

**Class of 2017 Sophomore Board
Candidates for Office
2014-2015**

President

Arlette De La Rosa



As a sophomore this year, I plan on participating in many school activities and getting involved as much as possible. As sophomore board president I plan to initiate many new ideas and events for our class to genuinely bond in order to make these next three years memorable. I believe that running for office would definitely give me a better perspective as to what I as an individual am capable of doing for my class of 2017. I believe taking any position within the board requires us to represent the school in an honorable way as well as plan and initiate activities. I specifically would like to run as president, and believe that my main priority is to keep the board in check and join our class together. This year I plan on getting our class involved in many of the school events by showing of our class's school spirit. I also hope to have a class trip approved in order to make these next few years more enjoyable as we get the opportunity to truly bond. I think I should be picked for class president simply because I can take on the various responsibilities that are expected of a president as well as incorporate my sociable character into making the board more of a family rather than simply an extracurricular. School spirit is taking pride of the place where you spend most of your life and showing off your school in the most honorable manner.

Tori Dominguez

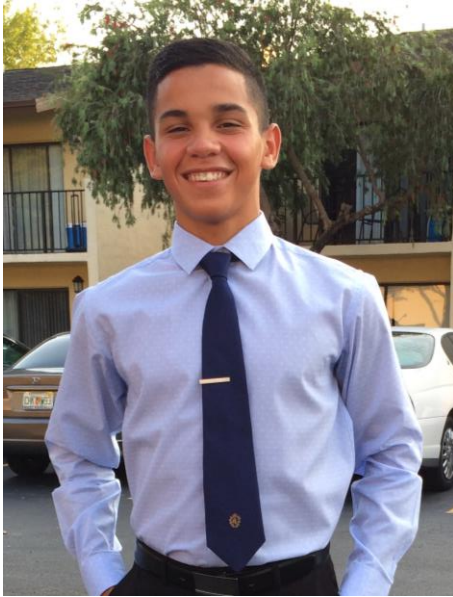


Hello class of 2017, thank you for considering me as your sophomore class president. Freshman year in my eyes did not live up to the potential it had to be a great year. I am running for class president for that very reason. I would like to make a difference in this school while incorporating my fellow classmate's opinions and ideas. I love helping others and taking that leadership role to do so. We all go to the same great school and its high time we start to embrace what school spirit is really about.

On that note, my responsibilities as your class president are simple. I will always be there to voice your ideas. I will attend as many meetings and school related social events as I can. Although we are only sophomores we should be heard. We still have over two years to spend here and why not make them the best we can? As sophomore class president I will attempt to make your next two and a half years the best they can be.

There are also many ideas I have for this new school semester. The most complaints I've heard are in regard to lunch. I would like to make our school lunches much more appetizing and also put more shade outside. Umbrellas could maybe be put on the tables outdoors to allow for a much cooler lunch experience with our extremely hot Florida weather.

Brian Escobar



Hi my name is Brian Escobar and I am running for Class President of the graduating class of 2017. As the former Class Vice President, I learned a lot about the different positions on this board and what it takes to have a successful class board so this year, I'd like to make it my personal challenge along with the entire board to make this year bigger and better than any other sophomore class in Ferguson history. I want the all classes in Ferguson to look up to the Sophomore Class and praise us for making our years the ones to remember. Not only do I want to a fun and enjoyable year. I believe that it would be my responsibility, along with the board to help plan activities throughout the year such to make this school year and the years to come very memorable ones. Also, as Class President, I would be the liaison between the student body and the administration making sure that i can help out the class, and the students of this class to the best of my ability. For this upcoming year, I have many ideas planned for the class such as a field day for entire class that would be filled with different field day activities and entertainment along with food and drinks. Also I would like to have a fundraiser that would benefit the entire class by lowering the cost of our big end of the year field trip.

Lauren Haber



I, Lauren Haber, am excited to kick off my sophomore year by running for Class of 2017 President. I'm best suited for the role of president because I am a leader. I am not afraid to speak my mind and do what I feel is right. This position is also perfect for me because I'm very friendly and love interacting with my classmates and making new friends. Every day I look forward to making someone smile and encouraging them to stay positive and to make their days count. I'm known for my original ideas, my sense of humor, and my respectful personality. School spirit is really everything to me. Whenever there's a pep rally or other school event, I'm the first one there wearing all black, ready to show my falcon pride. I believe that showing school spirit is the best way to make high school a better experience.

I know that as president, I am responsible for leading the sophomore board and to be a representation of the whole sophomore student body. I'm also responsible for keeping up my attendance and my academic grades. If I become president, I would want to listen to the student's ideas and voice their opinions, but of course, while abiding to the administrations rules and regulations. My goal would be to make every 10th grader's year the most memorable and to literally make our class the best class Ferguson has ever had.

Jessica Koernig

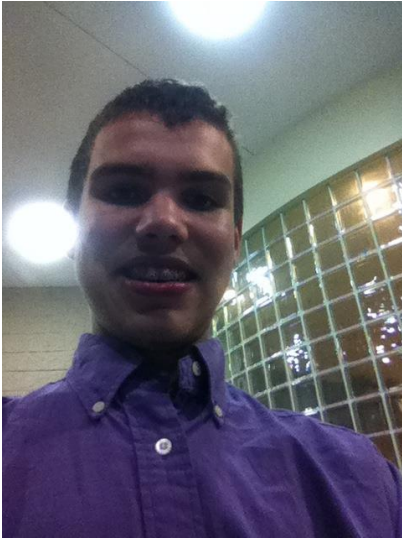


Another school year is upon us and with that brings new challenges. I want to play an instrumental role in creating a change for the student body. I don't only want to change things but I want to create an environment where we can exchange creative ideas on how to enhance our overall experience here at Ferguson High. Many students aren't heard. I want to be their voice. I have very high expectations that this year my fellow officers and I can, not only listen and fight for our student bodies problems, but also are proficient enough of coming up with many other ideas to handle all their worries.

If elected, I want to establish a good relationship with our administration in order to make change a reality. I am completely invested in Ferguson. I want to collaborate fundraisers that don't only raise money but are also fun to participate in. I'm running for President because I love being a Falcon and extremely enjoy coming to school here. I want to create a legacy of change that enhances the best years of our lives.

School Spirit means being proud of where you come from. It isn't just about cheering at pep rallies and sporting events. It is a certain swagger; it is an expression of respect we have for each other. Many years from now when they ask me "What high school did you go to?" I will proudly say I am a Ferguson Falcon.

Henry Porto



Hello, this is Henry Porto, who is running for President in the Class of '17 Sophomore Board. Being president really suits me because I truly believe in leadership, and I love being in charge of what people should do in a nice way. I also would like to prove that I could be a leader as for what I know true leader can be like. I "Henry", who is running for president, cares to take responsibility for running and attending meetings, events, and fundraisers. I have a father that died eleven years ago who has the same personality as I do, I want to make him proud by showing leader skills. I also have ideas for the sophomores in the willing of being a board member. I plan to have a party on the Friday night before Memorial Day, then that weekend, going to Universal Orlando Resort. I also would like to do something for the Class of '17 Sophomore shirt, It would have a picture of Larry Koopa with the texts "We are Sophomores", "We believe Kooplings", "Meaning, We are.....", "KOOPMORES!", Then on the back, a picture of Lemmy Koopa with the text "John A. Ferguson Class of '17". The last idea is a fieldtrip to Strike at Dolphin Mall; Strike is a bowling alley for those who don't know. I want to make sophomores and myself really loud and represent the "Alma Mater" in Pep Rallies and Spirit stuff. So please vote for me, I would appreciate it.

Alyssa Sanchez



When most high school graduates look back, many regard their sophomore year as their favorite. No one likes to be a freshman and, let's face it, junior and senior year are just too stressful. Let me, Alyssa Sanchez, be your class of 2017 sophomore president. Together, we'll make this a year to remember by increasing school spirit and participating in more activities.

For starters, I believe school spirit is extremely important. It demonstrates how proud all us Falcons are of our school. In addition, school spirit can really boost your mood. Simply wearing a Falcons t-shirt or standing up and cheering at a pep rally can not only make you upbeat but others around you as well. Similarly, added activities can produce a more enjoyable and lively school year while increasing your chances of getting into a good college. I'm not going to get into details on new activities and fieldtrips that are yet to come because at the end of the day I can't make any promises. However, I am confident that I will get numerous things approved.

While it is true, that I'm not the only one running for this position, I am the right choice. I know all the responsibilities I will face as your president and I strongly believe that I am fit for the job. Besides being organized, creative, and hardworking I never give up! I am dependable and can be counted on to coordinate and attend meetings, meet with administration, and plan events.

Vice President

Javier Arriaga



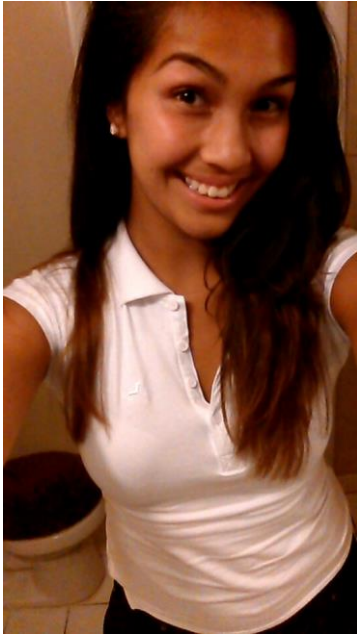
I am running for sophomore board for several reasons, I feel I can better the class of 2017 and want a say in what happens with my grade level. Next as vice president for all sophomores I will make sure the decisions are fair and benefit the students, so all of them have the opportunity to participate in activities and approved school functions. I am the perfect candidate because above all I am rational and will help with the board as a dedicated member to better our class and reach our objectives. Along with that I am very opinionated as others will see that as negative it can bring a different point of view to a discussion or disagreement and help resolve it. As a multi sport athlete and constant involvement in community service hours and clubs it shows I have a lot of Ferguson school pride, and what shows school spirit better than representing our school through extra curricular activities in a honorable way. This is why I feel I am the best candidate for sophomore board vice president.

Valerie Chapman



This year is going to be epic! As vice president of the Sophomore Board I intend to be an exceptional example to my classmates, suggest and follow through with creative ideas, and work together with the rest of the Sophomore Board to strengthen our school spirit and make Sophomore year an unforgettable one! You should "Vote for Valerie for Vice" because I will put make sure that the Sophomore Class has a wonderful high-school experience. I am a responsible leader who will definitely make things happen for the Class of '17. If chosen by my classmates as vice president I will work at boosting school spirit because I feel like Ferguson's Class of '17 should be very proud to call themselves Falcons. I know I am! If I am elected as your vice president for the Sophomore Board, I will encourage more class trips, be a good example to the rest of the school, and take in to account the wants and needs of my classmates to make sure that I am an efficient representative. My plans for the Sophomore Board include not only helping the Sophomore Class of '17, but also improving the Ferguson community and helping my fellow classmates make the most out of their priceless years in high-school. I look forward to being a more involved sophomore and am looking forward to what it has in store. "Live more. Laugh more. Sophomore." Class of 2017!

Florence Garcia



Good evening fellow classmates, teachers, and sophomore board. I am Florence Garcia and I am running for Vice President. Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have a voice in your classroom or better yet in your school? I can assure you that as your Vice President for sophomore board I will ensure that your voices are heard.

My responsibilities for this task provide leadership for my sophomore class, supporting and assisting the president in their role as well as providing a good role model for the student body to follow. I would also like to listen to the concerns of the student body. I want my classmates voices to be heard and addressed at future board meetings.

If I am elected as your Vice President, I have several concerns on my agenda I feel should be addressed. Studies have shown, when you are in a pleasant environment, you not only tend to be happy, but you progress more and therefore become more successful. Could you imagine what it would be like to have a higher percentage of kids actually looking forward to school? If we had more gardens planted in the courtyard, it would make the school more appealing and will have the parents and the community feeling proud of their school. Because it assures them that if the school takes care of their building, it surely takes care of the students and staff.

Secretary

Helen Cheng



Hi everyone! So, this year I decided to run for sophomore board because I've wanted to get more involved in our school's activities. I've been involved in school clubs but I've never really been too into any school-wide events. It would also be a great addition to my high school experience. Having held many officer positions in the past and still holding a few, I feel that my communication, leadership and organizational skills have been well developed. Being that I am running for the secretary position, it is my duty to keep notes and records of our meetings and correspond with others. Thus, making my skills helpful in getting what I need to get done, done.

Some ideas that I have for the sophomore class is to have class trips, but not just any class trip. But one that would be memorable and something we can't stop talking about. The juniors and seniors do, so why shouldn't we? By having class trips we can vamp up our classes' school spirit and pride. To me having school spirit is to have pride in your school and support the other people in it. To not just participate but to cheer others on when it's their time to. Be proud to be a student at Ferguson. Be proud to be a Ferguson athlete, or whatever it is you do for our school. Be proud to be a Falcon. Because, as corny as this may seem "no goal is too high where Falcons fly."

Daina Garcia



I'm very organized when it comes to my responsibilities and work, so I think that I would do great as student council secretary. I'm a people person, and when I have to deal with any problems I always try to find the best way to solve it. I love participating and being more involved in my school, I think this is a great way to make friends and get experience in multi-tasking school with club responsibilities. I strongly believe I will be up for the job. Thanks for voting!

Maricel Troitino Marco



My name is Maricel Troitino, and I am running for Sophomore Board Secretary. I would like to acknowledge what it represents to be able to serve within the sophomore board, and being part of an amazing oncoming year. I believe I am the ideal candidate for secretary because of my efficiency and disposition to fulfill any tasks whenever required, and to work in teams. I have a strong philosophy that with determination and perseverance everything can be achieved and that is essential to a successful year.

About myself, I have always been an extremely dedicated student, and currently I am giving my 120% effort in the IB Academy, and I am also a proud member of the MUN, MAO, and SHAPE clubs, as well as the Cross Country team. Nevertheless, what I believe that has helped me develop secretarial skills the most, is volunteering at the Ferguson Media Center. Thanks to these activities, my organization and time managing skills have exponentially grown.

The main reason why you should vote for me, however, is because of my firm beliefs in school spirit and specifically, in sophomores. The class of 2017 definitely has an amazing future if we all cooperate. I have various ideas regarding sophomore spirit, such as sophomore uniform days and field trips, which I am eager to share with the board. Above all, I have represented Ferguson at races, at math competitions and MUN conferences, and I'm ready for another year, except this time, representing sophomores.

Publicist

Camila Escobar



Everyone wants to make high school memories that are unforgettable, being a part of the sophomore board would give me a chance to come up with ideas that would make those unforgettable memories come true. The position I would like to run for is publicist, my responsibilities will be to promote the sophomore class all over the school and make sure everyone gets involved in the school events as much as possible. I will make sure that everyone gets the information on what's going on in the sophomore class. What I have in mind for this year is to have a competition of all classes playing a game like "Family Feud", there will be five players from each class, if you want to be in the game you have to write your name down on a piece of paper and drop it inside a box, the M.C will pick five names out of that box randomly and if you get picked you will participate in John A. Ferguson's first time "Family Feud".

The reason I chose to be publicist is because I'm really creative and think outside the box. I will be planning on using social media as a way to give publicity to the sophomore class (Instagram and Twitter), I'll make sure that our posters will stand out and bring attention to everyone that passes by it. I'm the type of person that once I start something, I have to finish it.

Stephanie Malta



In our big high school family, Sophomores are the middle children. We've already survived our first year within the high school world, yet we haven't reached seniority and the glory of being in twelfth grade. I have decided to run for Publicist on the Sophomore Board because I believe that we can make *this* year as important and memorable as the other three. Essentially, my responsibility as your class Publicist will be to maintain the necessary levels of communication between the Board, the sophomore student body, teachers, and administrators. In order to make our sophomore events a success, communication is key! Communicating effectively with people is one of my fortes, and I absolutely love getting people motivated and involved; so what better way to accomplish that than as your Publicist? I'll use my skills and different resources to keep everyone updated and aware of what's going on. Some of my plans for this year include expanding the use of social media sites so we can provide all the information necessary to get the Sophomore Class excited about upcoming activities. If everybody comes together and plays an active role in school activities, it brings us all closer to each other. When we show school spirit, we're not only supporting our school we are supporting one another, which is why I believe it's something very important. I consider myself a super enthusiastic, dedicated, and well-organized individual, which makes me an ideal candidate for this position and I would greatly appreciate your vote!

Historian

Demiliz Diaz



Hey guys I'm Demiliz Diaz running for the position of historian in the Sophomore Board. I would absolutely love an opportunity as the historian officer because I am very passionate about taking pictures as well as recording and keeping them. I mean, what's an event or activity without the memory of it? As the historian, one must be able to present the pictorial memories and the written ones in an enjoyable and pleasant manner. The other participants should look at the historian's work and smile realizing and remembering how great the activities truly were because although memories fade, pictures don't. This is why I would be honored to be appointed this position. I would be an extraordinary pick because I will do the possible and impossible to commemorate this year as the grand one that it will be. Ferguson is our school and our part time home. Spending 7 hours, sometimes even more time in this school, one must be proud of it and its activities. I, as an individual filled with school spirit, will do the very best to remind you all what a fascinating place Ferguson truly is the best way I know how; showing you. As historian, I will vouch for our activities to be displayed in the sophomore hallway demonstrating everyone that sophomores really know how to have fun! We need to represent! We were fresh and clean last year, but now; the class of 2017 is going to get down and dirty living it up!