

# MEET the CANDIDATES

## Student Trustee Candidate 1: Lauryn Kuehl

### ***Why do you want to be Student Trustee?***

Being Student Trustee for the upcoming school year would not only be an amazing opportunity and experience for me, but it would also mean that I would get to be able to be a voice for the student body. Many times, the student body's ideas and concerns go unheard because students are afraid or unconfident to bring them to the attention of superiors. I want to be a positive and approachable leader and be able to listen to every students' concerns and/or idea and make them feel that they are being heard. While we are in post COVID-19 years now, there are still things on campus that are not back to normal. I hope that with my voice, listening ear, positive attitude, leadership experience, and approachable appearance that I will not only help get campus back to normal, but also help students bring their ideas and concerns to the surface and make Black Hawk East a fun, exciting, positive, and welcoming environment.



### ***What experiences and ideas can you bring to the Student Trustee position?***

Though I have only been at BHC for a short period of time, I have been able to experience many aspects of the college. One of the aspects is the competitive teams. Many students are only involved in one team and tend to stick to only that group of students. Not only have I been able to make friends and be a part of the horse judging and western equestrian team, I have also been able to experience and become friends with students from the other teams on campus as well. I feel as though with having friendships and experiences with many students of each team, that I will be able to help not only just the teams and program that I am involved in, but every single team and program as well. Each student NEEDS to be heard, and I feel that I will be able to reach every aspect, student, and program of BHC.

I also have had many leadership roles and experiences. From being 4H President many years in a row, to now being in many clubs and teams on campus including horse judging, student

government, student ambassadors, and being president of Circle K. Through the years I have had many experiences with many different situations in these organizations and clubs. I feel that with my experience I will be able to take on any situation, problem, or concern with a positive and caring attitude.

While being at events and gatherings, I have had the opportunity to speak with many different people from BHC on their ideas and concerns and I cannot wait to bring those ideas, concerns, and my experiences to the table to help better Black Hawk College.

## Student Trustee Candidate 2: Molly Bell

### ***Why do you want to be Student Trustee?***

I want to be able to represent the East Campus and the student body as they have helped me have a great first year here at Black Hawk. I would love the opportunity to step out of my comfort zone and be able to be a good role model.

### ***What experiences and ideas can you bring to the Student Trustee position?***

In this position I would be able to bring ideas that I think would be beneficial to both the college and the students in a whole. With my experience in being FFA president, I feel that this would be a beneficial experience because of the leadership skills that come from it. I would be able to relay student ideas and concerns to help better the student life of those at Black Hawk.

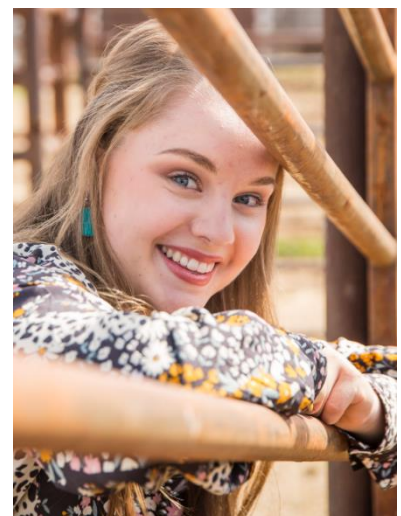


## Student Trustee Candidate 3: Jonwyn Ayres

### ***Why do you want to be Student Trustee?***

My character and outspokenness have been the same my entire life. Yes, there's video proof of me when I was about three years old stepping onto the coffee table in the middle of the living room and saying, "I want to talk about bulls." My life seems to be very much the same these days, standing up and talking about things I value. Flash forward to my college experience...in many instances, I have caught myself standing on my inner pedestal thinking, "How could I be in on the conversations of the adult leaders of Black Hawk College?" or, "Why did that decision come to the verdict it did?"

I find myself wanting to represent Black Hawk students. My appreciation of encouraging and empowering others all comes from the fact that I want youth to have a voice. What better way to have a voice and represent the highest quality youth members of our society than to surround myself



with the decision-makers of the best college? I am putting my name in the hat because I am ready to encourage, empower, and connect Black Hawk leaders with their students through this unique opportunity of the Black Hawk Student Trustee Position.

***What experiences and ideas can you bring to the Student Trustee position?***

I will strive to create an encouraging environment with every function, meeting, and conversation I am a part of. I will challenge myself to be as enthusiastic and realistic as I can, no matter what is crossing our meeting's agenda at a particular time. Always critically thinking about the future of Black Hawk College's students is what I genuinely enjoy spending my time doing.

Empowering others to speak up and make a change is what I have done throughout every experience; giving credit to my Oregon FFA Joint Board position representing 14,000 FFA members on the highest board in the organization and having an integral student role with my local high school's school board. Balancing my realistic perspective and my niche for creativity allows me to think outside of the box in many situations. Black Hawk's actions can directly affect the future of so many students' paths. I want to bring my perspective to that discussion, and continue to represent my peers' perspectives as well.

Finally, I will prioritize maintaining my connections with Black Hawk professors, advisors, alumni, and supporters so that I am well-informed on their needs and expectations. I enjoy others' perspectives, even if they aren't used. I will make those individuals feel valued with their opinions.

This would be an honor to work with people who have maintained and grown this college. I am eager to get to work and continue the legacy of Black Hawk College!