

ST. OLAF HONOR COUNCIL

Spring 2010 Election Candidates

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Candidates were asked to answer the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Honor Council? What professional skills do you hope to gain from the experience?
2. What skills do you bring to the Honor Council that will make you an effective member?
3. What role do you feel the Honor Code and the Honor Council should play in the college judiciary?
4. Please add any other information you feel will be helpful

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Questionnaire Responses:

1. **Why are you interested in serving on the Honor Council? What professional skills do you hope to gain from the experience?**

As a fellow student, I understand the work and time it takes to comprehend a large amount of complex material for a 55 minute test. I understand the difficulties of preparing for demanding lecture exams in Organic Chemistry, confusing Japanese language tests, and long philosophy papers. At the same time, I also understand the frustration and stress felt after discovering that someone has tried to gain an unfair advantage over his or her classmates by breaking the Honor Code. It can be frustrating because someone has made a mockery of the classmates' studying effort. Additionally, it can be stressful because the students in the class must wait longer to find out their test results while the Honor Council investigates the code breach.

2. **What skills do you bring to the Honor Council that will make you an effective member?**

Additionally, through working at Academic Support Center I am aware the studying resources available to students. Obtaining academic support is a positive way to approach a difficult task instead of the negative alternative of receiving unauthorized advantages. Perhaps if more students utilized this resource, temptation to breach the Honor Code would be lessened.

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3. What role do you feel the Honor Code and the Honor Council should play in the college judiciary?

The Honor Code and the Honor Council's primary purpose should be to protect the integrity of the majority of Saint Olaf students who put in a substantial amount of time and sacrifice into their studies. The Honor Code can do this by eliminating uncertainty in the legitimacy of student's achievement. Furthermore, the Honor Council can protect the academic achievements of Saint Olaf students by making sure the Honor Code and policy is substantial and ensuring those who receive an unfair advantage be reprimanded. I am committed to working with my fellow students, professors, and the academic support office in order to ensure Saint Olaf students are able to excel academically in a fair system.