



# Statement of Candidacy

## Parnassus Preparatory School

### Student Senate 2021-2022

#### Open to 1R-4R Scholars

Service in the School of Rhetoric Student Senate is a high distinction and honor that calls upon scholars to display the qualities enshrined in our eight character pillars. To take on such office, as a representative of your peers, requires the approbation of your constituents. To that end, this document serves as notice of intent to contest a seat on the Parnassus Student Senate. Please carefully read through all of the enclosed information and complete all requisite articles.

#### I. Student Senate:

**Purpose:** To represent the interests of one's grade level in the School of Rhetoric. To build school spirit and uphold the eight character pillars of Parnassus.

**Composition:** Parnassus Student Senate shall be composed of twelve representatives, with three members sitting per level of the School of Rhetoric. Officers of the senate shall be elected from within the sitting representatives.

**Code of Conduct:** All members will be held to the highest personal and ethical standards. All members must be aware that should they fail to meet the standards enumerated below, they may be removed from their office.

**Completion of Form:** In order to be considered for office, and stand in elections, this form must be completed in its entirety.

**Campaign:** All candidates will be given up to five minutes to speak on their own behalf in front of their grade during 4<sup>th</sup> hour. Should you deliver a speech that does not meet the expectations of the office, your teacher may withhold your application, thus nullifying your candidacy. A copy of all speeches must be e-mailed to your homeroom (4<sup>th</sup> hour) teacher on or before Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> for review.

#### II. Candidate Information:

**Candidate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Homeroom (4<sup>th</sup> Hour) Represented:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Senate Experience (Years):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Candidate Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **III. Parent/Guardian Permission:**

Holding a Student Senate position requires an investment of time on the part of the student. Meetings will be held every other week on Thursdays after school. Most activities will also be after school. Attendance at all meetings and activities is expected. If you believe, as we do, that this is a good experience for students, and you understand the election process, the purpose of Student Senate, and the rules, guidelines, and code of conduct of student senate members, please indicate your support by signing below.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **IV. Pledge of Character:**

While a member of Student Senate, I pledge to...

- be of good moral character.
- be respectful to teachers, staff members, administrators, and other students.
- always be truthful to teachers, staff members, and administrators.
- not cheat
- not engage in behavior that results in an in-school or out-of-school suspension.
- receive passing grades in all classes
- attend all meetings, with no more than one unexcused absence.
- fulfill the duties of my office or position.

I understand that failure to meet any of the requirements of a Student Senate member will result in my being placed on probation or removed from the organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Candidate's Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

### **V. Candidate Signature:**

I affirm that all the information in this form is correct, and I enter my candidacy in good faith and with full intent to fulfill my obligation to my constituents and the Parnassus scholarly community. Should I be successful in this election, I will perform all obligations expected of me in a sense of service to my peers.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **VI. Notice of Election:**

In order for review, you must submit your speech to your homeroom (4<sup>th</sup> hour) teacher by Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Campaign speeches will be delivered during 4<sup>th</sup> hour on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> with elections immediately following. New Senators will be announced later in the week. Elected senators in 3R and 4R will then be allowed to run for President/Vice President if they choose. All President/Vice President candidates must submit their speech to Magistra Byrne by Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. President/Vice President speeches will be delivered on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> during Reading Period, with elections immediately following. The winners will be announced on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Student Senate will sit for their first meeting on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:35pm in Room 1321.

**When all information is complete, election packets should be submitted to Magistra Byrne.**