What is SGA?
Introducing the 2020 SGA Slates and Their Members

Samantha Vresh

The Student Government Association (SGA) is a governing body that serves to address the needs of students and advocate for the student body. SGA works to maintain the bond between campus and community. SGA sponsors numerous events throughout the year for students to enjoy. As 2019 has come to an end, 2020 slate elections got underway.

We have three slates running in the 2020 elections: Slate Brosius, Slate Cochenour and Slate Gastmeyer. Slates and their members are listed below:

Slate Brosius Officers: Kaylee Brosious (president), Kailey Costabile (vice president), Franco Rodriguez (secretary), Tyler Snoegrass (treasurer).

Chair Nominees: Shaemour Young (diversity chair), Noah Polio (academics chair), Juliana Sienkiewicz (special events chair), Logan Mitch (student concerns chair), Hannah Roddy (public relations chair).

Slate Cochenour Officers: Bryer Cochenour (president), Camilla Holzschuh (vice president), Jess Booser (secretary), Samantha Vresh (treasurer).

Chair Nominees: Izayah Bojanac (academics chair), Samantha Parsons (service chair), Mitchel Henderson (finance chair), Owen Melander (special events chair), Lauren May (student concerns chair), Jillian Williams (public relations chair).

Slate Gastmeyer Officers: Jackson Gastmeyer (president), Harrison Keenan (vice president), Forest Mills (secretary), Laurren Todd (treasurer).

Chair Nominees: Hope Wilson (diversity chair), Sam Accordini (academics chair), Jessi Stone (service chair), Alec Rich (finance chair), Olivia Lilly (special events chair), Ryan Versammon (student concerns chair), Nina Silver (public relations chair).

The SGA Slate Debate took place Tuesday, Feb. 4 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Witherspoon Rooms. Elections began on Wednesday, Feb. 5 and concluded on Friday, Feb. 7 at 4 p.m. An email was sent out from SGA with information regarding voting.

Quote of the Week:
“We may encounter many defeats but we must not be defeated.”
– Maya Angelou
The Holcad
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Let’s Hear It for the Girls
WestminsterAlumna Advance in Professional Endeavors

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Letter to the Editor by Dale Hofmann

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I Dream of Dairy
Charlotte E. Shunk
Assistant Editor

Westminster was spiraling toward a new form of hecticness we weren’t seem to consider current students on campus – and it felt as though to the state of our school. Many changes were made – most of which did echo the buzzing footstep.

I knew my school was going to change. That was the way it was going to be. And it was going to be in four years. I felt as though the school might crumble with each step I took, the changes made, eliminating the last of the Titan Club. The whole club was going to be eliminated from the TUB. The tentative steps I took across campus were silly, an overreaction. Or maybe they’re the funniest pair you own, and maybe the pair makes you laugh because you know that, as a student body, we were not loving the different, weird things.

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