidates is that I have had the opportunity to travel around the world to South Africa, France, England, Dubai, Canada, South America. That makes me very well cultured and very aware of needs that each person may need.
2. If i am elected to be secretary/treasurer, I will do my best to listen and to pay attention to what people want and what people need and I will do my best to accomplish anything you guys will need. I will do my best to take care of the money that the school has and I will make sure that we have enough money for what we need.
3. If there was one cause I would like to promote, it would be mental and physical health awareness. I don't think that this is a cause that has been talked about much, I think that people should be aware of the issues that many people are living with.



Broden Crotty

1. I think the most important thing that makes me stand out from other candidates is that I have experience. I began my experience with leadership in middle school by being a 6th grade ASB representative. I then became ASB secretary in 7th grade and finally ASB president in 8th grade. I'm also familiar with Ballard because I have a older sibling that goes to the school. In the end I have the experience to know how to get things done and do the job right.
2. I would try to work on the crowded hallways and stairways since I know that getting to class everyday can be a struggle. Being in Biotech has giving me the opportunity to have a Monday study hall every week, which is great, but it's also made me realize that not everyone gets to have this luxury. So I would also try to make study halls open to everyone.
3. The school already has a great variety of options but I noticed the buildings tend to get defaced with graffiti and trash, which ruins our schools pride. Having a group of students who are willing to clean up the campus for community service hours would be a program I would like to start to make our school look as good as possible.



Robin Stump

1. What sets me apart from other candidates is that I have always been extremely talented with managing money. After I had my Bar Mitzvah I managed my money wisely, so I still have enough money to be able to buy lots of snacks.
2. I will make sure everyone has a say about what's going on at school. I will attempt to implement suggestions boxes and other ways people can bring their ideas to the attention of ASB.
3. I think we should create a program not based on what you are interested in, like clubs and sports are, but just a time after school when people can hang out and meet other people who are different from them.