

BROADSIDE

HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL



Students chill at the unified prom in the HHS cafeteria on Saturday night. The limbo also proved to be a popular activity that night. Photograph by Grace Derksen ('19).

Student-Entrepreneur Introduces Special
Business Program To Council;
Creation of Bike Repair Station Also Debated

Council Update - 05/02/2018

By Caleb Benjamin ('19)

This past week's Council Meeting was headlined by a guest presentation but began with some updates. The first update came from the Student Life Committee, saying that as a committee they had gone to the Richmond Middle School to look at their cafeteria. This was followed up with the statement that as a school HHS should look at what its meal services contract promises and what students are actually getting and that to do so the committee will send out a survey about the cafeteria and use the responses they receive to send a letter about the cafeteria to the school board. Next on the agenda was the main attraction, a presentation about a program called AdVenture Capital (AdCap for short) by a student from Stevens High School in Claremont named Preston, who had taken advantage of the program to help install a breakfast cart (that

he and a few friends run) in his high school cafeteria.

Preston explained that AdCap is a student entrepreneurship program that helps student entrepreneurs improve their community. Before he began his presentation, Preston asked, "What are some things that could be improved at school in terms of fitness or healthy eating?" Moderator Aisling Kelly volunteered and said that she thought the school could really benefit from intramural sports. Mrs. Ceplikas added that she thought the school cafeteria could have a salad bar, a sentiment that Council seemed to be in agreement with.

Preston then delved into his presentation. He explained that students can apply for up to \$1,000 of public funding for

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School Board Considers
Track Change and Sending
Firearm Resolution To
NH Governor

by Perrin Milliken ('18)

April's Dresden School Board meeting took place in the HHS library as usual on April 24th. It began with a proposal by a member of the public, Karina Lukovits, who graduated from HHS in 2015. She ran track throughout high school and was coached by Chris Brown, who passed away in the fall of 2016. She made a Facebook page to gather quotes and comments from people who knew him, and is now proposing to officially name the HHS track after him.

Andrew Winter, the executive director at Twin Pines Housing (a development company that has worked with the town of Hanover before to build condos and affordable housing) also spoke during public comments. He gave an update on the company's plans to redesign the senior housing across the street from HHS. There will be a town meeting to discuss the new plans on May 8th. The new buildings would be more energy efficient and will have elevators; construction would start next summer.

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Upcoming Events

- May 7-13: Staff Appreciation Week
- May 8: 2018 Council Elections
- May 10-12: Footlighters Present "Hello, Dolly"
- May 19 - Senior Prom
- May 24 - Foreign Language Awards Night

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Council Learns About Entrepreneurship and Talks Funding

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their ideas. He then explained how AdCap can help students develop their network as it can connect them with a virtual mentor and other AdCap members. He also added that students in the program can apply for special experiences and events. Preston himself went on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Domino's headquarters (of pizza-making fame) and got to meet with major executives there. He said he was awarded this opportunity as he was the New England recipient of Domino's transformation experience, which also included a \$2,000 grant for his grab 'n' go breakfast cart. In addition, the New England Dairy and Food Council gave him \$3,000 in grant funding, along with sponsorship programs from businesses in which he received \$2,300 to run free breakfast days. Preston then concluded his presentation by explaining how easy it is to start a project, saying that all you have to do is submit a project design online.

Following the presentation, there was some time for questions. Teacher Representative Mr. Bourne asked if Preston received academic credit for the project, to which Preston answered that you can if you want but that he chose to also do it as his Eagle Scout project. Sophomore

Representative Ian Nolon then asked how many applicants actually received funding, to which Preston clarified that 96% of projects receive public funding. The conversation ended with large applause after Teacher Representative Mrs. Ceplikas asked what grade Preston was in; he said he was still a freshman, a fact that seemed to stun most Council members.

Next on the agenda were two quick money allocations. The first was for \$30 for the Skip Bean Democratic Citizen of the Year Award and the second for \$25 for the Staff of the Year Award. Both allocations passed without a second thought.

Last on the agenda for the Council meeting was Bike Fix-it Station Allocation. The allocation would be for \$1,500 to Ms. Eakin for the creation of a Bike Fix-it Station. Since Ms. Eakin couldn't attend the meeting, Ms. Addante explained the allocation. Ms. Addante said that the station will be an opportunity for community members to come by and fix their bikes. She also clarified that the money must be given to Ms. Eakin because the library isn't allowed to use their money for this project and that the project would take 2-3 weeks once the money was allocated.

Immediately after Ms. Addante spoke, Assistant Moderator Jasper Meyer moved to table the motion until the new Council was voted in. He gave the reasons that it is a lot of money for a project, and that since Council hasn't seen what the co-curricular budget will look like, they shouldn't overspend before the budget is certain. He emphasized that it would be more responsible to wait and that such a budgetary hit could potentially harm clubs. Co-Treasurer Colm Seigne immediately disagreed and said that he would not recommend tabling motions because as a treasurer he knows that this can be done and that Council has the money to spare. After a vote, it was determined that the allocation would not be tabled.

However, despite not being tabled, the allocation was not passed before the end of the period as more discussion ensued. Junior Representative Romaney Granizo-MacKenzie concluded the meeting by saying that she doesn't want this to be something that won't be used at all and that she believes people who ride their bikes likely already use their own tools at home and thus don't need a Bike Fix-it Station.

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Last Week In HHS Varsity Athletics (04/29/2018 - 05/06/2018)

BOYS BASEBALL:

Record: 2-2

LOSS vs. Bow, score of 3-6

WIN vs. Conval, score 12-0

CREW:

Competed against Exeter at home.

BOYS LACROSSE:

Record: 4-7

LOSS vs. Bedford, score 6-13

LOSS vs. Essex, score 8-10

WIN vs. Concord, 19-11

GIRLS LACROSSE:

Record: 4-5

WIN vs. Goffstown, score 20-9

LOSS vs. Portsmouth, 6-10

GIRLS SOFTBALL:

Record: 1-5

LOSS vs. White Mtns, score 0-20

LOSS vs. Stevens High, score 3-15

WIN vs. Lebanon, score 14-2

BOYS TENNIS:

Record: 8-1

WIN vs. Manchester Memorial, score 9-0

WIN vs. Manchester Central, score 9-0

WIN vs. Derryfield, score 7-2

WIN vs. Keene, score 9-0

GIRLS TENNIS:

Record: 8-1

WIN vs. Timberlane, score 9-0

WIN vs. Manchester Central, score 7-2

WIN vs. Keene, score 9-0

WIN vs. Exeter, score 7-2

TRACK AND FIELD:

May 1st Home Meet

Boys: 4th of 5 teams, score of 80.5

Girls: 2nd of 4 teams, score of 94

Freshman-Sophomore Meet in Keene

Boys: 5th of 15 teams, score of 49

Girls: 2nd of 14 teams, score of 101

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Dresden School Board Considers Firearm Resolution

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Next on the agenda was an update from the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL), which operates across the road from the Richmond Middle School on Lyme Road in Hanover. Due to the facility's proximity to the middle school, the school ground are often checked for any toxins that may have escaped from CRREL. However, officials at CRREL now want to reduce the amount of testing at RMS due to low levels of toxins.

Neil Odell, the head of the DSB shared a draft of a Firearm resolution that he wrote. It is shown to the right.

This resolution is just a draft but it calls on Governor Sununu to pass legislation that allows local school boards to determine whether or not firearms are allowed on their campuses (currently NH state law states that school boards cannot prohibit members of the public from entering campuses and schools with a gun).

The board was not completely in agreement as to whether they should send a resolution stating the boards opinion on firearms to the NH house in Concord, and what the resolution should include. Some board members contended that we should just argue for local control and standing behind our current policy (which is that we don't allow guns at school) instead of taking a broader stance on the issue of gun control in schools. They will continue their discussion at the May meeting.

The Dresden School Board will have their retreat on May 15th and will hopefully host members of both the VT and NH legislatures.

Finally, Business Administrator Jamie Teague gave the quarterly financial report of the district, which ended March 31st.

Whereas, gun related violence at American public schools and in other public spaces, including mass shootings have become an every-day occurrence;

Whereas, more than 187,000 students attending more than 193 primary and secondary schools have experienced a shooting on campus since the Columbine High School massacre in 1999;

Whereas firearms are the third leading cause of death of children 17 and younger in the United States due to homicide, suicide and accidental shootings;

Whereas, New Hampshire school children spend increasingly more time participating in lock-down and active shooter drills, detracting from time spent on critical classroom learning and invoking significant anxiety and fear among students and teachers that impedes learning;

Whereas, all New Hampshire students have the right to attend school and live in a community free from the fear of death or injury as a result of gun-related violence;

Whereas, all New Hampshire teachers and staff have the right to a working environment free from the fear of death or injury as a result of gun-related violence;

Whereas, parents have the right to live in a community and send their children to a school in which they have confidence in their children's physical, psychological, and emotional safety;

Whereas, we are local elected officials charged with ensuring the education, health, and safety of students on behalf of parents and our community, and therefore cannot accept the current status quo that allows members of the community to possess firearms in our schools;

We, the Dresden School Board, call upon the New Hampshire Legislature to enact legislation that would allow local school boards to restrict firearms in accordance with the federal guidelines for safe schools. Furthermore, we call upon the New Hampshire Legislature to pass effective gun violence prevention legislation, and that Governor Sununu must sign such legislation into law to take effect immediately;

INTERESTING! Note: Neil Odell, the chair of the Dresden School Board recently attended the National School Board Association meeting as a VT representative. He told the board that when he was there the two major topics were adding gender identity wording into National School Board resolutions, and the issue of whether to arm teachers. There were representatives from each state at the conference, and the body was evenly split as to whether schools should arm teachers. They then

voted electronically (and anonymously) on whether they should add gender identity into the discrimination wording. It failed with below 2/3 of the body in favor. However, Massachusetts called for a revote and this time it could not be anonymous. Members had to hold up paddles indicating whether they were in favor or not, and it passed! Now the Nation School Board Association discrimination wording includes gender identity. I think this is a great demonstration of the importance of accountability in democracy.

Quick Updates

- This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, so be sure to thank your teachers and other school staff members if you feel that they have had an important impact on you. We at the Broadside would like to specifically thank our adviser, Gabe Brisson-Trezise (Hanover High Class of 2012) for all of the time and thought that he has put in to helping the paper do well.
- There has been an update to the status of V. v. Dresden School District et al, the legal case involving the lawsuit filed against the school district by the family of a former HHS student on charges related to what they allege to be negligent handling of bullying by the school. A two week period for jury selection and a trial is scheduled to begin on October 1st, 2019.

Your Vote, Your Voice: A Guide To 2018 HHS Council Elections

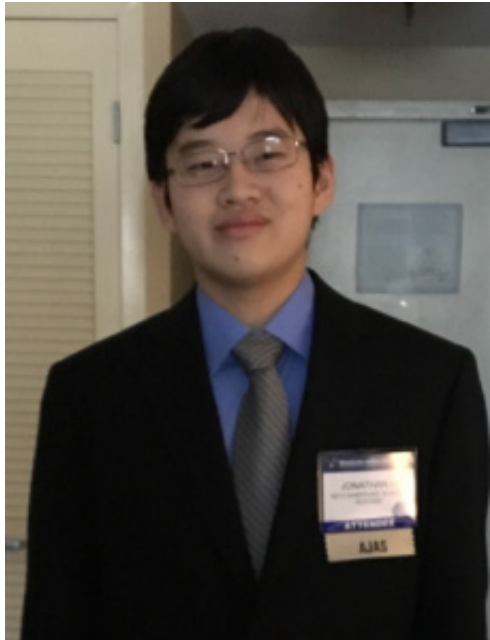
It's election season! On Tuesday, May 8, Hanover High School students and faculty will choose who shall represent on Council for the 2018-2019 school year. The polling station, which will be located in the Atrium (across the hallway from the Media Center), will open at 7:30am and will remain open until 2:30pm. All voters will be allowed to choose 11 candidates at most from the ballot, including candidates from any class or the staff. The 12 candidates with the most votes at the end of the day will become at-large representatives; once the at-large candidates have been designated, each class will receive 5 regular representatives and 1 alternate representative. It remains to be seen what will become of the staff will do since not enough candidates have run to fill all of the staff seats on Council. Elections for next year's freshmen class (the class of 2022) will be held decided solely by the current 8th grade students at the Richmond Middle School, while new-and-tuition student representatives will be voted on in September.

A Broadside reporter contacted each candidate by e-mail and asked them a series of questions. Here is what each student had to say. Candidates whose names were denoted with asterisks (*) have served on Council during the current school year.

Meet the Freshmen Candidates (Class of 2021)

Interviews compiled by Julia Cook ('21)

JONATHAN LI*:



good representative on Council?

I served as a statistical analyst for multiple high-profile e-sports teams. I am currently serving on the editorial board for an e-sports reporting agency, with previous experience as an editor. I have been published multiple times within the AAAS/AJAS (American Junior Academy of Science) regarding the subject of endangered species. I am also an honored recipient of many state-wide and national mathematics awards.

My experience defines my character. I will not fail to deliver my promises.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If elected to council, my first priority will be to address the school schedule. I believe that our school experience would be enhanced by a rotating class schedule. This would allow for longer classes, time for a lunch break (instead of eating in class), and time during the day to meet with teachers when needed. My second priority would be to work on expanding our sustainability program, including expanding the composting program and earth day field trips and activities.

Why are you running for Council?

I seek to be re-elected to repair our broken democracy. It is my goal for Council to become a constituent oriented body rather than an oligarchy.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

I promise as a member of Council to enforce your x-periods and rights to technology. Teachers will not be able to hold students over passing time; it is disrespectful to students and other teachers. I also promise to strengthen student-teacher relationships, for especially student-athletes. There would be no need for me to seek re-election if Council was truly democratic.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a

CAROLINE LOESCHER:



Why are you running for Council?

I feel fortunate to attend a high school that allows its students to participate in its governance and leadership in a real and meaningful way. I want to be a part of the democratic process that gives HHS students an opportunity to establish policy and make decisions that will influence my life and the lives of my friends, classmates, and teachers.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I believe that I possess the skills, temperament and personality to be an effective council representative at HHS. Although just a freshman, my participation in three coed varsity sports and numerous other clubs and activities has already helped me to make many friends and acquaintances across all four grades. I am comfortable speaking to all students, as well as to faculty and administrators. I have leadership experience as a coach for Girls on the Run, organizing events and field trips for the Environmental Club, and planning and leading multi-day wilderness adventures at Camp Aloha where I spend my summers.

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TOM LYONS*:



Why are you running for Council?

I am running for Council another year because I enjoyed it my first year and because I enjoy having a say in what goes on at our school.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If I am elected to Council this year I would like to help share the opinion of more students who are not on Council through conversations and surveys. I do not think that there are any MAJOR problems at HHS.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I would be a good representative on Council because I have experience, having already served on Council for a year. I am also approachable and am willing to share anyone's opinions on Council.

Read on for more in the next few pages!

SAGE MCGINLEY-SMITH*:



Why are you running for Council?

I am running for Council this year because I believe that all members of a school community should have the opportunity to have their opinions represented, and that the most important decisions in this school should come from the people who will be most affected by those changes: students and faculty. I am grateful for the opportunity that HHS gives us to use our voices to affect change in our school, as I truly believe that our voices are the most powerful tool we have to truly make change. I am fully committed to the ideals of a democratic school, and I hope to continue to improve that vision by serving on Council next year.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If elected, I will continue to work to standardizing the system of student feedback so that all classes can be fairly compared to each other and improved accordingly. Furthermore, I believe the biggest problem here at HHS is a lack of student participation in our democratic process; if I am elected, I will commit myself to encouraging a broader community to come to Council, and continue to provoke discussions in my Common Ground about issues that are pertinent to the student body.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

Outside of all these changes, I am the right choice to represent you on Council next year because

NOAH PHIPPS*:



Why are you running for Council?

I am running for re-election to Council because I have enjoyed being part of the democratic process and using my voice to help bring change. I believe that my experience this year as a Council member will enable me hit the ground running as I am more familiar with the process and committee work.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

I will continue to be vocal on subjects such as schedule changes, the mission of Hanover High School, and other topics that may arise.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I hope to foster more conversation between the student body and Council, and I am always approachable and easy to talk to. I look forward to representing you next year.

of my ability to advocate for myself and others, my outgoing and friendly attitude, and my ability to stand up for what I believe in. I am also an active member of the student body and I understand and am personally affected by the stress and pressure that HHS students put on themselves and others. For all these reasons, and many more, I hope you will consider re-electing me to Council next year.

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CASEY MCGUIRE*:



Why are you running for Council?

Last summer I moved to Hanover from Massachusetts and as soon as I heard about council from friends on my soccer team, I immediately knew it was something I wanted to do. Once elected as a new and tuition representative I was given the opportunity to bring new ideas and perspectives to the table. During this year on council, I was not only dedicated to representing all new and tuition students, but I also have been helping make decisions that will positively affect all students at HHS. In addition, I was an active member of the student life committee. As part of this committee, I went on field trips to observe other approaches at developing school culture, schedule, social spaces, and food. My committee including myself have been working on changing our schedule, improving student health, creating more social spaces around HHS, and investigating opportunities for new food options at the cafe. After being on council and the student life committee for one year, I am running for council again because I feel that there are so many more ways I could help improve our school.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If elected, my goal would be to look into changing the HHS schedule to be better for both students and teachers alike by designing a schedule that would make everyone's learning more effective and that would improve student health. Also, I want to create a day after the midterm exams and final exams that allows students to see their exams and ask questions. I want to advocate for a more unified school, help foster a stronger sense of community, and build a stronger school culture by making more social spaces around the

high school. Lastly, I want to improve the food options at HHS.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

Over the past 8 months, I have become very engaged and involved in our school in a number of ways including playing on the girls varsity soccer team, racing for the varsity alpine ski team, and being actively involved in the environmental club. However, having the opportunity to be on council this year has allowed me to learn so much more about our student body and community at HHS. Although I came into council this year as a member to represent new ideas and perspectives, I believe that I am now at the point where I'm someone who can fully represent exiting student perspectives and voices on council. As an experienced council member who is extremely hardworking, dependable, and open-minded, I would be honored to represent you and your voice next year.

MOMOKA SCHMIDT:



Why are you running for Council?

This year I am running for Council because I enjoyed attending this year's meetings, and I want to continue to speak out about what the class of 2021 believes and vote on issues that matter. I was not officially on Council this year, yet I still attended every single Council meeting and spoke up about several of the motions and discussions. I would like to continue doing so as a member.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively,

what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If I were in Council next year, I would bring up important discussions such as the mental health of our students and the pressure-inducing culture surrounding things such as grades and extracurriculars. I would like to discuss ways to reduce student anxiety and stress, such as improving our schedule or even providing different food at the cafeteria. I think our biggest concern is the general happiness of our school and how we can work to improve it.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I love participating in multiple extracurricular activities, including HHS's plays and musicals (come see Hello, Dolly!). I also am involved in Rainbow Alliance, which seeks to improve the inclusivity of the school, and JCOMM. Additionally, I feel that the artistic community in HHS doesn't get as much representation in Council as athletics or music, and I can help represent this area of the school. Finally, I am very responsible, organized, and easy to talk to; if you ever want to talk to me about anything related to Council, I am ready to listen! I promise to not only discuss problems, but collaborate to generate innovative ideas about how to solve them.

Read on for more in the next few pages!

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Interviews compiled by Julia Cook ('21)

ELLIE STANNARD*:



Why are you running for Council?

I am running for Council for a few reasons. First, to continue the work I have begun this year. Secondly, I would like to affect positive change on the school based on what the student body thinks. Having been a representative for a year already I know a lot about how the process works, the issues being worked on and I can more readily make these changes. I think Council is a really special part of our school and it is really important to get the most out of this unique opportunity. Finally, I really enjoy representing our class. I think it is really interesting to learn about the views of our peers and present them in a way that can cause change.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

The biggest problem I see at HHS is the general student stress levels. It has become apparent to me throughout this year that many students carry a considerable amount of stress very regularly. I think one direct way to change this is to look at the schedule. I have heard from others that sometimes their schedule feels very monotonous and it's hard to keep up with the pace of the day. If I am elected I hope to begin to work on solutions to this issue. To do this I would look into unique schedules, apart from a traditional

block schedule, to try to find one that works specifically for our school. That being said, a schedule change of any kind will take a very long time, so my goal for next year would be to make progress in the direction of a schedule change.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I would be a good representative for a couple of reasons. I am involved in many areas of the school. I am a member of the orchestra, I play soccer, ski race, and do crew which allows me to talk with a huge variety of people to hear what is working well or not for them. I am passionate about helping to make changes when something can be improved and comfortable jumping in to work. And I said since I have already served on the body I am familiar with some of its quirks and have some experience with ways to get the work done.

it represents, and I would be honored to represent the students of HHS.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If elected to next year's Council, one important issue is possible schedule changes. While I am not sure a schedule change is in the immediate future, I can see it looming on the horizon. I think our current schedule has flaws, such as the inability to take multiple classes in different areas at once, (i.e. multiple science and art electives at the same time), and the lack of a break near the traditional lunch time. I believe that the answer may be to generate new ideas from many perspectives for schedules that work better for our unique school system. I also believe that Council could improve its communication. More often than not, I find that important parts of Council's meeting are not passed through common grounds or in an email. I have also wondered this year if Council was really thinking about issues as deeply as they should of and I am hoping to improve that. I also was frustrated to learn about significant decisions long after they were made and think Council could communicate better.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

For me, Council is all about listening to other people, standing up for what you and others believe in, representing many voices and creating compromises. The main basis for any leadership position is the ability to listen. I think I will be a good representative because I am able to listen to opinions and communicate multiple perspectives, not just my opinions, and create a compromise that leaves both parties happy. Listening to other people, and learning about their opinions is honestly something that I'm good at, but more importantly, it is something that I love to do. One example of this was during a mock trial that I did at my school last year. I got the opportunity to be a lawyer, meaning that I got to work with people, create compromises, and state my own opinion. It was an incredible experience that I learned so much from and I got to use skills that I hope to bring to Council.

REILLY UITERWYK:



Why are you running for Council?

I am running for Council because Council is the best way that I can make an impact on our school. I also know that this school, due to its democratic system, really allows student's voices to be heard. However cliché as this sounds, I strongly believe that a student's voice, no matter who they are, can be represented at this school. Council is only as strong as the students

2018 COUNCIL ELECTION GUIDE

Meet the Sophomore Candidates (Class of 2020)

Interviews compiled by Caleb Benjamin ('19)

DANIEL BANDLER:



Why are you running for Council?

A couple weeks ago I heard a couple of Council members talking about the elections. I won't say who they were, but one was a member of leadership and the other a sophomore. The leader told the sophomore that she should only vote for people that were already on Council, and no one else. To me this is the perfect representation of bigger issues in Council that I believe that I can fix. It seems like Council has drifted too far from the student body, and isn't really representing it anymore. On the controversial issues, Council often votes contrary to the public opinion. Despite what we learned in Civitas, Hanover is not currently a fully democratic school. A truly democratic school would not have members of government conspiring to rig the election and block people who aren't "one of them". Council representatives should be agents of the people; therefore they should consider what the people want. Eventually, at some point down the road, I want to implement a form of direct democracy where the school can use technology to vote on referendums of controversial issues, so the people will be able to actually get what the people want.

Luckily, this is a problem that can be fixed. I strongly believe in democracy, including that of the school. What I hope to become is an instrument of the grade, utilizing a form of semi-direct democracy through polls and keeping the public informed through a blog that I have created. The URL is <https://danielforcouncil.weebly.com/>. My goal is to keep the public informed, and to serve their will. Council also needs to take a look at decisions it has made in the past couple of years that greatly influence student life, such as the community service motion. I believe that that decision was made hastily without stopping to think about what the people who this was affecting wanted, so it merits further scrutiny.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If I am elected to Council, my agenda lies not just in trying to repair the cultural divide but also encompasses several other points. I think that issues such as community service deserve to be revisited, less because of their contents, but more due to the fact that it was hastily passed without public support. March Intensive does have problems, and they should be fixed, but the way to fix it is not getting rid of the full program. For other issues, the best thing that a legislature can do is nothing. There is no reason we should be spending hours discussing the ethics of today's youth exposing their lewd body parts such as belly buttons (how horrible!) to the world, or seeking legislative achievements that we can brag about during our college essays. If it isn't being done to improve student life or to help the community, and rather due to selfish or frivolous reasons, it shouldn't be done.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I operate on the premise that if it isn't broke, don't fix it, and if it is broke, try fixing it before you send it out with the trash.

ANDREW CHEN:



Why are you running for Council?

I think that our school's Council is something really special. Unlike at most schools, HHS students can actually decide on issues other than just superficial things like the themes of school dances. However, like any of the other candidates who aren't trying to get reelected, I'm not running because I think Council is perfect. I'm running because I think Council can be improved and that I could help improve it.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

I want to make Council and the decisions it

makes representative of what the school actually wants. On many issues, Council does its own thing even though most students disagree. For example, from what class Facebook page polls show, most students didn't support the Service Motion, yet somehow it passed 38 to 0 in Council.

This brings me to my main goal: to repeal and replace the Community Service Graduation Motion, which could go into effect in the fall next year. Last year, I was astonished that it somehow passed, and I was even more astonished to hear that if you didn't meet the 10 hour per year requirement, you wouldn't be allowed to graduate. Furthermore, all 10 of these hours have to be tracked by common ground teachers. So, instead of getting students motivated to do community service on their own or encouraging a meaningful discussion about community service, the Community Service Graduation Requirement Motion Council makes volunteering into something mandatory for students and puts a burden on common ground teachers to have to chase down students for their 10 hours.

Instead of hanging a graduation requirement over our heads or miring us in the bureaucracy of tracking hours and getting pre-approval forms like our actual government does, our school government should work to promote community service through encouragement and keep volunteering voluntary.

In order to create long-lasting change beyond just the ten-hour requirement and nurture students' hearts, minds, and voices to become service-oriented young adults, Council should focus instead on getting students motivated to do service on their own and make service something that students want to do, not something they have to do.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

First, I prioritize what everyone thinks, so I will ask others what they think about any motions and only support what everyone supports. I've participated in Model UN, so I'm pretty familiar with parliamentary procedure. Also, I'm a Boy Scout, so Scout's Honor on everything I said.

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WILL FICHMAN:



Why are you running for Council?

I am running for council to be able to share my opinion and make a difference within the school. During my first two years at HHS, I have not participated in student government, and felt disconnected from the policies being made in council that would ultimately effect myself. I would like to represent my peers and what they want, to help close the gap between council, and the majority of students.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If elected to council I would like to work on the standardization of X periods, as well as working to make the school schedule as stress-free and effective as possible.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I believe I would be a good representative for council because I feel I have a good understanding of what the students want, and I think I could use this to help bring their opinions to council.

Read on for more in the next few pages!

ALICE GARNER*:



Why are you running for Council?

I am running for Council this year, because I enjoy representing the class, and I think it is very important for all voices of Hanover High School students to be heard in Council. I love listening to different motions, and reaching out to the greater student body to hear your opinions. As an active member of the Student Life committee on Council since freshman year, I hope to lead the group next year to work with the Cafeteria to make the food at our school better.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

My two main goals for Council next year are to improve the food quality at the Cafeteria and to build a stronger and more cohesive community within our school. Last year, the members of Student Life visited Souhegan High School in Amherst, NH, and this year we visited Champlain Valley Union High School in Hinesburg, VT. We observed their differences, their strengths, and weaknesses, and we hope to improve student life from learning from other schools.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I'm a very outgoing and approachable person. I love to talk to people and take their ideas to Council. I am a year-round athlete and musician, and I understand the struggle of balancing homework and extracurricular activities. If I am re-elected, I will work hard to improve the Cafeteria food, make the community a stronger, less-stressful body, and represent all of your voices in Council!

LAUREN ILSLEY*:

Ms. Ilsley did not respond to multiple requests for interview. She currently serves as an alternate for the class of 2020 and works on the Curriculum Committee. Her voting record for the 2017-2018 school year can be found at: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-dKkt7iVriwpR9Mney651yv7pd-djXgow8thE8SbgudA/edit#gid=0>.

In her speech, she mentioned that over the past year she has “discovered that Council’s problem was the overwhelming disconnect to the rest of our student body” and that she would “help the school stay up to date and present” with Council proceedings by weekly postings on class pages, which students could use as a forum for discussion. She closed by saying, “Help me help you.”

CLAY KYNOR*:



(Right)

Why are you running for Council?

I am running for Council because I want to improve student life in the school.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

One of my many goals is to allow food in more school spaces. I think that the biggest problem at HHS that needs to be fixed is Council not representing the opinions of the masses and I would hope to change that if I was to be elected.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

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ALEC MCDEVITT:



Why are you running for Council?

I wanted to try something new and student council seemed like a good opportunity.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

I have strong feelings about the community service motion that I would like to discuss, and I also am interested in the X period motion.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I have had jobs as a counselor at summer camps so I have some experience working in a setting where we try to help others by making the place around us (in this case the school) better for everyone.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If elected I would love to continue my work on Student Activities Committee, being a strong advocate for the continuation of Winter Carnival while also improving it- Winter Carnival this year and years past has received a lot of push back from staff. I would continue to lead the discussion as your student rep on the School Board Late Start Committee, pushing to change our school start time to 9:00. I love this school as many of you do and I believe that our School Spirit through such love can be greatly enhanced which is why I hope to be in SAC again next year as a class of 2020 rep. Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I am not the perfect student nor person. Council is often thought as a group of people who are the best and brightest of HHS which leads to only certain values being represented. Knowing my flaws I know I am not the best and brightest of HHS which is why I believe that I would continue to bring a unique personality and views to Council. It is really important to me that my peers comfortable and having fun in our school and I feel like the only way to ensure that is if I am able to make the right and necessary changes to make our school a better place.

what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

I hope to accomplish many things in Council if I get reelected. First, I plan on creating a motion that will give students the option to go tech-free in classes, a motion that I think will greatly increase productivity in the school. This tech-free alternative would be only by the student's choice, but it would make the students who chose to go tech-free be much more productive. I also plan on letting the student body learn how to create a motion for themselves, if they have an idea that they want to introduce. This would be accomplished by having one day in Common Ground where a short video, no more than five minutes, would be shown to the whole student body in order to let everybody know how they can make an impact on our school, especially if they're not already a Council representative.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I think that I have accomplished a lot in my two years as a Council representative. For starters, I have been on the Curriculum Committee for two years, and I plan on running for Chair next year. My experience in the committee makes me a favorite for next year's chair already. I also report to two Common Grounds, and this has opened me up to many student opinions on the motions that we are discussing in Council, and I am then able to take those ideas back into Council discussions and integrate student opinions into our meetings.

I think I would be a good representative for Council because I have already proven that I am a good representative twice. I am an active member of both the Council and my committee, and I am not afraid to voice my opinions on behalf of the student body. I truly think that reelecting me for a third term would be beneficial to the whole student body because of the many changes I plan to implement and because of my two years of experience on Council. If you reelect me, I will take it as a sign to work harder than ever to change our school to become a better and more efficient place than ever before.

SABIN MITCHELL*:

Ms. Sabin Mitchell did not respond to multiple requests for interview. She currently serves as a representative for the class of 2020 and works on the Organizational Engineering Committee (OEC). Her voting record for the 2017-2018 school year can be found at: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-dKkt7iVriwpR9M-ney651yv7pddjXgow8thE8SbgudA/edit#gid=0>

SOPHIE MITCHELL*:

Why are you running for Council?

I am running for council because I'm really passionate about standing up for those who may not have a voice otherwise. I really enjoy the discussion and change our democratic schools values enforce. I also love the opportunities that Council brings, more specifically Council Committees.

IAN NOLON*:



Why are you running for Council?

I'm running for Council because I feel that my two years of experience on Council has helped me become a better representative to everybody. I am very invested in our school's democracy, and I plan on going to every Council meeting even if I don't get re-elected.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively,

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JOEY PERRAS*:



Why are you running for Council?

I'm running for council because I believe in strong representation of our student body. I also hope to establish a stronger bond and trust between council and the student body, as well as make sure everyone in our community is aware of moves being made in council. It's also really fun.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

Again, working on better communication between the body and council will be key this coming year. If re-elected, I'd like to have good conversations with peers about any strong feelings they might have regarding any motions brought to the council.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I think I've been a good representative of the needs of not only the sophomore class, but the school as a whole. Something I'll look to improve on is facilitating beneficial motions on behalf of students at HHS.

I've served as a council rep in both my freshman and sophomore years, and I think returning to the council junior year would benefit all, as experience in the council usually results in active participation and efficiency.

TREVOR SIEGEL:



Why are you running for Council?

I am running for council because I am tired of the way we, the students, are being treated as if we are not able to have a valuable input. It seems like the current council does not care about the perspective of the students, the people they are supposed to be representing. We need more balance between the council's voice and the voice of the students.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

I hope to create a true balance between what the administration has power over and what the students have power over. Equality of power is the only way both sides can function confidently and contently.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I have always had an interest in politics, and I am experienced with working in a council-like environment. I try to be friendly with everyone and I will always try to help someone who needs it. I care about each individual person, and I believe that each voice deserves to be heard.

TESSA STEWART*:



Why are you running for Council?

My name is Tessa Stewart and I've been on council for the past two years and I'd love to continue the work I'm doing as a co chair on the Student Activities Committee planning Winter Carnival and working on the club budgets. I love being a part of council, and being a voice for my class in our school!

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

Some goals I hope to accomplish in council this year are to continue discussing our school's schedule within council, but also outside of council. I think the student body has felt in the past that their opinions are not being represented well enough in council, so I think when it comes to our school's schedule it's going to be important that as a council we have inform our common grounds, and make sure everyone is aware of what changes are being discussed. I also hope to continue discussing how we can improve the food options in the cafeteria, not by necessarily eliminating anything, but hopefully by adding a salad bar, or just some healthier options for kids who don't have the opportunity or time to leave campus and are looking for a healthier lunch.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I believe I'd make a good representative on council again because I'd represent my classmates as best I can, and continue to advocate for Winter Carnival and March Intensive as they've received some push back in the past couple years. I also feel strongly that I can represent many different people in our grade, as I am involved in a variety of different activities with a variety of people. Thank you for your support!!

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STEPHEN WANG*:



Why are you running for Council?

Council is a democratic avenue in our school unlike any other. In most schools, the student government does the equivalent of what our class committees do. But in our school, the format of its Council is more efficient and can actually push for meaningful change. This is why I want to embrace this opportunity to represent my class in channeling our ideas and be someone that makes those things a reality.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

If I am re-elected to Council, I first want to make its inner-workings more transparent. I think this problem is urgent because it has lasted many years. The student body seems like an uninformed majority separated from Council, and I think reform would be more meaningful with everyone on the same page. I also want to find ways to promote our school's health and wellness, especially during flu season. Making sure that students stay healthy during peak sickness periods ensures that they will function best in the school environment. I will promote this idea on my Facebook group so that I can receive some input from students.

This year, I advocated for the standardization of X-periods since I received many requests. I've brought to the table a small exam discussion in which I might segue into a new way of rethinking exams. I think something I could improve on is to be more outspoken about issues since a passionate opinion can drive a debate forward.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I am a good representative because I am proactive, conscientious, and organized. I am usually on top of things and hope to reach out to people for all the concerns they have about our school.

JUSTIN ZHOU*:



Why are you running for Council?

I believe it is the duty of a Council member to represent the voice of the student body. I will listen to anyone who has an opinion to share and wants to be heard. I am running for Council to represent the student body and make sure that everyone has a say. I also am eager to organize events that the student body can enjoy. I want to help organize and participate in funding for events. I want strongly to serve the community and the school.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

In the past two years, in Council, I was a part of the Curriculum Committee. In the committee we worked on ways to improve the curriculum at Hanover High School. If I were elected to Council, I would continue to improve upon the curriculum by conducting surveys and addressing concerns of the students. In addition, I will create a more effective bridge between Council and the body. I would like the student body to be updated by what Council does, so that there is more communication between the two.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

You should vote for me because I am always eager to resolve issues facing the school. I will dedicate my time to help make the school even better for the students. Also, I have experience in Council, which can be very useful. I am in Council this current year, and I have worked in Council at the middle school too. I have also volunteered during the 2016 presidential election. I talked to voters face-to-face about issues they were concerned with. I am open to new ideas, and I will work hard to help all students at Hanover High School. Trust in Justin.

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ROMANEY GRANIZO-MACKENZIE*:



In a few words, why have you decided to run for Council?

I am deciding to run for a 3rd year because I love Council. I know that sounds kind of lame, but I honestly mean it. I think it's so amazing that a group of about 40 elected students and staff are able to change the way that our school is run and edit the wording which our administration follows. I am so honored that I have been elected to Council for two years; I have had an amazing time and brought a couple motions, none of which gained too much traction but I don't let that get me down. I want YOUR vote for Council because I care! I care so much about this school and I will fight for any motions that improve the school and students' lives.

If you are elected, what motions will you work for that will benefit the student body?

I am currently working on wording that will get a SWING SET for the school! Again, maybe it sounds lame, but I really think it would be so, so much fun to have swings at our school that students could go swing on during their free time. High schoolers need recess too!

Besides just being in council previously, what past experiences have prepared you for being a council representative?

I am on the Teen Board for the North Country Community Theatre Teen program, where I have recently been elected a Co-President. This board obviously doesn't function in the exact same ways as Council; we don't use Robert Rules and our meetings are a lot less formal than our student government but we still run all basically all of NCCT Teens; we choose the show, we choose the directors, we fundraise to make sure our program stays afloat, and so much more.

Lastly, what is your favorite ice-cream?

Ben and Jerry's Strawberry Cheesecake

SHEILA MCCARTHY:



In a few words, why have you decided to run for Council?

In all honesty, I just felt like it would be good to contribute and represent the students. I am also known for being funny, but I'd like people to also see me as a serious candidate and possible representative.

If you are elected, what motions will you work for that will benefit the student body?

I would like to engage more in environmental protection. I believe it would benefit the student body since this is our home, and perhaps we could begin using more eco-friendly materials. Also healthier food in the cafeteria!

What past experiences have prepared you for being a council representative?

I was in model UN, and have well-known experience with public speaking.

Lastly, what is your favorite ice-cream?

Toasted coconut with caramel.

OLIVER MINSHALL*:



In a few words, why have you decided to run for Council?

I want to continue the progress we made this year and improve our school for everyone.

If you are elected, what motions will you work for that will benefit the student body?

I will play an active role in the discussion of our schedule and advocate flexible solutions that allow students to take the same amount of classes and meet with their teachers more. We need to ensure students have the freedom to take classes that interest them and to take the opportunity to meet with teachers and get food should they need to. I look forward to continuing this discussion. I also think we need to amend the X-periods motion to fix some outstanding technical flaws. I would also like to create new ways for students to give feedback about courses and policies (or simply spread the word about already existing ones).

Besides just being in council previously, what past experiences have prepared you for being a council representative?

I have been politically engaged for a few years. I have volunteered for Sen. Bernie Sanders' 2016 presidential campaign, volunteered for Matt Dunne's 2016 campaign for Vermont governor, taken part in a close up trip to see President Trump's inauguration, and participated in a round table discussion about current issues sponsored by Bernie Sanders.

Lastly, what is your favorite ice-cream?

Americone Dream (Long Live Colbert!)

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ELIZABETH NAPIER*:



In a few words, why have you decided to run for Council?

Since my first meetings in 8th grade, Council has been such an important part of my life. We really are given such an incredibly opportunity at HHS to really be able to effect positive change at our school. Over the past three years I have fully taken advantage of that, being an active advocate for the voice of the class of 2019. I hope to continue playing an active role in the running of council and voicing the opinions of all students — even if they are not ones I agree with, and doing all I can to make a difference at HHS.

If you are elected, what motions will you work for that will benefit the student body?

After authoring the X-period motion (which guarantees X-periods in every class,) I hope to continue to bring about positive change at HHS by bringing a motion about homework over breaks. As it stands, the wording in the handbook allows for homework to be given over breaks too easily, which I hope to fix. There have also been lots of discussions in council about a schedule change and better food options at the cafeteria, both of which I hope we will be able to address next year in council.

Besides just being in council previously, what past experiences have prepared you for being a council representative?

If I am re-elected to Council, I will have been a member for longer than any other student. I am the only one who was elected in 8th grade that has continued this far because I understand the important role that council plays at this school. I have been fortunate enough to be a part of passing legislation such as the Gender Motion and the Dress Code Motion. I have also been a chair of the Curriculum Committee for two years, meaning I have also served on the Executive

Committee for two years (those early Monday morning meetings have been a pleasure.) I am not afraid to advocate for my opinions and take action when I see something that needs to be fixed. Being a Council member has genuinely been my favorite part of my high school career. It is my hope that the student body will vote for the candidates that they know will make a change and advocate for them, and by doing so, re-elect me for a final year on Council.

Lastly, what is your favorite ice-cream?

Maine Black Bear

DORY PSOMAS*:

In a few words, why have you decided to run for Council?

I was on council this year and I enjoyed it so I decided to run again.

If you are elected, what motions will you work for that will benefit the student body?

I don't have any ideas for motions at this time, but my goal is to listen to students and staff's concerns and ideas about the school and try to resolve them.

Besides just being in council previously, what past experiences have prepared you for being a council representative?

I have been in previous leadership roles before. I also like talking to people about council which makes it easy for me to inform people what is happening.

Lastly, what is your favorite ice-cream?

Chocolate and vanilla twist.

MARK RALSTON-DANIEL:

Mr. Ralston-Daniel did not respond to multiple interview requests over e-mail from the Broad-side.

ROBERT PUTNAM:



In a few words, why have you decided to run for Council?

I'm Robert Putnam and I want to be a Council member.

I want to let the students know what is going on in Council before we vote on it.

I'm sick of the way Council makes us believe we have a say in the matter. If I was on Council, I would figure out a way for the whole student body to have a say.

I want to represent everyone's beliefs and make sure everyone's ideas make it to Council.

If you are elected, what motions will you work for that will benefit the student body?

I am sure people have amazing ideas like a comfort zone that has bean bags or more seating for lunch or even the renovation of the weight room.

These are only a few ideas that people have told me but I hope people have a lot more.

How are you prepared for being a council representative?

If you vote for me and I become a Council member, I promise I will do the best I can to achieve our goals.

I believe that I am an approachable person that will pass on students ideas to Council.

Lastly, what is your favorite ice-cream?

Chocolate lovers' chocolate is my favorite ice cream flavor.

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COLM SEIGNE*:



In a few words, why have you decided to run for Council?

Since freshman year I have been interested in becoming more involved in the school. If I make it on, it will be my third year, and I hope to continue doing what I have been doing. The main reason that I am running again is because I am really interested in Student Activities, and I enjoy being one of the students who can help approve money allocations which allow clubs to have great experiences and foster community.

If you are elected, what motions will you work for that will benefit the student body?

I would like to find more ways to make the treasurer and Student Activities committee more accessible to the student body, I would like to bring motions which bring the school together. I will also work towards motions that the student body favor, and match their opinion.

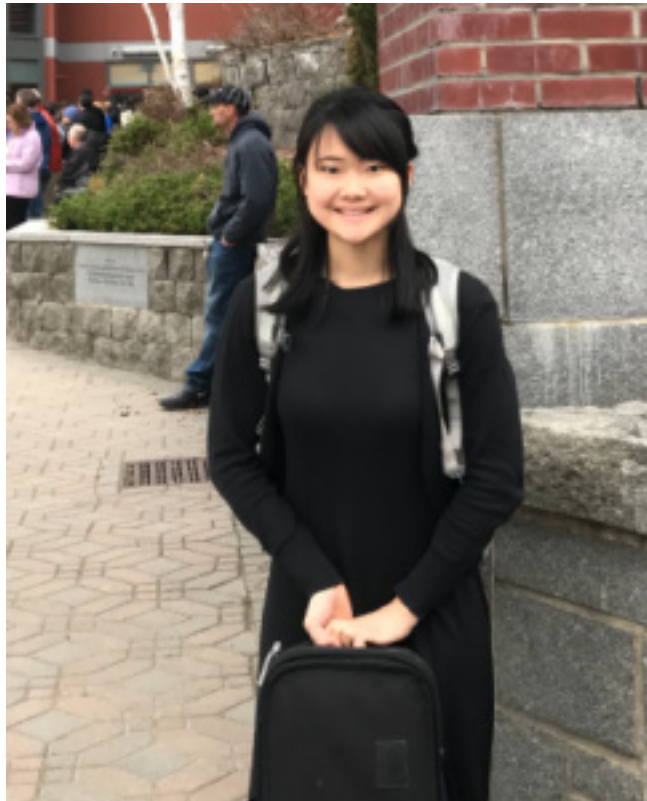
Besides just being in council previously, what past experiences have prepared you for being a council representative?

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Lastly, what is your favorite ice-cream?

Moose Tracks.

IROHA SHIRAI*:



In a few words, why have you decided to run for Council?

I'm definitely not the typical council kid who is very outspoken in and outside of council, but I'm a good listener and observer and I have been able to contribute my opinions and perspectives that I have seen within the student body this year at council. I am a serious thinker who spends a lot of time when I make decisions, making sure to think about every possible situation before deciding (this is why I am so indecisive :)) I was able to learn a lot this year, and I hope that I can use my experiences from this year again next year.

If you are elected, what motions will you work for that will benefit the student body?

I hope to reinforce the x-periods or figure out another system that will allow the students to meet with teachers outside or during class. In addition, I want to decrease the stress level (which I know, it's easy to say but hard to do) but I really want to work on this. Some teachers have been very good about giving us less homework, but others have not, and I hope that I can collaborate with the teachers to figure out a solution that will allow the teachers to keep up with our curriculum without having to stress us out.

Besides just being in council previously, what past experiences have prepared you for being a council representative?

Because I moved to Hanover my freshman year, I understand both the pros and cons of the school, whether it be academics, sports, or even location. I grew up in the south, so I have different experiences that allow me to have different perspectives than what other students may have. I think this is really important when I think about representing the student body. Council should be the representation of the whole student body, not just a select few, so it's important that we have a variety of perspectives.

As for leadership experiences, I was the secretary for my middle school's National Jr. Beta Club (school council), and I am the New Hampshire Representative of the Music Mission Outreach Program (a community service program). In addition, I have participated in the Japan Future Leaders School and I have leadership experiences through orchestra and chamber programs as well.

Lastly, what is your favorite ice-cream?

Green Tea.

POLITICAL AD:



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LEILA TRUMMEL*:



In a few words, why have you decided to run for Council?

I have LOVED being on council these past two years. Being a part of the student government was a really amazing opportunity I also am an avid member of the environmental club and would like to help to green up Hanover High School because I believe that we could reduce our carbon footprint. This year on council, I feel as though there was a large communication gap between council and the student body, and I really want to end that. The students should always be informed about the changes council is making. Many students at Hanover High are often stressed and it can be difficult to find down time, so I want to significantly lower weekend homework. I believe weekends are a time for relaxation, not more work. With

Student Life Committee I would like to also work for a schedule change that would benefit HHS. I'm also open to collaborating on motion with a student who wants to see a change, but doesn't necessarily want to be on council!

If you are elected, what motions will you work for that will benefit the student body?

Currently, I am working on three motions. One is about lowering homework on the weekends, one is about allocating more money to the school's compost program for buckets in every classroom, and one is with student life to work on a potential late start Wednesday motion. I hope that within the next year these motions can be finalized, discussed and passed through council. I also really want the student body to have a more positive feeling toward council this year.

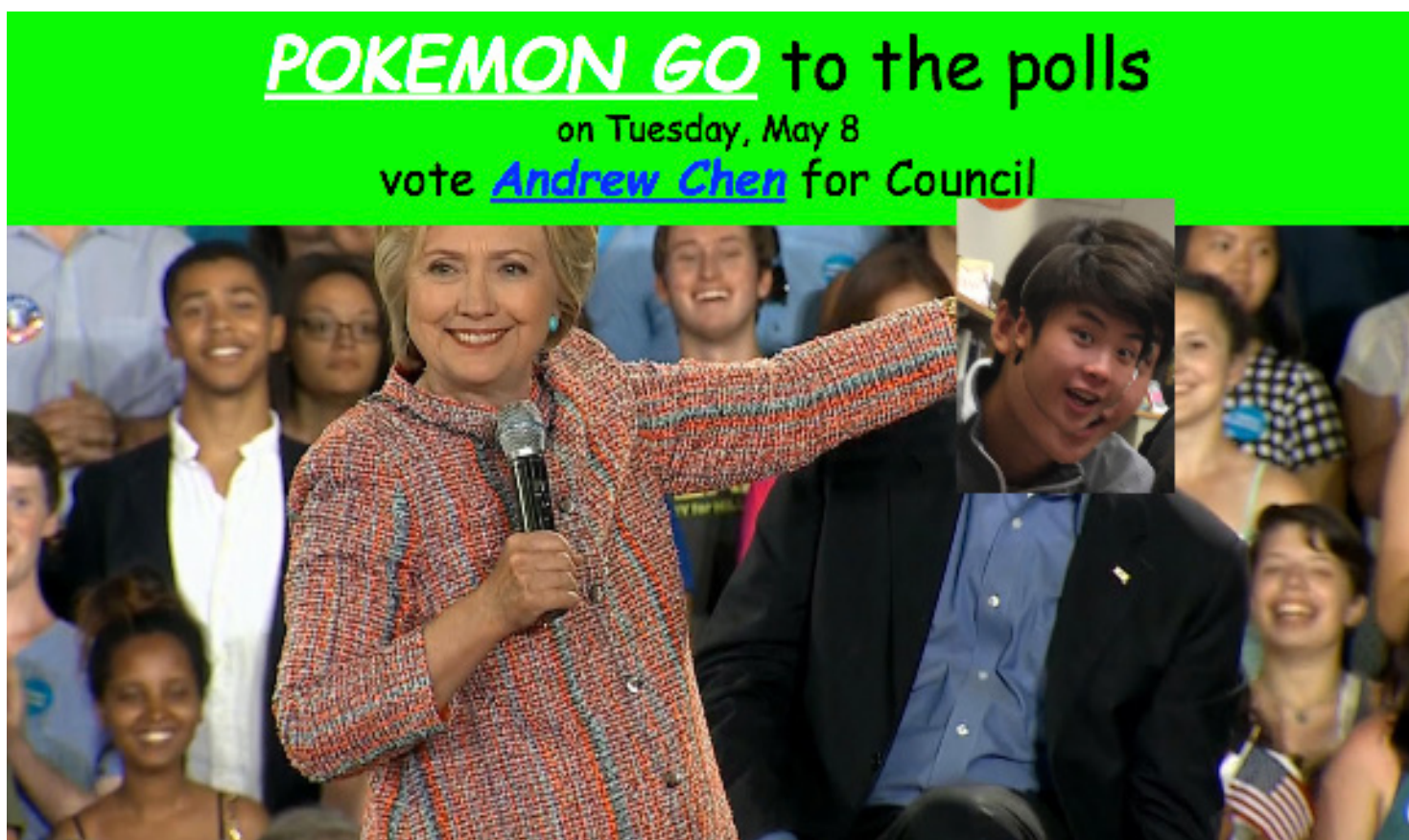
Besides just being in council previously, what past experiences have prepared you for being a council representative?

I am so passionate about council; I really enjoy being a part of the democratic process at Hanover High School. I am a leader of the environmental club, a member of student life committee, the cross country team, the Nordic ski team, and the track team. I work with people all over the school in these various activities and I love to talk to them about council and what's going on. I consider myself a leader in class and outside of class as I speak up and take initiative often. I try hard to be empathetic and hear the other side of arguments as well.

Lastly, what is your favorite ice-cream?

Ben and Jerry's Phish Food!

POLITICAL AD:



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ISABELLA PRICE*:

Why are you running for Council?

After attending this last September as a non-member, I immediately looked forward to attending weekly! I was asked to become a member soon after, given the need for a greater staff presence. I found the Council body articulate and reflective. Notably absent was rancor or animosity in how members engaged with each others' ideas. I am an educator out of a desire to help teenagers engage confidently in academics (and beyond), learn how to learn, communicate well, and contribute generously to their communities. Ideally as individuals in a school community, we can influence our broader macro communities to grow beyond a sharply, divided climate into a paradigm borne from respectful, deeply thoughtful communication and collaborative processes. Change happens within one's own sphere of control and influence.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest

Meet the Staff Candidates

Interviews compiled by Stephen Wang ('20)

problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

As someone who works as an educational assistant, I, in many respects, live the life of a student: I am a member of five core academic classes a day; the other two periods I actively facilitate students' learning in resource room-type spaces; During "X" periods, I typically work with one or many students...or complete assigned homework so that I can more effectively support students! During activity periods, I have meetings and attend clubs and Council. The pace at which we, at HHS, process, produce, and engage is enriching and satisfying, though at times the multitude of foci on any given day creates excessive mental juggling! In contrast, at college I engaged in only a few disciplines each day, deeply reflecting on the intricate details of each subject matter. This approach was more in line with learning theorists' emphasis upon depth over breadth of content. That being said, I am passionate about mental-emotional health

and moving the body--also essential considerations for enhanced mental processing!

This last week I created a template Google doc that displays a "brain-rained" (or brain-dumped) organizer of the various considerations a new schedule would need to incorporate, including various disciplines' needs: daily, shorter courses for math, foreign language, and music classes (to facilitate repetition of material); longer periods for science (and probably PE, both of which involve extra time for labs and equipment set ups). I look forward to sharing this template with Council in a few days as a suggested method of organizing the minutia in this conversation. I am hopeful of where the conversation will lead regardless of how many parties are involved or the length of the processing time.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

My K-12 school system in the Seattle suburbs excelled in leadership and innovative programming: I began participating in school government in the fourth grade; In fifth grade I became treasurer and spent hours after school counting money made during popcorn sales; In subsequent years, I followed an older brother's shoes by becoming elementary school then middle school president. Through middle school leadership classes, a close friend and I produced and directed original creative productions presented for the entire student body that showcased the talents and collaborative efforts (in production and on stage) of a broad array of students in and outside of the leadership classes. In high school I participated in leadership conferences around the state and country, primarily through Girls State and student council. In the fall of my junior year in Washington, D.C., I co-created a mock bill with a subcommittee of twenty; I was then asked to present to the larger conference body of 400 students from around the country. I had been astonished to be selected to speak and, later, deeply touched when congratulated via excited whispers by my nearby sub-committee members on my return to my seat. I learned early on that others' respect my opinions most when I listen intently to others' perspectives and focus upon the power of working collaboratively. True leadership, from my hopeful, non-Machiavellian perspective--and countless leadership theorists--consists of skill sets far removed from bombastic volume, boastfulness, or cunning, ruthless tactical strategies.

AMY GOOD*:



Why are you running for Council?

I am running for council because I like the connection it gives me to the community and sense of the variety of perspectives people have.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

Issues around helping students and staff manage stress keep coming up. I do not know exactly what council can do to help make changes, but I am excited to be a part of conversations that are looking at this issue.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I think I am a good representative because I actively listen to the discussions. I really like being a part of the decision-making process in the school.

HAL BOURNE*:



Why are you running for Council?

I enjoy working with the students, staff and community members on Council. Additionally, as one who sits on CPP, I find value in seeing policies develop in the various decision-making bodies of the school.

What goals do you hope to accomplish in Council this year if elected, and how? Alternatively, what is the biggest problem that you think needs to be fixed at HHS, and what should Council do about it?

I would like to see Council continue to work on finding more casual places for students to work and relax, thereby helping students be less stressed. I would also like Council to contribute to the investigation of schedule changes.

Policies aside, why do you think you would be a good representative on Council?

I am wholeheartedly committed to the democratic principles of the school.

LYNN CEPLIKAS*:

Mrs. Ceplikas did not answer requests for an interview. She currently serves on the Organizational Engineering Committee (OEC). In addition to having served as a Council representative for many years, Mrs. Ceplikas held the position of Council Executive for six years. Her voting record so far from the 2017-2018 school year can be found at: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1-dKkt7iVriwpR9Mney651yv7pddjX-gow8thE8SbgudA/edit#gid=0>



Review: Marvel Successfully Pulls Off Crossover Mania With "Avengers: Infinity War"

by Jasper Zeng ('18)

For starters, this film is definitely best viewed without any spoilers. Therefore, the following review is free of spoilers.

Avengers: Infinity War, directed by the Russo Brothers and starring Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth, Chris Pratt, Josh Brolin, and maaaaaaany others, is perhaps one of the most anticipated films in recent years, especially since it's a culmination of ten years of movies. After seeing it, it lives up to the hype. First, before watching this movie, watching or having knowledge of all of the previous Marvel Cinematic Universe movies is necessary to get the full experience. Watching this in a vacuum with no context will significantly bring down the experience as it depends on a viewer's investment in the series. The film brings together nearly all of the major heroes from the Marvel productions of the past decade as they struggle to fight the powerful warlord Thanos, including most of the Avengers (which include Iron Man, Captain America, Thor, Black Widow, Hulk, and Spider-Man to name just a few), Dr. Strange, Black Panther, and the Guardians of the Galaxy. A good deal of background knowledge is necessary to fully appreciate the film.

One of the major improvements this film has over other MCU films is that the action is done a lot better. Too often in Marvel movies or in any action movies there are multiple jump cuts that make following the action really hard. In this film, the use of constant jump cuts are few and far between and incorporate longer wide shots to showcase the action. The movie also doesn't fall into the trap of relying solely on the world ending and instead puts more attention on the personal stakes the characters have in the plot.

Another thing this movie has over most other MCU movies is a good villain. Thanos is definitely one of the best villains Marvel has had as the movie does a good job making the audience understand his motives. Thanos' presence gives the film a distinct feeling of hopelessness and really presenting the question of whether he can be beaten or not. The visual effects were also very well done, bringing to life not only Thanos but the environment and other characters in the movie; however, there are a few times when the CGI could've used a little more work.

This movie does also have a few other flaws, one of them being having too many characters. Although it was fun seeing the unique character interactions and crossovers, not every character gets to shine due to the sheer amount of characters in the movie. Some characters don't get as much screen time as one would think they would. Other problems this movie has is not all of the dramatic beats hit as well as several sidequests that can seem dragged out or take attention away from some of the cooler moments in the film. The



This third film in the Avengers series is one of the most ambitious crossover movies in recent memory. Image source: <https://www.unilad.co.uk/news/new-avengers-infinity-war-theory-will-completely-change-how-you-see-film/>

movie also has a few plot holes or unanswered questions; however, this could be mitigated in the next part of the movie.

Overall, this movie was good and lives up to the hype despite all the pressure. This movie does have a few flaws, but those are outweighed by its many strengths.

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