# **WPHS Student Council Elections 20-21**

Greetings! My name is Mr. Madrid, and I am so excited to share with you West Point's plan for Student Council Elections for the 2020-2021 school year! If you are reading this, hopefully you or your student is interested in joining Student Council this year. Student Council is a great way to get involved at West Point High School. Student Council is responsible for hosting a variety of events and activities on campus. School dances, pep assemblies, Spirit Weeks, and food drives are just some of the things Student Council is responsible for on campus. Student Council is also a great way to learn leadership skills, get to know other students and staff at West Point, and just generally be involved.

This year is also a great opportunity to be involved in the first set of school-wide elections and be a member of the inaugural West Point Student Council Elective Course. West Point being a new school allows students in Student Council to have the unique experience of helping create and establish school traditions. Being a new school, there are so many opportunities for students to bring ideas to the table that help build a culture of excellence here at West Point. Students who join Student Council now will help set the tone of what it means to be a Dragon for years to come, leaving a legacy behind in a way that most people will never get the chance to experience.

Even though we will be starting the school year all online doing virtual learning, there are is still a lot for Student Council to do. Learning about leadership, planning virtual Spirit Weeks, and finding ways to get students connected to each other are just some of the things we will be doing in the coming months. Now more than ever, we need students who are willing to be creative and think outside of the box to find ways to help bring West Point spirit and Dragon pride to our temporarily virtual campus. Below you will find information on the specific ways you can get involved in Student Council at West Point- including Student Body Elections, Class Officer Elections, and Class Representative Interviews. If you have any questions about the process, what Student Council entails, or anything else related to Student Council, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. My email address is <a href="mailto:christian.madrid@tuhsd.org">christian.madrid@tuhsd.org</a>. I look forward to this up coming school year because I know together, we will make it an amazing one.

Sincerely,

Mr. Christian Madrid
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## **Student Body Officer Elections**

### What are Student Body Officers?

Student Body Officers are student leaders elected by the entire West Point student body. Their primary duties and responsibilities are to help run the Student Council program at West Point. They help offer guidance and training to class officers, as well as having a role within the Student Council Elective Class. There are currently four Student Body Positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Students elected will have the unique opportunity to help define what these elected positions mean and do here at West Point.

### What are the requirements to run for Student Body?

Student Body Officers must be in 10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. The GPA requirement for Student Body Officers is 3.0 or higher.

#### How do you run for a Student Body Officer position?

In order to run for a Student Body Officer, you will need to fill out an application form. Application forms can be found if you <u>Click Here</u>. You will also need to read the Elections and Campaign Rules before you finish your application. You will be notified if you are eligible to run, and you will then partake in the 2020-2021 Student Body Officer elections. <u>Applications are</u> due Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.

## **Class Officer Elections**

#### What are Class Officers?

Class Officers are student leaders elected by their peers in their graduating class. Their primary duties and responsibilities are to help assist the Student Body officers organizing events and activities for Student Council and the entire student body, but also oversee events, activities, and fundraisers for their specific graduating class as well. The Junior and Sophomore classes will have four elected officers. See the section on Class Representatives for more information about Freshman Class Officers. Those positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Freshman Officers will not Students elected will have the unique opportunity to help define what these elected positions mean and do here at West Point.

#### What are the requirements to run for a Class Officer Position?

Class Officers can only run for a position in their graduating class. The GPA requirement for Student Body Officers is 2.5 or higher.

#### How do you run for a Class Officer position?

In order to run for a Class Office position, you will need to fill out an application form. Application forms can be found if you <u>Click Here</u>. You will also need to read the Elections and Campaign Rules before you finish your application. You will be notified if you are eligible to run, and you will then partake in the 2020-2021 Class Officer elections. <u>Applications are due</u> <u>Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.</u>

# **Class Representatives Interviews**

#### What are Class Representatives?

Class Representatives are other members of Student Council who are not elected to a specific position. Their role is to help assist both in organizing events and activities for Student Council and the entire student body and assist in the events, activities, and fundraisers for their specific graduating class as well.

This year, all Freshman Class Officers will be Class Representatives. Freshman Class Representatives will get the opportunity in Student Council to learn about all the different elected positions and get the opportunity to temporarily act as officers to help them learn about the roles.

#### What are the requirements to interview for Class Representative?

Class Representatives can only interview to be a Representative for their graduating class. You do not have to be running for an elected position in order to interview to be a Class Representative. Students must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA in order to be eligible to interview for a Class Representative position.

### How do you interview for a Class Representative position?

To interview for a Class Representative position, you must fill out an application form. Application forms can be found if you <u>Click Here</u>. You will then be notified if you are eligible to interview and will then be emailed a link to sign up for an Interview day and time. Interviews will happen virtually after school on Microsoft Teams. <u>Applications are due Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 4PM.</u>