

Presidential Candidates

Student Body 2017



Coltan Schiefer

- Business Administration
- Wilson, NC



Hannah Zakaria

- Business Administration
- Fairfax, VA



Rebekah Anderson

- Journalism & Mass Communication
- Atlanta, GA



Lydia Zeller

- Biblical Counseling
- Greenville, SC



Joshua Strubel

- Engineering
- Greenville, SC

What is an ideal student body president?

The ideal student body president has a vibrant and growing relationship with God. He represents the student body to itself, to administration and to other schools. He is a leader that is ambitious and determined, but dependable and kind. He puts others in positions to be successful by involving as many students as possible in campus events, outreaches and other opportunities. While he represents the student body as whole, he takes time to get to know individuals as well. He must also be a great event planner, as the SLC plans many events throughout the year.

What is your vision?

My primary goal is to improve each student's campus experience by increasing the University's focus on societies and on-campus entertainment opportunities.

Another one of my goals is to continue and further expand several of the successful campus-wide events that were held this year. That includes the various outreach opportunities, pep rallies, Bruins Daze, and other campus events.

Finally, I would like to see a "student's choice" Artist Series, where students were able to vote in the fall on a variety of guest artists that could be brought in during the spring semester.

What is an ideal student body president?

Good leadership has nothing to do with titles. The qualities needed to be an effective student body president are no different than those required of society leaders, association officers and individuals who seek to influence. In essence, all student leaders should seek to develop and serve students at large.

What is your vision?

Student body presidents should accurately represent the opinion and thoughts of the student body to the administration, create new opportunities for students and inspire all to take full advantage of what we have been given here at BJU.

In my experiences as a society vice president and officer in multiple associations here on campus, I have been given the opportunity to develop my skills as a leader. Though far from perfect, I know what it takes to be an involved leader and have worked hard through multiple facets to create events and opportunities that encourage growth and innovation for my peers and me.

As president, I will seek to open greater and timelier channels of communication between the student body and the BJU president, pursue new individual discipleship and mentorship initiatives and create an atmosphere of greater school spirit and involvement.

What is an ideal student body president?

The ideal student body president listens to, cares for and trusts fellow students, rallying people from a wide variety of backgrounds and interests for causes bigger than ourselves.

What is your vision?

During my time at BJU, I have loved getting to know a ton of people. Meeting people is one of my favorite things to do. I strive to be a good listener, not just presenting my own ideas but trying to pull great ideas out of others. I love getting as involved as possible—from student body plays to choir to engaging prospective students as a student ambassador. I feel like I have the pulse of our student body.

I'd like to see our student body focus even more on connecting with each other and our community. God has blessed our student body with unique gifts and personalities, and I think we need to maximize those resources to benefit each other and the Greenville community. On a lighter note, honestly, I'd love to see us pull off a student body talent show.

What is an ideal student body president?

The ideal student body president is personable and down-to-earth. She relates to students to help make their experience at BJU more enjoyable.

What is your vision?

I love this student body, and I want to do everything I can to help students enjoy their time here at BJU. I think the best way to do this is by getting to know people and finding out what the students want and relating that to the people that can make a difference.

I want to do more to incorporate student feedback and provide more updates about what's happening on campus and decisions being made. I also want to do more to promote student life activities and society athletics.

This year the SLC has implemented new, exciting activities for the students (i.e. Bruin Daze). I think the SLC could improve by having a bigger presence on campus. Currently most of the student body doesn't know who is on SLC or what they do.

What is an ideal student body president?

The ideal student body president will be able to accomplish two main tasks—leading the SLC and accurately representing the student body to the administration.

What is your vision?

As the only candidate who has had experience on Student Leadership Council, I have been able to see first-hand what worked on SLC and what did not work. As president I would be able to apply what I have learned this year and not have to spend as much time next year with trial and error.

As president, I would make communication between students and administration the number one priority. The SLC is a go-between students and the administration. This allows the administration to make informed decisions, and it allows students to understand the intent and goal of the administration. The SLC could improve communication by holding monthly meetings with the student body open to any interested students.

I would like to share the vision of reaching Greenville for Christ with the student body. An SLC united behind the goal of making a difference in Greenville for Christ would unite the student body behind a common goal, show that outreach is for every student, and that together we can really make a difference.

★ Match the Hobbies! ★

- ★ Colton Schiefer
- ★ Hannah Zakaria
- ★ Rebekah Anderson
- ★ Lydia Zeller
- ★ Joshua Strubel

- 1 Surfing
- 2 Chocolate
- 3 Visiting Bookstores
- 4 Fishing
- 5 Reading Plays

Answers:
 Colton Schiefer 4 • Hannah Zakaria 5 •
 Rebekah Anderson 2 • Lydia Zeller 3 •
 Joshua Strubel 1