

**SGA, CONTINUED**

"I've heard several stories of people leaving for class and then they came back and had a new roommate there," Mayberry said. "That's a little unsettling sometimes to be taken by surprise like that. It would be just a quick heads up from housing saying, 'Hey, we're adding a new roommate to your room just wanted to let you know to be prepared.'"

Mayberry pointed to her SGA experience as why she's a good candidate for office. She said SGA experience just cannot be overlooked.

In her time in SGA, Mayberry has learned what kind of powers SGA holds, how to write resolutions and Mayberry was part of President Erika Tuck's administration as secretary.

As secretary, Mayberry also acted as the treasurer.

"I dealt a lot with the Student Government budget," Mayberry said. "In the constitution, the president is the one who has the power to set the budget for the coming school year. So I do have lots of familiarity already with that role of the president."

Along with passing her Swipe Out Hunger resolution, Mayberry has passed resolutions to make sure SGA is serving its constituents well.

Mayberry is also the director of scheduling for chancellor's ambassadors. She also works in the Leadership Center and at the campus information desk along with being involved in other organizations across campus.

"I think I'm a highly qualified candidate for this office," Mayberry said. "I also want to make sure that I'm serving them my whole time there. It's not just for a resume boost or anything like that. I want to work hard to serve (students) in everything I do and reach out to them."

**Atkins**

Keyon Atkins is the president of the Student Activities Board and said he's running for SGA president because he's been heavily involved with so many different things on campus.

"I felt like this was a great way to kind of not only help the campus, but bring awareness to all the things that have happened and that I've done," Atkins said. "And to kind of highlight that all in SGA, SGA is an organization that really tries to take student voices and put it towards the campus and improving it."

Atkins' campaign emphasizes two slogans, "Building a Foundation for Your Future" and "Brick by Brick."

"We want to be the crew that if anything, sets the precedent and foundation for what we want to do and then the next group comes in and kind of picks



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEYON ATKINS  
Keyon Atkins' staff from left to right: Hope Lange, Nyha Dixon, Reed Middleton, Keyon Atkins, Brandon Turnbull, Tyler Hickman and Haley Hill.

it up and keeps it going," Atkins said. "We want everything we bring up during this election to keep going forever and ever and constantly improve and make our campus better."

Atkins is running on the platform of transparency, unity and collaboration. Atkins' administration wants to make sure that SGA does a good job of keeping students informed of everything student government does.

This includes what's happening, how SGA is going about its processes and how SGA is making things happen.

"It is their voice, it is their passion that leads us to do these things," Atkins said. "We want them to know exactly what's going on the entire time."

Atkins said he wants to apply those same concepts to Sodexo. "There's a lot of cloudiness surrounding Sodexo and the things that they do as far as taking our flex at the end of the year and I just felt like kind of highlighting those things and making sure people understand what's happening on this campus," Atkins said.

Atkins' administration would also work toward a Flex cash app where students could send each other Flex Dollars.

Atkins wants to make more changes to Flex as well. His administration wants to create the ability to be able to use Flex at off campus restaurants, even if it's just a few restaurants off campus.

If Atkins gets elected, he'll look to improve network stability, improve minority organization representation, implement weekend Flex restaurant hours and create a 24/7 mental and physical health hotline.

Atkins served on SGA in the spring 2019 semester and fall 2019 semester. However,

after accepting a resident assistant position, being a director for SAB and being in the process of starting pledging, Atkins had to leave SGA during that fall 2019 semester.

"A lot of things were happening for me to have to step away," Atkins said. "I didn't really get to work towards accomplishing anything. But, I did make sure before going into this that I had the right people approve this. It's not just something I randomly did and didn't think about."

Although he doesn't hold a ton of time in SGA, Atkins has been very involved around campus. Atkins is the SAB president, a chancellor's ambassador, a life group leader for 747, he's a part of Brother 2 Brother and he's helped with student diversity and recruitment. Atkins was also voted homecoming king in the fall 2020 semester.

"I feel like my leadership has been shown multiple times on many occasions," Atkins said. "I do a great job of trying to be available to people at all times. I am striving for transparency, collaboration and unity. The last thing anyone wants is an ununified campus."

The Mineral Springs native said he thinks he does a great job of empathizing with people and hearing what they need.

"I am a very relational person," Atkins said. "You can see me talking to literally anyone. There are times I even talk to brick walls, people say. That's just how I work. I love people, I love talking to them."

Atkins said his administration wants to show people on the outside what makes A-State so great and so special. Whether elected or not, Atkins said his team does a great job of showing that and his team will strive to make things for better for campus no matter what happens. "I feel like I do a great job

of listening to students and understanding what they want and need," Atkins said. "I feel like this was the perfect opportunity going into my senior year."

**Williams**

Molly Grace Williams takes a lot of inspiration from her dad in running for SGA president. Williams comes from the small town of Piggott, Arkansas where her dad is mayor. "He ran my freshman year



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Molly Grace Williams' staff from left to right: Caroline Rose, Larry Turner, Molly Grace Williams, Chris Crutchfield, Sara Ledesma, Alexa Chiolino and Emma Minden.

of college," Williams said. "It wasn't the fact he always wanted to be mayor, it was the fact that there was a need for leadership. So he stepped up and took that role. I was just so proud of him and he's just really shaped my view of public service and leadership. He's just really inspired me to go after things and be a voice for people."

Williams said she understands that not everyone is going to be happy and she can't please everyone. "My dad is always like, 'Molly Grace, you don't do this for recognition. You do it because you care and you want to try to do the right thing, you have to know in your heart you're doing the right thing,'" Williams said. "He's really given me a lot of good advice."

Being from a small town, Williams said she feels fortunate to be on campus and to experience everything A-State has to offer.

"I'm just very passionate about this university because I firsthand know how it can really change a person," Williams said. "I feel like I have grown into the person I am today because I went to this school. I am so appreciative for that."

Williams' campaign slogan, "Home is A-State of Mind" really plays off the emotion of the past year.

"I really want students to think of Arkansas State as our home and really embrace that and take pride in it," Williams said. "Especially just the environment that we've been in for so long. We've really come to appreciate our home more than ever this year. It's really kind of an emotional thing."

Williams' campaign includes seven platform points including installing more campus directories, printing options in dorms and more colored printing, a community garden, a diversity coalition within SGA, free grammarly premium for students, 24 hour access to the Red W.O.L.F. Center and enhancement of dining services.

The food produced from the proposed community

very important is that if you're going to run on something, that it is something you can uphold. I try to be a person of my word as best as I can."

Williams holds three years of experience on SGA and was parliamentarian on Tuck's presidential administration.

"I actually implemented several initiatives as parliamentarian," Williams said. "I created a workshop for our senators so they could really understand parliamentary procedure."

Williams studied parliamentary procedure for four years in high school and she said she thought that was one of the most fun things one could do.

This year, Williams has been the campus collaboration commissioner for SGA. Williams recently passed a resolution to create a public forum on SGA's website so students could communicate better with their student government.

"I think one thing that is very important is just being accessible to all students," Williams said. "We are the voice of students. We want to give

garden would be used in the A-State Food Pantry and the campus directories would be placed in highly trafficked areas around campus.

While there is already a cultural diversity position on SGA's staff, Williams said the SGA diversity coalition would increase outreach to ensure minority students are heard on campus.

When it comes to the enhancement of dining services, this includes the offering of breakfast all day, extending Flex options to the weekend and the promotion of more dining options for those with dietary restrictions.

"I know that sounds like a lot, but they're all very feasible," Williams said. "Something that I believe is

them every opportunity possible to reach out to us. So that was something I was very proud of."

Williams is also the vice president of recruitment for the National Panhellenic Conference, a chancellor's ambassador, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta and many more organizations around campus.

"Student government has really been like a family for me and I want to continue that," Williams said. "I just really appreciate it and I love this university. I'm just very passionate about this organization and I know I could turn that into something really great. This is the only place I applied to, I knew I was going to come here and I just love it. I'm so proud to be a Red Wolf."

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