Class of 2016 Elections – Spring 2011

As the school year comes to an end, we will be voting for Class and Student Body (ASKMS) Officers for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Directions:
1. Log onto BlackBoard
2. Identify the correct Course for your Class and open the course.
   - Class of 2016 Elections for ’11 – ’12 (Grade 7)
3. Click on the blue “Candidates” button the left margin area for a link to the Student Activities Blog (http://blogs.ksbe.edu/kmssac/). Podcast speeches are loaded onto the Blog.
4. Carefully listen to the speeches. You may wish to use your ear buds.
5. Candidate Speeches in PDF format are on the Student Activities Blog. You may wish to read the narrative as you listen to the podcast.
6. After listening to the speeches, return to the previous BlackBoard page and click on the “Vote” button.
7. Vote for one candidate only.
8. Those candidates running unopposed still need 50% + 1 vote in order to win.

Class of 2016 Council – The Class Council serves the needs of the class

President
Candidate A
I would like to become your class president, because I believe I can make a difference in school. As teenagers, we sometimes believe that we aren’t capable of making a difference. I am here to prove that wrong. As president, I will be able to make a difference for the good of this school. I will work hard with the student leaders, to create a much better learning environment for you and I. I will give my one hundred and ten percent for the better for us. Thank you for listening.

Vice President
Candidate A
I am running for this job because I enjoy working with people. I want to be able to talk about any questions, issues, or concerns that our fellow classmates may have, and help with planning major or special events that may be going on at school or the community. I am very organized, responsible, respectful and a team player. I am also good with people. I have been a class representative and I have been through the campaign process before. I know there will be many challenges and great expectations as Student Council Vice President, which I will be able to meet.
Secretary
Candidate A
I am running for the office of Secretary for the 8th grade council. I hope to make a difference by helping our school to be more efficient. I want to help the leaders of the 8th Grade Council to not only run meetings smoother, but also to be more organized as well. I have been a class representative and am a fast, neat writer. I can type at a moderate pace. I have worked in offices as a secretary before for summer jobs. I am very organized and can memorize things easily. I believe in responsibility and respect for teachers and leaders. When assigned a task, I will prioritize wisely. Thank you for listening!

Treasurer
Candidate A
I am running for treasurer because I want to handle the school’s money wisely. I have previous experience in student council and have been a sports team captain. I want to serve people and make a difference in this school.

Director of Communications
Candidate A
I am running for this job because I feel that I have the leadership skills that will bring success to the 8th Grade student government. I also feel that I would be able to keep both the students and faculty members up to date with the latest events in a memorable and creative way. I have had a few experiences in student government and in leadership positions. I have been a JPO, and have served as a president in my previous school. I helped to organize a community service drive for my old school. I think that I possess many qualities needed in order to become the Director of Communications for this school. I never give up, and I apply myself to whatever I want to do. I have maintained a 3.5 GPA. I hope to earn my spot on the 8th Grade Council, and help the school strive to success. Mahalo! Vote for me for Director of Communications, because I have the qualities that can help you!

Sustainability Officer
Candidate A
I am running to serve you as Class Sustainability Officer. If you had attended Make A Difference Day as I did earlier this year, you would have heard Dr. Chun's speech about how we as Kamehameha students need to give back to our community. I was moved when Dr. Chun mentioned about all the cars entering the campus with students who were taking the entrance examination. He mentioned that for every eight cars going up the hill, seven will be eventually going home disappointed. As someone who was in one of the seven cars twice it is a lesson that I will never forget. I'm willing to serve in this office out of gratitude to our community, and to you, my classmates.
We are learning about sustainability and being eco-friendly. I strongly feel that how we behave in the future to mālama ‘āina will affect how we survive. As Sustainability Officer, I hope to be able to enhance sustainability in our school, and perhaps help coordinate projects outside our school and give back to our community. Although I understand that I am running unopposed I want you all to know that I am committed to serve for and with you to help improve our environment, mālama pono, and serve with gratitude. My campaign slogan is “E ola pono”, which means to live righteously. I humbly ask for your support. I MUA KAMEHAMEHA! I mua 2016!

ASKMS (Associated Students of Kamehameha Middle School) Council
The ASKMS serves the needs of the entire middle school

President
Candidate A
I am running for this position because I would like to help with this school. So, I believe that running for President will do that. Also, I like to help with any problems this school has and give suggestions. Not only suggestions on problems but other things like fun stuff. In the past I have been student body president at my old school and have also served as a treasurer and team representative. I am nice and kind and help people out. I will help lead the student council and I will be a good example for everyone.

Candidate B
Hey guys! I am running for ASKMS President. I’d love to have your vote. I hope in being the ASKMS President I can continue developing leadership skills so someday I can be a big leader for our Class of 2016 and Kamehameha Schools. I feel like if can gain your trust and confidence, I could help make this year the best possible. I have served as a president in my old school and feel I have the experience to make smart decisions. I am responsible enough to manage the responsibilities of this position. I have balanced sports and academics, maintaining a 4.0 GPA. As the ASKMS President I will have much more power and I can make a big, positive impact on the school. Before I end this speech, I just want you to know I feel I am the best candidate for this position. But, if you don’t think so, vote for whomever you think will be the best for the job. Once again thank you for your support and please vote for me as ASKMS President. Thank you and aloha.
Vice-President

Candidate A
I would like to become the Vice President because it will allow me to help the voices of my fellow students be heard by teachers, administrators, and community members. I am not afraid to fight for what we, the students, believe in or what we care about. For example, I know many of you would like to have longer passing periods, so I will work with teachers and administrators to see if this would be possible. I will work with our President and other officers to make well, thought out decisions that will hopefully have a positive impact on the middle school. I believe I can handle the many duties of the Vice President because I am responsible, respectful, honest, friendly, and I am a hard worker. I have experience as a student officer, student advocate, class group leader, and community project leader. I like to lead, but know how to be a good follower. I am easy to talk to, so please talk to me anytime and anywhere. I respect my fellow student’s ideas and views, even if they are different from mine. I will listen to both sides of a discussion and make fair decisions when planning and organizing student activities. I will make sure the student activities are fun and memorable, even for the incoming 7th graders. I really would like to be your Vice President, so I respectfully ask for your support...Please vote for me.

Candidate B
I am running for this position so that I may guide KMS on the right path and that the students are able to enjoy their time here at the middle school. Previous experiences that I have in student government are being class representative for three years. Qualities and attributes that I posses to perform this job is I am a very social person that enables me to take feedback from students and comprehend it easier then others. I really care about what students have to say because I am of course a student myself... so please vote for me.

Candidate C
Vice President is a job that requires many responsibilities that are essential for the ASKMS Council. Many peers, teachers, and I strongly believe that I have all the qualities to fulfill the prestigious job of Vice President. I am running for Vice President because I know that being part of a student council proves to others that I can make a difference in our school. Being part of student council doesn’t mean controlling what our school does, it means providing prominent role models other students can rely on and look up to. The importance of being a Vice President is always being there for anyone. We make decisions at meetings; make sure that school is comfortable for all of the students, and being there when the President can’t make it. I feel that there is no one more else more reliable for this position than me. I will make the ASKMS Council, as well as the Student Body have a voice that will be heard at Kamehameha Middle School. I have had many years of experience being a leader in student government for four years. I have held the office of secretary, class representative and vice president in my
previous school. Being involved with student government for a number of years has provided me with many experiences that have helped to develop my leadership qualities. I have the ability to talk to other students and relate with them if they have any problems or needs. I do not turn my back on people. I have many ideas to share that will contribute to our dances, lunches, and other activities, making our school a happier place.

**Candidate D**
I am running for this position because I feel that I would be able to make a difference in this school. I am willing to complete my tasks on time and with good quality. I believe that this would be a good experience for me and others to exercise our abilities of working together as a team. I have had prior experience as a vice president. Some qualities that I possess are responsibility, good quality of work, and I try my best in all that I do. I will contribute to the council many good ideas, hard work and enthusiasm to help the school.

**Candidate E**
I am running for Vice President because I would like to serve the students. I have served as a class representative. I have received awards for leadership, two Po‘okela Awards and have been recognized as the “Most Valuable Person”. I have very good speech skills and get good grades. I am a person of the people so you can always ask me for help. I will never turn anyone away. Please vote for me, and I’ll be there for you!

**Recording Secretary**
**Candidate A**
I am running for the position because I appreciate what all Kamehameha Schools has given to me and I will like to give back to the school by helping my fellow classmates by using all of the skills that I posses to be the best ASKMS Recording Secretary that I can be. I also enjoy working and helping other people in their daily lives. I believe that if I am in student council that I can help more people everyday. Some previous experiences that I posses is that I had participated in student council as a class representative. Even though I had never been a secretary before, I know all of which the jobs that the secretaries have to do daily. One major quality that I posses is responsibility, with that I can get the job done on time. I also produce quality work. I can promise that all of the minutes that I take in the meetings that we have is accurate, and so you as the students know what is going on in student council. Finally, I work very well with others, which is essential in student council because we have to work not only with the student council but also with the student body.
Treasurer  
Candidate A  
I am running for this position because I believe that it will give me the opportunity to increase my understanding and experience in leadership. It will also give me a voice in making decisions for my class and middle school, and will give me a chance to make a difference and help my classmates by serving among them. I have previous experience as a secretary and sergeant at arms. I am a natural leader. I possess the ability to speak my mind, and also the ability to understand those who I serve. I am able to compromise so that everyone gets something that they agree with so no one is unhappy with what they get. I also am smart, and keeping up with school isn’t a problem so I will be able to serve you with out the worry of falling behind. I also think I am easy to talk to, so if anyone has a problem with something, anyone can talk to me and I will try and solve it. I also think that I am a hard worker, so this can help in next year’s council because I will work hard to listen to everyone, and try and make everyone happy. I will work hard to try to get everything on time and done well.

Sustainability Officer  
Candidate A  
Sustainability is a huge topic within our school, our islands, and the whole world. There are many things we can do to help, and I want to do as much as I can. I want to make a positive impact on our environment. I know how important it is to take care of the land and I want to make sure that our school is doing its part to give back. Throughout seventh grade, we have done many projects and made many efforts towards sustainability. I have experience with being a sustainability officer in the past, and I have learned a lot from this. I have made many changes in my life, both at school and at home. I hope to continue to help our middle school make sustainable choices as well. I always look for things that could be changed in order to be more sustainable. I believe in taking care of the planet because the planet is what we depend on to take care of us. The choices we make everyday can have a huge impact on the future. I try to make choices that will help our planet to be able to be sustainable for generations to come.

Historian  
Candidate A  
I am running for this position because I want to put in ideas that will benefit the school in positive ways. I would like school to be a happy place where lots of memories take place. I would like to take pictures of these special moments we share in middle school. Then at the end of the year, I would like to make a creative scrapbook so we can all look back at these fun days we had. In the previous years, I was my class representative, secretary, and also served as a vice
president. This is why I am running for this position. I am very responsible. I will come to every meeting and activity that we may have throughout the year. I won’t let anyone down, and I will get my work done on time or earlier. I will contribute my ideas to the group wherever it’s needed. I will live up to my job tasks and the responsibilities that it comes with. I will make sure that I make time for this position so I don’t let the committee down. I also think I am very creative. In order to take pictures and put them on a blog or scrapbook, I have to make it look creative or no one will look at it. These are the qualities that I posses in order to complete my job for the year.

**Corresponding Secretary**  
**Candidate A**
I am running for Corresponding Secretary because I want to be a part of a great team, make positive changes and plan awesome events for the middle school. I want to help perpetuate Pauahi’s mission that all haumāna become good and industrious men and women. I have great respect for the school’s values and want to help the students grow. I will represent the entire school with loyalty and truthfulness in my actions and my words. I am committed to diligently serving the students and faculty of KMS. I have over four years of experience in student council. I have held the position of corresponding secretary, recording secretary, sergeant-at-arms, and class representative. Each position has taught me valuable experiences in communication, working as a team, sharing ideas, and making positive changes that will affect the students, faculty and school with honor and respect to all. I strive to develop positive attributes that will help me to be successful in life. Several attributes that I am working on is integrity, doing good works, and choice and accountability. I believe in being honest to myself and to my fellow man. Honesty, truthfulness and compassion are my motto in life. I also believe in serving others by helping to make positive changes. As your corresponding secretary, I am committed to serving others. And lastly, I believe in choice and accountability because of honor. When I say I will do something, I will give my 100% to doing the best job that I can to make the right choices and be accountable for my actions.

**Director of External Affairs**  
**Candidate A**
I am running for this position because in the past I have been in charge of projects and groups assignments where organization was a key factor. I was able to keep in touch with all members of my group and we were able to make arrangements with each other to finish. I am a very organized person and I always try my best in everything that I do. I will never give mediocre work.