

Ashley Leonard
Class of 2020 Senator Candidate (2019-2020)
Biography

Hello! My name is Ashley Leonard and I am a Junior here at Allegheny. I am from Latrobe, Pennsylvania and am double majoring in Political Science and English with a Psychology minor. After graduation, I plan to attend Law School and pursue a career as an Entrepreneur. In High School, I held positions of Secretary and Vice-President my Junior and Senior year for Key Club, a community service organization. I am also very involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life back home and have acted as a Team Captain for nine years.

I have spent my time here at Allegheny engaging in classes, getting to know students, professors, and administrators, and involving myself in the college and Meadville community. I participate in Service Saturday's and have met many of Meadville's elected and hired officials through my work on school projects and presentations. During my freshman year, I became a member of The Law and Policy Program. I worked as an RA for Caflich residential hall my Sophomore year and Head RA of Baldwin my Junior year. I also enjoy participating in clubs on campus like the Outing Club which is a great way for students to get active off campus.

I am currently a Senator for the Class of 2020. This is my second academic year as a senator. It would be an honor to be re-elected to act as your representative for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. During my time as a senator, I have worked on the Student Affairs Committee. We have successfully started a pilot program for feminine products in the Campus Center women and all-gendered restrooms. We also are having parking lines painted on streets around campus. I brought the idea of expanding the Student ID Discount Program with Meadville businesses to the committee. Our efforts have been successful and the project will be complete by the end of this semester. We are also working on getting the campus Call-Boxes repainted a brighter color to make them stand out more so that students can feel safer walking on campus alone.

If I was re-elected, I would work every day with my fellow senators, students, faculty, and staff to make Allegheny College the safest and best campus it can be. I would continue to make my goal about improving the lives of students here at

Allegheny College by focusing my attention on safety, communication, facility improvements, and improving the relationship between our college community and the Meadville community. As a woman, I want to be a representative for the woman on our campus, voicing our concerns about personal safety on campus. I want to work at increasing the communication between students, the Allegheny Student Government, and Administrators. I believe fostering good relations will allow us to work together on issues impacting our school community.

Platform

Safety

- Improve lighting on Park Avenue and side streets with campus housing
- Continue my work of having Call Boxes on campus repainted a brighter color
- Get new Call Boxes in locations on campus that do not have them as of yet
- Advocate for repairs to sinking brick and asphalt sidewalks (accessibility)
- Work with Physical Plant to better salt and clear the snow from sidewalks

Increase Communication

- Create a more welcoming atmosphere at ASG meetings so that the students feel more comfortable attending, asking questions, and voicing their concerns
- Get accurate, important information out to students in a timely manner
- Work with the Press and Communications Committee to put information out on social media and around campus

Facility Improvements

- Increase accessibility to buildings for students with disabilities and injury
- Advocate for improvements to Residential Hall lounges, kitchens, and rooms
- Continue Class of 2020's progress on establishing a coffee refill station in an academic building
- Work to supply more bathrooms with feminine product machines across campus once the pilot program is complete in the Campus Center restrooms

Improve Relationships

- Improving relations with Public Safety, the Counseling Center, Title IX office and the student body
- Build a better connection between St. Morris workers and students
- Enhance the college's relationship with the city of Meadville
- Continue my work on getting more Student Discounts at Meadville businesses