

# 2014-2015 ASCC Candidate Information



Associated Students  
of Centralia College

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as received.



## Presidential Candidate -

### JR Siperly

My name is JR Siperly and I am running for re-election for Associated Students of Centralia College President. For the past four years I have been actively involved in many different types of programs and leadership positions such as, ASCC, being a coach, High School ASB President, Boy Scouts, wrestling, and football. I came to CC to continue my educational journey of becoming a Special Education Teacher. I am a fun, passionate leader, who enjoys planning events, positive learning environment, and open minded to new ideas.

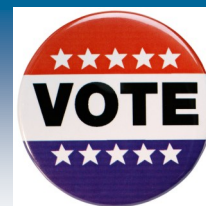
I am currently serving as the ASCC President for the school year 2013-2014. During my term as President I have raised the awareness that students had brought to my attention and pushed to continue to update our Writing Center and Veterans Center computers, conducted a student survey, helped plan our pre Super Bowl tailgate party, passed the 2013 student use budget that our student programs rely on, and helped fund multiple clubs and organization so they can benefit others.

My goals if re-elected as President is to make sure that our tutoring centers around the campus are up to student standards and make sure that they best serve you, create more student government events that students benefit from, work with the college for students to reserve rooms for study groups before their big test, and continue to improve our learning environment that we deserve. I will not make any promises except one, which is I will continue to work day and night to make sure that our student government best serves you. I will continue to always think of each and everyone of you when it comes to voting for anything that affects us as a whole and I will continue to fight for what is in the best interest of the students.

**VOTING**

is important.  
Please vote on

**May 13 & 14**



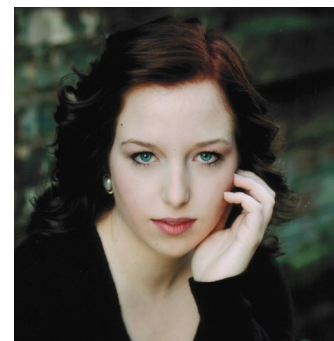
## Senator for Clubs And Organizations Candidate—Emily Ivie

Born and raised in Lewis County my high school career involved playing volleyball, basketball, track, and taking part in student government. I took many classes in high school and always loved challenging classes. My senior year I was the only female in my math class, and I am the first female to graduate from Adna with 20 college math credits. High school was a great experience and now my future plans are to become a high school math teacher.

I have always enjoyed student government. The role of student government on this campus is to create a strong communication system between the students and administration. I am interested in obtaining a leadership position in SGA because being a part of student government will give me an opportunity to make a difference. SGA members understand the students perspective of issues on campus as well as current legislative issues.

I have many ideas about how I will best serve the students at Centralia College. The most important idea is to make sure students feel welcome to come in to our office and share their ideas. Every student on campus has a different perspective on certain topics and it is important to listen to their responses before making any decisions.

The specific qualifications I bring to this position are my organization and communication skills. I have gained these skills through coaching and being in charge of dance committees in high school ASB. As a coach and leader I know the importance of communication and organization. I believe that I can run meetings in a respectful and organized manner keeping everyone informed on all topics.



## Vice Presidential Candidate—Zach Brotherson



2012 was where it really kicked off for me. I was a sophomore in high school who was looking to make new friends. Somehow or another I buddied up with the ASB President at the time, and ended up working in an office that I'm pretty sure doubled as a closet. Over time I began planning events, writing speeches, and even coordinating observances.

2013 came along, and it was scary. There I stood at the front of a room, with six sets of beady eyes looking back at me, all wondering the same thing, "where do we start?" For some reason I had ran for ASB President. By then I had some leadership experience, but still didn't have a clue as how to approach the situation.

By 2014 I could confidently say that I did not regret any of the decisions I had made. If I had not ran I wouldn't have had the honor to put together what my peers call "The Greatest Veterans Day Assembly Ever," or help raise over 7,000 pounds of food for local food

banks. I wouldn't have had the opportunity to graduate from Evergreen Boys State, or direct my fellow seniors as their elected President.

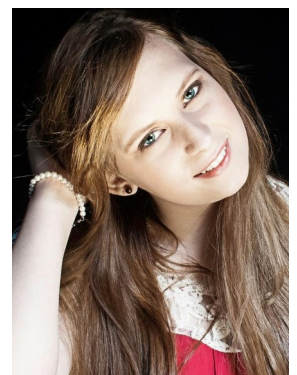
Overall I would like to run for ASCC Vice President because once you are involved in government functions it's impossible not to be. Some of my fondest memories come from talking to students and getting their opinion on certain issues. After all, we are elected to represent you, the student! I plan to serve my peers by speaking to them personally, freely speaking my mind, solving problems efficiently through the chain of command, and looking for projects around the campus no matter what the size or issue.

My name is Zach Brotherson,  
And I believe in hard work.

VOTE

## Senator for Student Relations Candidate—Danielle Z'berg

My name is Danielle Z'berg and I am running for the position of Senator for Student Relations. In the last two years, I have only held one job, working at the Writing Center at CC. During the 14-15 school year, I do not plan on holding a full-time job but may apply for something seasonal. My leadership experience comes from my work with many different clubs and organizations: Member at Large for Black Hills Pickin Party, an old-time music organization, fascilitator for FBLA events at my high school as well as assorted clubs at Centralia College. I'm very proud of my involvement in 2012-2013 with the International Network and Conversation Partner Program where I tutored students in English, and helped to put on International Night. I received awards from both International Network and FBLA for both competition and events planning. Teamwork to me is a lot of different people working together for a common goal. Although they may have different beliefs, skill sets, and ideas, teams come together and bring their best. I think that working with a team accomplishes more than working alone. I'm interested in obtaining a leadership position in SGA because I feel that I can help make a positive difference to this by putting good ideas to work. The role of student government is to take the ideas of students, admin, and faculty and meld them together befitting the entire campus. I would like to encourage more diversity, break down barriers between different types of people, remove stereotypes and promote a general awareness that we are all different, but that our differences are good. With my varied experience, I bring excellent qualifications to be Senator for Student Relations.



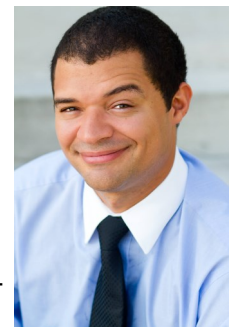
## Senator of Executive Affairs Candidate—Laurie Trueax-Leffel



My name is Laurie, I am interested in the Senator for Executive Affairs position. My interest in this position began with wanting to be more involved with the college events. I am currently volunteering time towards Instructional Council, which has been a great experience. Now I am hoping to put my motivational skills to good use with being in student government. I'm hoping to work with diverse students as well as faculty to open up communications about college events and student needs. My qualifications for this position include great communication, a willingness to listen and learn, and a hands on approach for getting involved. I am a team player with management experience. Prioritizing and organizing are things I know well. I have the focus to take on any responsibility to get the job done.



## Senator for Executive Affairs Candidate—Aaron Thomas



1. Why are you interested on obtaining a leadership position in SGA? During my brief time at Centralia College I have had the honor to server on several student committees. It was through positive experiences with members of student government and learning about what they did for the student body that I decided I would like to be apart of that team.

2. What do you think the role of student government is on this campus? I think the role of student government is to serve as a liaison between the students and the administration. I think student government is also responsible for advocating on behalf of the students for additional resources that benefit the student body at large.

3. What ideas do you have about serving your student constituents? I think this is a great opportunity to inform students about what student government does.

4. What specific qualifications can you bring to this position(s)? I am older than your “average” community college student. I have attended several other community colleges and universities. I have lived through going to college and having “life” happen, being buried in student load debt, and trying to work full time and attend class full time. I have also quit school and moved to the big city only to flounder financially and to have my health being to unravel as well. Since I left High school back in 1999 and joined the military, my life has been the adventure that I envisioned it would be.

### **Referendum 1415**

Shall the students of Centralia College choose to increase the present voluntary fee of \$5 per student per quarter to \$10 per student per quarter. The fee is for the purpose of improving student programs, clubs, athletics, organizations, and activities. This action may be taken pursuant to RCW 28B.15.610 which authorizes students to voluntarily impose upon themselves fees for student purposes only.

Justification for this request is as follows:

Current \$5 fee was voted on by students in 1996. Students' needs have changed since then.

The increase for each student would only be \$15 a year.

Tuition has not increased for two years and this does affect the student budget projections.

Athletics, at Centralia College is significantly under budgeted in comparison to peer institutions

Start new programs such as the Study Abroad Program

Increasing orientation to include winter, spring and summer

Develop an online orientation

Increase diversity initiatives including hiring a staff person to manage the programs

Within the next three years add another sport

Consider increasing the funding of our clubs and organizations. Current funding structure has been in place since 1992.

Look at providing more extracurricular activities to meet the need of the student population

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## **Are you still interested in being on the 14-15 Student Government????**

You can be a **WRITE IN** candidate. Your name will not be on the ballot but you would still need to campaign, have an interview and turn in an application. Think about it.

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