

# Junior senators share goals

By SU CHO

The Junior Class elected six junior Senators on Sept. 12: Erick Aguilar, Guy Blanc, Ebube Chuba, Esther Lee, Peter Ojo, and Daniel Ren. All six are very excited about working with SG and have a wide variety of plans that they would like to implement for NCSSM this year.

**Erick Aguilar**, who was born in Honduras, has experience with student government from his previous high school and middle school.

Some of his goals for the year include bringing a change machine to campus, getting trays for the PFM, and improving grade transparency.

**Guy Blanc**, a former Panther Creek High School student, is proud to be representing the class of 2015 as Junior Senator. He has many ideas that he would like to see come into effect this year. One such idea is creating a quicker and easier process to allow people who live on halls without a thermostat to change the temperature in their rooms. He also wants to make it possible to allow students who live on Beall, Bryan, and Reynolds to have universal access to each other's halls.

A goal for Blanc is to bring food to Happy-Half, either through the pizza man or other restaurants and food trucks.

**Ebubue Chuba** was born in Lagos, Nigeria and formerly

attended Mallard Creek High School. His interests range from programming to wrestling. He wants the school to become more modern through mobile applications for sign-in and sign-out, putting nutrition facts for PFM

food on the SG website, and redesigning the SG website. "Being a Junior Senator is a new opportunity. At this school, SG actually does something to make a lasting

impact," said Chuba. **Esther Lee** is from Monroe, North Carolina, and previously attended Central Academy of Technology and Arts. Some of her goals include organizing fun activities where students can get to know their

peers, creating a SG suggestion box where students can input their ideas, and helping students survive American Studies. "I am looking forward



# SG sets plans for year

By KIM NGO

Student Government has begun implementing new project ideas for the upcoming school year.

One new project that has already been finalized is a new Student Government sustainability sticker. These stickers publicize and promote sustainability, recycling, and energy efficiency. This effort started from an initiative with the UNC Association of Student Governments (ASG), a consortium of student leaders from the 17 UNC-system campuses, to promote these goals on constituent campuses. NCSSM's stickers are modeled after those currently used on Duke University's campus and were shared by Duke's SGA.

NCSSM has a large role within ASG. Student Body President Thakker serves as chair of the Committee on Access and Affordability. Senate President David Choi was elected ASG's speaker pro tempore. Treasurer Jssica Lee serves on the Campus Innovation and Outreach

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# NCSSM students march on Washington

By JUNGSU HONG

On Aug. 24, seniors Elizabeth Hayes, Camille Johnson, Travis McKay, and Simon Wolf went to Washington D.C. and marched with tens of thousands of others to commemorate the "I Have a Dream Speech" of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. made fifty years ago.

This event attracted people from all over the United States. The parking lot of a professional football team's stadium was packed with coach buses.

"It was such a diverse group of people, and there were so many reasons people decided come, but across the board everyone was there for some type of equality reason," said Senior Elizabeth Hayes.

"The conversations and experiences were truly incredible," said Senior Simon Wolf. "When we arrived, a lot of our time was spent walking to the steps where all the speakers were. The sound was pretty bad once we got there, but just through the feeling of the crowd it felt like we could hear everything. That same feeling continued through the march itself in the



From left to right: Simon Wolf, Elizabeth Hayes, Camille Johnson, Travis McKay

form of chants and signs, with everyone in his or her group, all there in support of humanity and equality."

Participants in the march were given the opportunity to listen to many of high-profile speakers including Bernice King, Martin Luther King's daughter.

Senior Camille Johnson said, "We listened to many speeches that were expressing gratitude toward Martin Luther King's actions. We

were celebrating how far we had come as a nation and recognizing that even now things aren't perfect. Things like voting rights, LGBT rights and immigrant rights are examples of things we still need to pay attention to."

Everyone who attended gained a unique meaningful experience and the march brought back proud memories.

"My grandfather marched for my rights and others' rights in the march 50 years ago.

to this year with my new responsibility of being Junior Senator." Lee said. "NCSSM is a place I call home, and I hope other students will feel the same way"

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hand, though, it made me realize how far we have yet to go, and it reminded me of all the issues in today's society that still need to be stood up for," Wolf said.

Senior Travis McKay recalls the event, "I never thought that I would have the opportunity to participate in as such a memorable occasion. With that said, I had no idea of what to expect prior to going on this trip to Washington D.C. However, I was very excited."

There were different groups from everywhere, chanting and stating their purpose. This seemed to be the theme of the day. Once everyone migrated to the Lincoln Memorial, the speeches started."

After the speeches, the march started. News cameras rolled, helicopters flew, and people walked. I was not part of a particular group, but just from being in the same march as other groups, I felt like I was in every single one. At the end of the march, I gladly got ice cream. Then it was time to go. Upon my return to NCSSM, I had fun sharing this experience with my peers and even the PFM worker who saw me on TV!"