

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
OF WEST

ASW

ASW (The Associated Students of West) planned many student body events, from school dances like Homecoming and Winters to fundraisers like Thanksgiving Gobble Grams and the West High Food Drive. As the voice of the student body, they brought their peers' thoughts to the administration table and sparked positive change in our community.

What's the Difference
Between ASW and Senate?

In terms of duties, there's not really a difference at all! Both put forth their best effort to better our community. Both plan school-wide assemblies and dances, amp up spirit at sports games by cheering at the top of their lungs, and volunteer time at community events.

All officers, ASW or Senate, are held to high standards. Officers are expected to maintain a 3.0 GPA or above, have at least six classes on their schedule, and near-perfect attendance.

However, ASW officers run a campaign to be *elected* by the student body, while Senators are *accepted* by personal application. As ASW officers have distinct, memorable titles, they usually the figureheads of Student Government, while Senators are more behind-the-scenes.

ASW and Senate are split into different class periods; ASW was 1st Red, and Senate 1st Black, with their respective advisors overseeing their class period.

Other than these technical differences, ASW and Senate basically do the same job, and work just as hard as each other. Be sure to give the Student Government officer sitting next to you a high five, regardless of whether they're in ASW or Senate!



LEFT TO RIGHT: Justice Porter, Juliet Decena, Fiona Zara, Tru Bassett, Derek Wilhem, Elizabeth Bennion, Claire Mautz, Hanxiao Shi, Alisa Subasic (Former Spirit Ambassador)

VICE PRESIDENT

Tru Bassett

"ASW and Senate are two different classes, and I'm in charge of making sure that ASW knows what's happening in Senate, and that Senate knows what's happening in ASW."

SECRETARY

Elizabeth Bennion

"I do budgeting, and buy products for dances and for events. I also made the Spirit Bowl Rulebook. It's a 30 page booklet of rules."

PUBLICIST

Claire Mautz

"I create lists of what's going on in the school through the calendar. We try to work with Senate to make posts."

HISTORIAN

Hanxiao Shi

"While it can be challenging sometimes, it's usually really exciting and fun. As Historian, I get to take tons of pictures! It's very rewarding to help out the community in this way."

HEAD CHEERLEADER

Justice Porter

"Being a part of ASW has allowed me to get out of my comfort zone, meet new people, and represent my school. It has sparked my passion for community outreach."

HEAD CHEERLEADER

Juliet Decena Garcia

"I was given the chance to improve my personal development by growing leadership, communication, and teamwork skills to better West High."

DIVERSITY
AMBASSADOR

Fiona Zara

"As Diversity Ambassador, my duty is to connect with different communities and talk to them about how they feel at school."

CLASS OFFICERS

Each grade level (ELP, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th) have class officers who represent them in Student Government. Class Officers share many duties with this year's eight core members of ASW. Check them out in the Portraits section, starting on page 154!

ASW ADVISOR

Ms. Holly Reynolds

"My favorite projects are where we're getting involved with the West High community, where it's ongoing and can include more students in our activities."



Top row: Bo Harding, Jesus Bringas, Carly Dixon, Beto Jaimes, Dylan Banks, Kaden Gaerte, Christi Osime. **Row 2:** Annabelle Santa Cruz, Abdulkadir Abdi, Codah Fouse, Kuper Dyke, William Tran, Anaïs Morath. **Row 3:** Monse Sipres, Michaela Cornell, Lillian Brennan, Maggie Fowle, Jeremy Diaz. **Front Row:** Valeria Avila, Ashley Cornejo, Iris Guadiana, Izabelle Atwood, Vivian Stewart, Kenzie Espinoza. **Not Pictured:** Lucille Martin, Veronica Holovchenko, Carly Dixon, Olivia Wu, Diew Gatwech, Ripley Santa Cruz, Ari Garland, Grace Silge

SENATE

Consisting of over twenty Senators, all of whom were seniors, Senate was an essential part of the West High community. They worked hard, side by side with ASW, to bring events to life, support the student body, and ignite school spirit. Throughout the year, advisor Pickle took a new approach to guide the class and support students by creating new diverse roles to allow all Senators to shine. Senators formed distinct committees to target the different aspects crucial to the school. Some committees were permanent, while others were formed ad hoc. Below are some of the Senate committees you might have seen when you walked into the 1B period Senate class!

MEET THE COMMITTEE CHAIRS!



FINANCE
Anaïs Morath

"I look over the budgeting and ways for us to fundraise."



PUBLIC RELATIONS
Mackenzie Espinoza

"Public Relations committee takes student input from different backgrounds and events that are taking place and publicize it, so everyone can be aware of what's happening."



PAC
Margaret Fowler

"I'm the chair of the PAC committee in senate. As the chair of the PAC committee I work directly with the student body and faculty about clubs, resources for PAC."



COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
Iris Guadiana

"I'm the head chair of the community advocacy. I make surveys and make sure the students get heard and make sure all clubs and everyone feels welcome."



SERVICE
Carly Dixon

"I'm the service committee, I basically decide what service projects we do as a school and also as student body."



MARKETING
Valeria Avila Tapia

"I am marketing chair. We make posters, we put up posters and we announce a lot."



SENATE ADVISOR
Mx. Ri Pickle

"I joined as an advisor because I wanted to see Student Government as community leaders and community advocates. I have a lot of experience with getting groups of people to understand other groups of people, in a way that benefits everyone."



POST-SECONDARY
Lillian Brennan & Olivia Wu

"I'm on post-secondary which basically helps find and develop after high school opportunities for seniors."



ASSEMBLY
Monserrath Sipres

"I'm the chair for the assembly committee my job is to organize assemblies whether that be the winter assembly, homecoming, or any other one."