

# 2011 Student Government Freshmen Election

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## **Alex Keedy**

Growing up in Lexington has ingrained a strong feeling of community and care for the welfare of others. Undoubtedly, the heart-stopping feeling watching UK basketball accompanies the city's values. I see and feel the need for small changes, but witness others not believing in a bridge to help those changes occur. I firmly believe in being the change and communication vital to a better UK. I want you to have the voice for an idea that others are thinking, but have not said. Complete confidence in the Student Government can be and will be felt through clear communication and persistence in any matter brought to me. Student Government will not be simply a figurehead, but an active part in the student body. Voting on resolutions will be done with the mindset of making the college experience at UK just that much better.

I pledge to not be an empty promise, but a persevering connection between the student body and the resolutions that you want most here at UK. I implore you to see that I genuinely care about making UK as exciting, comfortable, and welcoming to everyone who walks The Cat's Path with an idea that would improve an aspect on campus. I have not only the enthusiasm and ambition for a better UK, but I have the vision and drive to do so.

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## **Andrew Shugan**

Though many people would start this statement welcoming you to the freshman class of 2015, I want to welcome you more appropriately. Welcome to the best freshman class ever to enter the University of Kentucky. With the top GPA, ACT/SAT scores, and service to the community, I would be very proud to lead this class. Like most of you, I am very dedicated to leading my community. Holding many executive positions in high school, I am ready to take the leadership skills I have gained to the next level. If I am elected to represent our class, your voice will be heard. Through dedication and perseverance, there are three things I want to accomplish. First, I want to further diversify the campus. Though we are already diverse, I want to get more students involved in organizations—bringing together people of completely different backgrounds for one common goal. Next, I want to create more opportunities for service like Fusion. This widely advertised event brought together many people for the betterment of the community. If we have more events like this, I believe people will continue to volunteer through service hours. Finally, I want to commit myself to helping you. Through the next several weeks of my campaigning, I would like you to tell me of any issue you have. If elected, I will work to present each of these pressing issues to be confronted. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

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## **Colby Hall**

To be elected a freshman senator for the University of Kentucky is to have the job of representing over 4,000 of the country's finest freshmen. Each freshman should have the chance to be equally representative by senators who truly care about the well-being of this university and make promises that can be kept. If elected, I will work hard to be as transparent as possible to Kentucky's freshmen by listening to all concerns and ideas.

The student government already has some programs that have made huge positive changes on campus, and I will fight to keep these programs in existence. One program I find extremely beneficial is Cats Cruiser, a late-night transportation service used by the university to enhance safety. Nothing is more fearful to a student than to be stranded in an unfamiliar environment late at night. The Cats Cruiser is a lifeline for always finding a way back to campus.

It's really frustrating having to continually print school-related items and having to pay to print them. That is why I promise to work on getting free printing fees on campus for students.

The student government is run solely off student fees with a budget of over half a million dollars a year and growing still. I vow to be an efficient steward with this budget. I guarantee I will work to keep student fees from being increased.

Simply put, I love this university, and the opportunity to represent this talented freshmen class would be a blessing.

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### **Dan Nwosu**

Hello fellow students my name is Dan Nwosu. I was the captain of my schools track team, was a member of National Honors Society, Beta club, and also was part of the theatre arts program. In addition I am a part of the NAACP, Catalyst, BSU, and ASA. I want to run for freshman senate because I feel that I can make a difference in the UK community. Me being a part of all these organization really gives me a view of the needs that need to be addressed on campus. I want to address issues that not only affect us as freshman, but the whole school community. If you vote for me I promise to do my best to improve the overall dynamic of this campus.

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### **Jake Ingram**

My goal as a senator is to provide a reliable, meaningful voice for my fellow freshman in the most powerful assembly on campus. As the largest class the University of Kentucky has ever seen, it is important that we are effectively represented; "Palli Papp Ingram Ayers" will be the influential voice that best communicates the needs and desires of our freshman constituents. Join our Facebook group, "Palli Papp Ingram Ayers," for more information regarding our campaign, "We see blue and we'll speak for you."

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### **Joe Papp**

As representatives of the largest, brightest, and best class that the University of Kentucky has ever seen, a lot of responsibility falls to this year's freshman senators. I believe that the "Palli Papp Ingram Ayers" ticket can rise to this challenge. We have each done our best to become as involved as possible with organizations and groups across campus. After talking to hundreds of other freshman to gather ideas of what needs to be changed, we are ready to become the voice of our class. Our goal is to accurately present the ideas and concerns of the class of 2015 to the senate. To see this happen, vote "Palli Papp Ingram Ayers."

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### **Mariam Abbas**

Welcome to the Freshman Class of 2015! We are extremely excited to stand before you as candidates for Freshman Senate this year, and have numerous wonderful plans for you. We will strive to make improvements from all aspects of this university: academically, socially, and athletically. Our goals as runners for senate are to:

- Plan unforgettable and innovative activities for everyone
- Make improvements in the living dorms
- Promote health across the university
- Enhance diversity among the class
- Increase funds for our sports teams

- Give each student the best opportunities for their academic talents such as collaborative research with other students and faculty, as we strive to become a top 20 research university
- Most importantly, enhance your living and learning environment

We would be honored to be coordinators and organizers for making the best decisions possible for you. The students are the most important part of this community. So we will want your suggestions and opinions as well, and we will want you all to be a part of our group. We promise to make significant differences, and will make sure there is nothing left unsolved. We'll be glad to serve you in the near future. Thank you.

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### **Roshan Palli**

"The foremost purpose of a student senator is to speak for the student population that they represent. The campaign slogan of Palli Papp Ingram Ayers is, "We see blue, and we'll speak for you." We mean this statement in its fullest. I believe in the University of Kentucky, and its student population. I empathize with each student's views and understand their desires. I will speak for each and every member of our freshman class; I hope to make changes within the Student Government Association, such that it will better cater to any needs that emerge. Please support Palli Papp Ingram Ayers on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at [www.uksga.org](http://www.uksga.org). For more information regarding our campaign goals please join our Facebook group "Palli Papp Ingram Ayers".

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### **Sarah Smotherman**

"As a new student here at UK, I am eager to contribute positive, energized, and dedicated leadership to Student Government. My passion for all things UK, from basketball to academic success to our wonderfully diverse student body, shows my true desire to become involved and represent our fantastic freshman class! I believe in the potential of UK and Student Government's ability to foster productive change in the following manners.

- I recognize the importance of responsible spending for your greatest needs, as each student contributes funds for Student Government- your money will not go to waste!
- I desire to see an improved relationship between Student Government and the student body in its entirety. You should have confidence that Student Government and the administration will address your concerns and needs effectively. I want nothing but the best for every student at this university.
- I want every student at UK to feel as if they can easily access Student Government and get their opinions and ideas heard- I will listen to each and every idea, no matter how great or small, that comes my way.
- I want to see greater Student Government presence and support in all aspects of campus life.

I have the enthusiasm and motivation needed to serve as a Freshmen Senator. I will be an active, visible, and accessible representative of the freshmen class and UK as a whole. With your help, change can come to UK!"

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### **Savannah Paige Smith**

Hello, my name is Savannah Paige Smith. I am enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences majoring in Psychology. I have loved the University of Kentucky well before I was even enrolled as a student. Being from the wonderful state of Kentucky I was born to "bleed blue!" For this reason, if elected onto Freshman Senate I will strive to continue that reputation of excellence for which the University of Kentucky is known. Throughout my life I have held multiple offices at varied levels that have molded me into the person that is ready to take on this great honor and responsibility. As a gold medal winner on the state and national level in public speaking, I am prepared to act as a liaison between the student body as a whole and the UK administration, through an open line of communication. I hope to advocate for changes that will benefit the campus community. I am an active member of Greek Life here on campus as well. I am looking forward to becoming an active member in the tradition of excellence and integrity that the University of Kentucky strives to achieve.