

CLASS OF 2013 VOTES IN SGA LEADERS

The newest and youngest members of the Student Government Association were announced last week after the Class of 2013 spent two days voting for individuals desiring to represent freshmen class interests.

"This year we broke the record for number of candidates as well as voter turnout," SGA President Justin Peterson said. "We had more than 600 freshmen vote in the SGA elections,

200 more than last year. With such a competitive race, I know that the class of 2013 has found the best of the best."

These eight officials include a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and five senators. They come from a variety of states, hope to obtain a diverse array of majors and all plan to represent their class in an official forum where freshmen voices can be heard and a difference can be made.



Benjamin Waldon

Senator

Waldon could not be contacted to comment for this story.

Madeline Laliberte



Vice President

Hometown: Rumford, R.I.

Major: Communications

Reason for choosing Elon: It is a great school and it is absolutely beautiful.

Interesting fact: I have hit my head on my bunk-bed every morning at Elon.

What she hopes to do with her time in office: Do great things. Meet new people and bring the class together.

Blaire Zachary



Senator

Hometown: Raleigh, N.C.

Major: Business Administration and Strategic Communications

Reason for choosing Elon: It's the perfect size, has the nicest people, is gorgeous and has strong academic programs in the fields I'm interested in. What more could I want?

Interesting fact: I never learned how to tie my shoes.

What she hopes to do with her time in office: Make a difference, have fun and represent the freshmen class the way they would want to be represented.

Darien Flowers



Senator

Hometown: Columbus, Ohio

Major: International Studies

Reason for choosing Elon: I chose Elon because

of the sweet tea.

Interesting fact: I've been to every home Ohio State football game since eighth grade. I love soccer. My favorite clubs are the Columbus Crew and Chelsea FC, and I've traveled to 13 different countries.

What he hopes to do with his time in office: In office I hope to represent the class of 2013 to the best of my ability.

Andrew Palmieri



President

Hometown: Phoenixville, Pa.

Major: Communications

Reason for choosing Elon: Amazing education, people, atmosphere.

Interesting fact: While going over my speech right before standing in front of the entire Class of 2013 and delivering for the first time at Call to Honor, I realized that the second floor Smith guys, whom I now call family, thought it would be funny to "edit" it a little bit. I couldn't help but look out while on stage, find all of them in the audience and laugh. I'd say it was a pretty good idea to look over it one last time.

What he hopes to do with his time in office: Meet the amazing people who make up the freshmen class, listen to all suggestions put forth by my fellow classmates and try to help in every way possible to better their experience. Also to work hard to maintain the upstanding status that our university has gained, show Elon University what the freshmen have to offer and have a good time doing so.



Rebecca Tynes



Vice President

Hometown: Atlanta, Ga.

Major: Broadcast Journalism

Reason for choosing Elon: I fell in love with Elon the

second I set foot on campus. Everyone is so friendly, the campus is beautiful and it is so easy to get involved.

Interesting Fact: I met Usher in the mall when I was shopping for my mom's Christmas present, and he signed my receipt. He was so nice.

What she hopes to do with her time in office: I want all of the members of our class to become really close really fast. I will help organize events with the other officers solely for our class that will help everyone get to know each other better.

Alexandria Weller



Senator

Hometown: Carmel, Ind.

Major: Political Science and Philosophy

Reason for choosing Elon: When I came to the campus, I fell in love with it. It's absolutely beautiful

here, and everyone was friendly. The study abroad programs really sold me, too.

Interesting fact: I am completely in love with Harry Potter, and last year we had a Quidditch tournament at my school. I was a chaser and it was the coolest thing ever.

What she hopes to do with her time in office: I want to establish a good relationship between SGA and the freshmen class. SGA has a lot of influence around campus and I want the class of 2013 to immediately voice their opinions and be a part of that. If the other class officers, senators and I could effectively serve as liaison between SGA and our class, I'd be happy with my time in office.

Austin Williamson



Secretary

Hometown: Blowing Rock, N.C.

Major: Business

Reason for choosing Elon: I chose Elon because I liked the small

classroom size, the community atmosphere and all the people seemed really friendly.

What she hopes to do with her time in office: As class treasurer I hope to bring new ideas to SGA and successfully help administer SGA funds. I look forward to representing the freshmen class and bringing all of our ideas together.

Elizabeth Burns



Senator

Hometown: Jamison, Pa.

Major: Undecided.

Reason for choosing Elon: It's a great school with a beautiful campus and it's the number one school to watch.

Interesting fact: I lived in Mexico for two and a half years when I was little, but don't remember a word of Spanish.

What she hopes to do with her time in office: Help get freshmen involved in their new school and be a spokesperson for the class of 2013 by improving things they want to see changed.