My name is Daria Cenedella, and I want my Atwater pride to be put to great use as your ’15-’16 Atwater Senator. I am a tour guide, coxswain for the crew team, and member of Feminist Action at Middlebury, so communication is my thing. I will give the community a better understanding of the workings of the SGA by relaying updates and increasing student involvement. I am here to represent you, especially with my standing in ResLife. As an FYC next year, I will have close ties with the commons from the ground up. I will stand alongside the First-Year senators to bring in the needs and perspectives of the newest generation of Midd Kids. I will be able to communicate with the commons administrators to make real change happen, with greater understanding of the system as a whole. I support measures on the logistical level that are cost- and energy-saving, from bringing more easily accessible compost bins to dorms (you know we all take bananas and oranges back to our rooms), applying a better system for recycling paper towels in bathrooms, to lights that shut off automatically such as those in BiHall. I stand by the College’s goal of being carbon-neutral by 2016, but how many people are aware of how far along this track we truly are? I want to hear your passions as well, because I believe that your voice can and will be heard to make great changes in this community—Proctor printers and beyond.
Hey, Atwater!

I’m Jigar, a rising Atwater sophomore, and I’m running for the seat of Atwater Senator.

I’ll start off with a grisly slice of information. According to SGA Reform Act published on March 1, 2015 (S2015-SB9), a whopping 58.1% of the Middlebury student body is left in complete oblivion and has NO idea what their Commons Senators are doing in the SGA. As part of that 58.1%, I hope we can turn that around. Needless to say, if I were given the opportunity to represent Atwater, I’d absolutely guarantee that we’d all be much more in the loop.

And there’s a simple reason for that. This is my agenda: __________________. See that? Open.

As much as I personally would like to address the lack of sufficient social activities in the Atwater community (especially in wake of the unfortunate resignation of our stellar CRA David), I realize that it’s not the Atwater Senator’s place to think in such a closed-off and borderline selfish way. It’s not about me; it’s about us.

As Atwater Senator, I will hear out all of our concerns and funnel them directly to the SGA. In the SGA, I’ll fight for us, and report back with the goings-on in person and during Commons Council. If a modestly sized contingency of us feel that we need more social shenanigans, we WILL get more of said shenanigans. If we want a less stressful way to do laundry or un-screw up handicapped printing stations, we WILL get that through to the SGA. The bottom line: I can be our loyal second-hand man. So give me that chance, and let’s get this [censored] done!

Jigar Bhakta
I am Tamri Matiashvili, a rising sophomore at Middlebury College. As a part of Atwater Commons I have organized and headed a cooking event with a turnout of 60+ students, have taken part in numerous commons’ councils and participated in many events organized by our residential life staff and other students. Over this eventful year, I have come to understand the true essence of our commons and its ideals as a unique part of our campus. As all of us belong to a bigger, Middlebury Community, Atwater Commons is one of the few which maintains a very strong sense of community within Atwater Students. In order to assist this community make its environment even better, in order to have our voice, as a commons, heard throughout the campus, I want to represent Atwater in the SGA.

My plan, as a senator, will be to discuss any changes that could be affecting our community with the members of our commons through commons council or other way of meeting and ask the members to voice any proposals of changes that the SGA is able to handle so that I can present those voices to our senators and make the difference we want to be made. And this difference is not necessarily within our commons. As mentioned before, we are part of a bigger whole and I will make sure that our stance is heard about every issue raised and that our principles are clearly represented in the decisions made all over the college.

In Atwater students’ strife, as our mascot symbolizes, towards the investigation of “new places and interests”, for our goals not to be hindered with externalities that only we can see and help, we should be able to voice our ideas without obstruction. That security and freedom is what I am willing to provide, with your help, as an Atwater Commons’ Senator.