Help shape the future!

Christopher Caruso '96
Vice President of the Student Congress Executive Board

Once again it is spring time here at PC. Along with the nice weather, Brown Spring Weekend, and cookouts, comes class elections. Right now, across the campus candidates are eagerly anticipating a chance to help shape their class for the future. This is that familiar time of the year when your fellow candidates will be standing outside of Raymond, knocking on your doors, and asking for your vote. The responsibilities of each elected position will both directly and indirectly affect the entire student body. Your newly elected class officers will be planning and running your class events, and will also serve as your liaison to the faculty and administration.

Providence College is in a constant state of change and your class officers are among those members of the Student Congress who are in a position to vocalize the students' concerns and opinions on issues such as the curriculum review, the academic calendar, and new minors and majors.

This time of year also provides an opportunity for students who are not busy campaigning to become involved in the school by casting their vote for the candidate who they feel will best represent their views. I urge all students to vote for their class officers on Thursday, April 27, in lower Slavin from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Another way in which students may wish to become involved is to apply for an appointed position on Student Congress. The appointed position includes:

The Committee on Administration: The Chairperson of this committee meets with the administration on a regular basis to discuss issues important to the student body. She is also responsible for keeping the Student Congress updated on these meetings.

The Committee on Legislative Affairs: The Chairperson of this committee is responsible for approving and introducing all legislation which passes through the Student Congress.

The Committee of Clubs and Organizations: This Chairperson regulates all subsidiary organizations of Student Congress, including all clubs, honor societies, and other organizations. He/she acts as the liaison between Student Congress and all the clubs and organizations.

The Committee on Academic Affairs: The Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee sits on the Faculty Senate and investigates new and existing areas of academic life at PC.

The Committee on Student Life: This Chairperson is responsible for directly responding to the various needs and concerns of students. This person must make him/herself accessible to the students so that they will know where to voice their needs. This Chairperson must then relay these concerns to the Student Congress and Administration.

The Committee on Public Relations: This Chairperson (along with two assistants) publicizes events for groups represented by the Congress. This is a forum agreed upon by Committee and Organizations.

Lobbyist: The Student Congress Lobbyist must sit in on the Rhode Island Government Session, addressing issues important to Providence College as they arise. This person must officially register to be a lobbyist with the state at the beginning of the fall semester.

Food Committee: The Chair of the committee reviews the quality of the food and monitors students' reaction to all food services at PC.

Course Description Committee: This Chairperson is in charge of surveying students' opinions on classes. These surveys will be compiled into a book for distribution to the student body.

Don't forget to vote on Thursday, April 27 in lower Slavin!!!!!!

Congress anticipates changes

William Meehan '96
President of the Student Congress Executive Board

As the year comes to a close, many decisions need to be made for next year. One major decision is who will represent you next year in Student Congress. The Congress has the ability to be the most influential organization on campus. This depends primarily on you, the strength with the decision making lying in your hands.

The Executive Board of Congress is looking to make some fundamental changes in how the Congress represents you. The Congress realizes that we have to earn your trust and respect, and that is what we plan to do. We will be addressing issues ranging from academic excellence to trying to obtain season passes to basketball games in order to get you a better seat. The Congress has a wide array of responsibilities from the Board of Trustees to Food Services. Each person holding each position has the ability to change how the school runs.

Next year we would like to anticipate issues by requiring every member of Congress to write legislation. This has not been a tradition in the past. Gone are the days that a class officer is judged solely by a class event. Your class officers will have to produce legislation that will improve the quality of life at Providence College. We feel that we should be able to address issues before they become problems. This is a simple approach to problem solving but we feel that the basics are a good place to start. We want to concentrate on doing small things right, such as quick responses to phone calls, or responding to issues in The Cowl.

The Executive Board of Congress looks forward to serving you next year. Please let us know at any point if we can assist you in any way.

Congratulations to:
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Good luck to all candidates!

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