

Candidate Questionnaire for the Position of Class Officer

Due to Class Advisor by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 5th

Name of Candidate: Colin Merrigan

Office Candidate Seeks to Fill: President

Grade and Section of Candidate: 11th Grade Student Government

Year of Graduation: 2021

Instructions to Candidates regarding Candidate Questionnaire:

- A. Submission of a Candidate Questionnaire is required if a student wants to be a candidate for a seat on the Class Officer.
- B. Candidates must use the Candidate Questionnaire provided by School Service Committee of the Key Club.
- C. Candidate Questionnaire must be submitted by the deadline set. Refer to the Candidate's timeline for the specific date.
- D. The Candidate Questionnaire should be written by the candidate and express his/her opinion on school issues. It must be a maximum of 100 words per question on the one page provided.
- E. The Candidate Questionnaire should be neat and readable.
- F. Candidate Questionnaire must comply with all the rules and regulation as stated above. Only properly completed Candidate Questionnaire will be distributed to the student body on the school website. Failure to comply with any of these regulations will result in a denied candidacy for Class Officer Position.

1. Why do you want to be elected and what characteristics do you hold that make you the best candidate?

I want to be elected as Class President because I want to represent my class. I don't want this position so only I could have a say in some of the decisions made. I want to be able to bring to the table what the students feel. I feel it is extremely important for every student's voice to be heard, especially for their senior year. I also want to unify my class, mostly because a strong leader would help bring the class back together as we have spent a vast amount of time apart. I am comfortable with speaking in front of large groups as well as approaching people to inform them or ask them something. I am also comfortable with taking criticism and will admit when I'm wrong. I am also empathetic as I will ensure every student's voice is heard. I think outside the box and am knowledgeable in many different fields. I take my education seriously, so I will keep my class updated regarding any academic messages they need in addition to any school events.

2. How do you plan on keeping your class connected and united throughout the year?

I plan on informing my class through either personal or remind means. I'm a very approachable person so members of my class should have no issue asking me any questions they have. I also plan to use my inclusion in extracurriculars to communicate with many members of my class. I plan to keep the class united through my Seaford Pride and enthusiasm for exciting events such as Pep Rally. I plan on making sure students know the information they need to know for all the wonderful events we coordinate at Seaford High School. From being away from Seaford High School for quite a long time, I feel we have all come to realize we take our time at SHS for granted. I plan on making our senior year one to remember because I feel it is very important to fulfill the opportunities we have at SHS and make them meaningful.

3. Over the period that we have had remote learning, how have you stayed involved in Seaford High School and demonstrated leadership within your graduating class?

As Vice President of Seaford's Science Club, we have been planning something for the Elementary schools. Miss Simons and the rest of the members have decided on having a virtual zoom party where we teach the kids to make ice cream. I volunteered to be Team Harbor leader which means I will be teaching the younger students and probably their parents how to make the ice cream. This will be a fun time for everyone included and almost like a finale for the elementary school year since the elementary school will not be enjoying the festivities of Harbor and Field Day. I have been staying in contact with my track team and we encourage each other to continue exercising when we were hoping to have a season in the future. I have been staying involved as I hope to hold a leadership position for this team my senior season. I have also tried keeping my classmates enthusiastic about school despite there currently being no goal to work towards such as a test.