ASCMC General Election ‘18
Candidate Speech Transcripts

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**Sophomore Class President**

Caroline Houghton

- Spend the entire budget
- Lead from feedback
  
  Weekly surveys: 4 questions, multiple choice and you can choose to have your voice heard.
- Have more events
  
  Ideas include: Game night, ASCMC paid for pre-games, and sophomore lunch at Bua or Union on Yale

Johnson Lin

You know, being in my first year of college I’ve learned a lot at CMC this year.

I learned from Professor Helland that just about everything I know about economics is wrong.

I learned from our cleaning ladies, that it’s the little things that count, like saying good morning to them, or taking out your own trash.

I’ve learned that it’s okay to fail- like dropping that one class, or getting rejected from an internship, those things aren’t the end of the world.

But most importantly, I learned something from all of you:

I learned what it means to be a leader.

Now, I know what you might be thinking- we go to CMC. We all had leadership on our applications, and you know, that’s true. But leadership isn’t as simple as, having good ideas, or organization, or being able to speak in public.

Of all the things I’ve done this year, all of the parties I’ve thrown, all of the meetings I attended, the best part of my job was being able to approach anyone and ask them how their day was going.
Because the president isn’t just a figurehead that plans events and designs shirts, and sends emails. The President should be someone who’s always willing to listen to you, help you, and most of all, be your friend.

So to all the freshmen in this room: thank you for letting me be you friend this year.

Last semester, I rapped my speech to you guys, and a lot of people have been asking me if I’d do it again. To those people I say- you’re being ridiculous- of course I’m rapping again.

Vote me for Prez, let me tell you why.

I got a year of experience, that you can’t deny.
I’ve thrown parties, events, got new gear too-
And I’ll do it all again- I’ll do it for you.

I got new ideas, new projects for CMC.
Quality over quantity for TNC.
And I’ll represent you- speak for you-
I’m loyal like a dog.
You might run for President, but I’ll win it with a jog.

I’m thinking Spa Nights, Movie Nights, and so much more.
Sunsets, Mixers- Make Love Not War.
I’m the only one with office hours ASCMC has seen.
So ask me about our budget- I assure you, it’s clean.

This term might be over- but my work is not done.
I’ll continue to make CMC- more safe and more fun.
Thank you for listening- and for wearing my pin.
Remember tomorrow- vote Lin for the Win.

Spencer Lang

Titanic (pause) Sorry I just needed something to break the ice. Hello CMC and Class of 2021 my name is Spencer Lang you might recognize me from my tinder profile pic plastered all over your dorms. As hopefully most of you know by now I am running
to be the Sophomore Class president. Before everything I want to explain the intention of my campaign. I have truly grown to love the CMC community and particularly the class of 2021. I think that acting as your president would be the ultimate honor as it would allow me to give back to the community to which I have grown so attached. I want to be your true representative. So the promise that I can absolutely make is that I will always do my best to work towards the interests of the class to create events and enact policies that will create a better sophomore year.

During my discussions over the course of the last several months I’ve noticed two main desires of our class: class events and apparel.

First I want to create a better sense of class identity by better allocating funding based on perceived interest of the class. The majority of our budget should be allocated to the events that we as a class want to see. This will have the dual effect of improving your weekends as well as hopefully building a better sense of class identity and bringing us closer together. Every event that the sophomore class throws should be lit.

Secondly, I have come up with several solutions to try and address the demand for high quality gear. I want to start a program to partner with groups and individuals that already make apparel and get them the permission they need to create CMC/CMS clothing. We have an extraordinary amount of talent among our class and the school and this would not only create better gear, but it would also create an environment through which students can use their creative talents to give our school more spirit.

Overall, we only have one shot at this whole sophomore year thing. I had a great time this year. But, I’m running for president because I think I can make next year even better. If elected, it would be an honor to work to make your year the best possible. Vote Spencer for a better year.

**Junior Class President**

Andrea Amaya

1.) Junior year. What does that mean?
   a. Either you’re going abroad
   b. Or you’re staying on campus feeling lonely
2.) What to do about it?
   a. Host events that facilitates bonding with people who are also staying
   b. Welcoming the people who are coming abroad with open arms
3.) MONTE CARLO
   a. I have previous experience
   b. I have ideas
4.) Facilitate non-social events
   a. Programming that deals with issues like inclusivity/transparency etc.

**Senior Class President**
Edgar Warnholtz

Señores y señoras, Buenos nachos! Mi nombre es Edgar Warnholtz and I’m running for señor class president.

First off, I’d like to show you what being a part of the class of 2019 is like. Where’s JLaw? Two weeks ago, I was about to go skiing, and as you all know, I’m not built for that type of weather. So I went up to JLaw, and he lent me these thermal pants to keep my ass warm. In essence, JLaw enabled me to have a great time. With these pants. That is exactly what I want to do for you.

SO why me?

As sophomore class president, I delivered on my promises. My goal was to build unity within our class. With the help of an amazing cabinet, I threw events that brought the class together, like the dinner on 4th floor Kravis where the bubbly ran out in minutes, or the game of capture the flag against the freshmen where we beat them so badly that Jared and Bach set up a game of bp as they played D for our team. Bryan what was the final score again? I made our facebook group and snapstory too, and finally got us these class shirts thanks to Jen’s design. We even had a class table that everyone signed but was literally “Destroyed” according to DOS. But that’s ok cause next year we’ll just have to make 5. All of this was done with a budget of $3000. You know what they say: when life gives you lemons, make margaritas!

This year, I will have 20,000 lemons AND I’ll have the ability to reimburse the margaritas.

With this, I plan to make senior year the best and most memorable one yet. Now I know what you’re thinking, if it’s really the best one, how am I going to remember it? Right? I mean, we have 100 & 200 days, both thesis parties, a trip to vegas, and a senior week in San Diego. This is a problem bigger than Keil’s Econometrics. Then, I heard a wise man say “simple, just do it for the vine.” That man was Hiram Chodosh. And I was so puzzled, until I figured it out. We’re going to turn the Ayer into a video. Cause apparently not a lot of people read anymore as I found out giving bookmarks today. If you want some I have leftovers. I talked to our best videographers, Owen, Krystal, and Ninu, authentic 2019 talent, and we’ve agreed to create a Senior Film covering our last year at cmc. We promise to only show you at your best. Maybe. If you donate to the cause.

I’m looking forward to an awesome year. For now I really want to take us into LA, have an off-campus dinner with our professors where we get to thank them for their wisdom, and try to get lockers on campus for seniors at the apts (as well as free toilet paper). I’m always happy to talk. Also make sure to write in Jesse Jennings for DAC, she rocks. Thank you CMC!
Hi everyone, my name is Grace Wang, and I am running to become your next VPSA. For those of you who don’t already know, Vice President of Student Activities is no easy task, but I take my responsibilities very seriously, and I know I am ready to take on this one. So let me give you a few reasons why you should vote for me:

First and most importantly, I will honor your voices, and listen to what you want. One of my plans as VPSA is to stop throwing repetitive TNCs that (let’s be honest here) no one goes to anymore. Instead, ASCMC will shift our focus to supporting students, clubs, and dorms who want to throw parties, and turn them into more successful parties like the apartments last Saturday and boz frat party. This support stems from the fact that as an organization, ASCMC is very limited on the events we can throw and how they are thrown. Right now, there’s an invisible hand controlling everything ASCMC can do that has much less power over all of you, and I want to get rid of that. You want funding? we got you! you want staffing? we have that too. You want better music? the playlist will be up to you! so instead of trying to revive TNC, I will be reviving the Thursday night party scene, by giving the power back to you.

Also, I not only have experience, but I also have the passion for event planning. Although I have not been at CMC for very long, I have taken advantage of every opportunity placed in front of me to plan events for you. Last semester, I became an Event Commissioner in ASCMC, and this semester I took on the role of CPB LA City Planner. I’ve helped bring events such as Mistletoe Rock, Ski Beach Day, and Wedding Party, and the LA Food Tour this weekend to you. If elected, I will not only make sure that all current big events are bigger and badder than ever before, but I want to get more creative, and even off campus events like 18+ night clubs to spice up the CMC party scene a bit.

My last reason is, I am one tough bitch. Every year, over 100 thousand dollars of student fees goes to events, with a huge portion of that going to 5C Events like Wedding party. But to be honest, the other 4Cs have not been pulling their weight in the party scene or even in paying for them. I am done handing out our money. I go to CMC, I live at CMC, and I care for the students of CMC, not Mudd, not Pitzer, and definitely not Pomona. We have had issues with the other colleges who have not contributed their fares to events, and I will not hesitate to make it a 4C or 3C party. Trust me, this RBF knows how to get her way.

My role as VPSA will be to serve you. I will dedicate my time to you, and not to the senior thesis that not yet matters to me. I will work to make your awesome ideas a reality. I will bring the awesome Thursday night party scene back to you.

So don’t hesitate to tick that box to vote for Grace Wang. Thank you!!
Quincy Brown

Hello, Claremont McKenna, My name is Quincy, and I’m coming from the Jr Class. I’ve decided to do something different for my campaign this year. Instead of spending my money on posters and other things. I wanted to give you guys a little concert. I’ve hired some artist around Claremont to give you a taste of the live music, 5c partnerships, and student run events I hope to help support. In a plan to hopefully pay student artist if elected. With that Please welcome Issac Roth everyone.

Isaac plays for 30-40 seconds

Thank you Issac, Now coming from Pitzer College let's hear it for Lizey Schmidt.

Eliza plays for 30-40 seconds

Thank you Lizey

Lastly we have Devang Patel

Devang plays for 30-40 seconds

I hope you y’all enjoyed this short concert. If you want more Saturday afternoon events, artist from LA, Chicago, and Portland, streamline funding for dorm events and pre games, and more off campus events such as TNSanta Monica or an ASCMC event to Bear Mountain vote for Quincy. Join me in bringing the Parties back to the People.

Executive Vice President

Maya Love

Hi everyone, my name Maya Love and I am running for Executive Vice President and I want to continue to provide leadership opportunities to the broader CMC student body.

As some of you may know, I was previously the ASCMC Diversity and Inclusion chair. However, some of you may not know that Diversity and Inclusion position has only been around for two years. This meant that there was a lot of freedom to build a framework of what the D&I Chair means to our community. My team and I worked on establishing an environment where everyone was appreciated and valued, and continued in those efforts. I took this challenge by building a purpose statement and core values with my D&I Board such as Ownership, Passion, and Trust. These core values helped us create events like Expression Night and Square Up on the Deans, and collaborating with school administrators on how the CMC faculty can continue to provide for the needs of the entire student body.

What I learned as Chair and as school advocate, was that there are many students, like you and me, that shared the same goals. Who have explored ways to effect
change for the better. If elected EVP, I would push to open up ASCMC and Senate projects for collaboration and leadership opportunities to you all.

By expanding ASCMC or Senate projects to the student body, it would introduce innovative ideas and voices to conversations among DOS and other administrators. This will bring more transparency to all agendas. It would also expand the opportunities of involvement for first year students without the pressure to join an institution or club. In order for students to feel prepared to take on these leadership projects, I would work with Career Services and other resources to increase the amount of skill based workshops to make CMC students more competitive in a healthy community.

A main role of EVP, is to collaborate with other entities such as Clubs and Orgs Chair. I would push to incorporate more wellness programs around health & consent and other college related stress issues.

Lastly, I challenge everyone, including myself to look at the legacy that we’re building here at CMC. Let’s not be remembered by the distractions of internships, applications, and parties (which is always going to part of our community). But be remembered as a community where we are not strangers but help others speak our truth, take risks, and welcome challenging discussions. By raising the bar of our legacy, we can plant seeds of growth that will allow our CMC experience to be great! I, along with my fellow ASCMC colleagues will help support you all in being spontaneous and bold in creating our CMC legacy. Of course, that will start with your vote to Lead with Love.

Thank you!

President

Corbin Bethurem

Hi Stags and Athenas, my name is Corbin Bethurem and I am running for ASCMC president, I remember visiting CMC when I was in high school and knowing immediately that I wanted to go to here. I am truly blessed to be standing in front of CMC’s students and faculty and to now know you as my peers, professors, and friends. You all inspire me day to day, and I thank you for taking the time to hear from all the candidates. The fundamental reason I am up here is that I love CMC, beyond the incredible education and the nearly infinite number of opportunities presented to us, I love our community. However, I have seen our community take steps in the wrong direction. One of my favorite aspects of Claremont McKenna as a first year student, that is truly unique to Claremont, was my nearly equal distribution of friends across other first year students, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Our lack of a class divide is truly special, but the increasing exclusivity of Thursday night events is hurting this long standing quality on our campus. Attendance at ASCMC’s TNCs has plummeted, and in their place students have had to take on the responsibility of advertising and funding their own events. While
these student hosted events have been successful, students are limited to inviting their facebook friends to their event, and to providing party amenities out of their own pockets. Additionally because there is no platform for communication and regulation between ASCMC, DOS, and party hosts, these events are regularly shut down early and discouraged. As your president, my top priority will be to bridge this disconnect. I plan to increase the transparency of event planning for students by creating a system that enables students to become certified to responsibly host events and to be efficiently reimbursed for their expenses. I will ensure that a stronger awareness of sexual assault and responsible consumption is maintained, as it is imperative that sexual assault isn’t only addressed, but confronted by enforcing that individuals responsible are barred from hosting events. The core value of my initiative to reinvigorate Thursdays is to bring all classes and all quads together, and to issue a new wave of creative events we all can look forward to. Looking beyond Thursdays, I will continue the effort to plan a spring concert with a big headliner *wink wink*, to support non-alcoholic mixers and snack events, and to provide ASCMC updates via the Skim as well as my own office hours I will hold on a weekly basis. I promise all of you that I will do my absolute best to send you entertaining emails to spice up your mailboxes, and to ensure this next term is one to remember. Thank you all, please vote Corbin Bethurem for ASCMC President, and have fun!

Elliot Behling

What’s up CMC!!! Thank you all for coming out tonight. My name is Elliot Behling, and I am here to prove I should be your next ASCMC president. My platform is simple: Always be asking you the students what you want, make those hopes a reality as a way of bridging the divides on campus bringing us closer together as a school, which in turn generates social responsibility, and use all of this to make our events and opportunities better, safer, and more fun and inclusive for everyone.

I have a confession. The other night while getting signatures in Collins, I skipped my review session to keep talking with people. I was having conversations about incredible ideas from parties like a North Quad Olympics to community building events like volunteer days to obvious why hasn’t-this-happened-yet ideas like campus wide free STI testing. I was in my element. And it was worth it because after those conversations, I know I am better fit to be your president.

This is not new to me. I’ve been passionate about actively making your hopes and desires the foundation of ASCMC ever since I became a senator at the first senate of my first year here. It’s why I’ve been the head of student engagement for 2 years. It’s why I’ll continue to put up a banner a month in every dorm around campus like the ones I put up in Chall yesterday where students can share their thoughts on questions such as “how do we promote empathy and consent on campus” or “what is a concern you have for next year”. It’s why I’ll be sending out a campus wide interest survey where students can write down every interest they have so we can start building communities around actual student passions instead of just
stereotypes. It’s why once a month, I will literally bring Exec board to you by having it in a different lounge on campus, so you can easily give your input.

I don’t just listen, once I know what you want I take action. Sophomore year, I heard people weren’t impressed by Saturday parties, so this year I became Boswell President and got some friends together and we threw the Wolf-Boz Halloween party and Boz Frat. I have proved I can work with students and the administration to provide you with the events you want responsibly, but I also know we have to plan for the future. As president I will implement the first event host training program for everything from fundraisers to Chall dinners to bangers where first-years and sophomores who are passionate about being student leaders will help juniors and seniors throw their events, and in doing so learn how they can be done successfully and safely for years to come.

I intentionally didn’t put my face on my posters (just my beard) because when you think of ASCMC, I don’t want you to think of me, I want you to think of YOU and everything you do every day to make this campus so special, and everything we could do tomorrow to make it better. Over the course of a year, I can only do so much as an individual, but if I am someone you believe in, we can do anything.

So please, vote Elliot Behling for ASCMC President, and let’s build a better CMC together.

Maxwell Knowles

Hi Everyone!

I’m Maxwell Knowles and I’m thrilled to be running for President of ASCMC! Through my classes, track and field, Senate, the Committee for Student Engagement, work-study, and serving as a FYG, I’ve met so many wonderful students and administrators that have offered me amazing perspectives, and it would be a privilege to serve you as President.

First off, as President I would get to interface with DOS, Chodosh, and other offices frequently. I want you to be in those conversations! I care about your story and what you’re passionate about, and you shouldn’t need to have some title to help this community! So let’s level the hierarchy!

Second, although we’re making progress, the issue of sexual harassment and assault on campus is still here. I know survivors. This is personal. I not only want to make resources as well known and available as possible, but I want to tackle prevention as well, supporting Advocates, Teal Dot, and more directed conversations. One tangible step we can take is getting more of our athletics teams and clubs Teal Dot trained. I want you to have fun and always be safe!

Third, I want to build a system of mentorship on campus! Honestly, a lot our advisors and Career Services can’t effectively support every interest and story on campus, but our greatest resource is you: our student body. I want to connect
upperclassmen and even sophomores with other students to help with course planning, building a major, and navigating internships for ALL academic interests.

Fourth, I want us to build a survey or guide to help consolidate the list of clubs and campus jobs that are truly best for individual students, especially first years and sophomores, making the club application process more efficient and much less stressful.

And now my last point. I have my resume here (cuz it’s CMC after all), but...*crumples paper*...I don’t need it to tell you what’s important. I love CMC. And CMC isn’t Roberts Pavilion, or Bauer, or KLI, or any other named building. It’s YOU. And that’s who I would serve as President of ASCMC. Y’all are awesome! Thank you!