

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

Class of 2012

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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?**

I am interested in serving on the St. Olaf Honor Council because I feel like it is a very important part of what makes St. Olaf such a unique place to be educated. I know many of my friends who go to other schools and have to deal with extreme measures in classrooms to make sure students are not cheating. I feel as though the fact that St. Olaf feels that its students are held to a higher standard of moral conduct plays a large role in the decision making process of future Oles. From being on Honor Council I hope to gain experience working with others, listening to the opinions of my peers, and using my best judgment in hearing both sides of an argument and reaching a firm, objective conclusion. I am not entirely sure what career path I would like to pursue, but I think that these are all valuable skills to carry on in life, and I think the Honor Council would be an excellent experience for anybody to be a part of at St. Olaf.

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

I feel that I would be an effective member of the St. Olaf Honor Council because I am a very objective thinker, which I think is a rather important part of being a peer

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reviewer. I work well with others, in large and small groups. I am very open-minded, and am always willing to listen to any side of an argument or discussion.

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

I believe that St. Olaf has a unique situation because the honor code policy involves every single student to not only maintain their own level of academic integrity, but to keep their eyes open to make sure that their fellow scholars are held to that same level of honesty. The members of the St. Olaf Honor Council should be no different than the members of every classroom on campus. I feel that every student should have the discipline to be able to 'check the box' in the appropriate situation, which implies that every student is willing and able to make their own judgment call regarding academic honesty. The members of Honor Council should simply be a smaller representation of the student body to which information can be presented surrounding the circumstances of each infraction of the policy, a group of arbitrators to make decision after all of the facts have been reviewed and every angle of the argument has been observed.