

# Students to elect newest, youngest board member

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Staff Reporter

Students from the Classes of 2009-2011 have the opportunity to select one of three graduating members of the Class of 2010 to serve as the Young Alumni Trustee on the Vanderbilt Board of Trust. This year's nominees are Miron Klimkowski, Lauren Ross and Wyatt Smith.

The YAT's recent on-campus experience sets them apart from the veteran members of the board.

"These Young Alumni Trustees have the unique opportunity to be at the center of the university's governance and to provide perspectives relating to young alumni and current students," said Christina Barnes, the student alumni coordinator.

Klimkowski described the position as an important link between students and the Board of Trust.

"In a lot of ways, I see the position as a liaison," said Klimkowski. "This liaison bridges the gap between the perspectives of the board and the perspectives of students and recent alums. I would be able to represent the voices of current students and recent alumni, thereby enhancing the board's understanding of their interests."

Online voting began on March 15 and will end Friday at midnight. As of Thursday, 635 votes had been cast, which is typical of voter turnout in past years, Barnes said.

"In voting for the YAT, it's important to choose someone

who can be a poised, passionate voice for current VU students and young alumni, and who has well-rounded campus involvement," Barnes said.

The nominees each have the necessary qualifications to be selected, but they have different goals they would like to accomplish as a member of the board.

Smith, for instance, outlined the need to "represent student interests on board decisions to set tuition, approve capital-intensive spending projects and outline targets for university enrollment."

"I would work diligently to ensure that Vanderbilt continues to offer students the best balance of academics, service and social life in the country," he said.

## YOUNG ALUMNI TRUSTEE CANDIDATES



Miron Klimkowski



Lauren Ross



Wyatt Smith

To vote, go to <https://studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/elections>. Polls close Friday at midnight.

Ross said she would focus on improving "international opportunities for students, the resources devoted to providing undergraduate research opportunities, interaction with alumni and connectivity with graduate schools."

All agree, however, that they are grateful to have been recommended for a unique position that ultimately has the interests of students at heart.

"It is one of the biggest honors I have received

at Vanderbilt, especially because it came through the nomination of my peers and the selection of my peers and Vanderbilt faculty members," Ross said.

"The results of the election will be announced on March 22. ■

# More groups step up for annual NPHC show

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Tomorrow's annual National Pan-Hellenic Council step show will see dramatic changes, with record participation by member fraternities and sororities. This year, seven of the eight NPHC organizations at Vanderbilt will take part in the event, with the winning team securing bragging rights and acknowledgment across the campus and city.

Last year, only one NPHC sorority and three fraternities participated in the show, which Alpha Phi Alpha won with a Batman and Joker-inspired plot line.

"(Step groups) started dropping out last year," said NPHC President Emani Davis. "(This year) we began encouraging participation early on in the year."

Three of the four NPHC

fraternities and all four NPHC sororities will perform, in addition to appearances by VIBE and the Chosen step team. Each organization will get 13 minutes to perform and, according to Davis, hours of practice are essential for quality performances.

"There are usually two-a-days in the weeks before the step show ... with practice at night and at 5 a.m. in the morning," she said.

The first History of Step workshop, which took place Tuesday night, featured a documentary on the history of stepping and presentations from a variety of NPHC organizations on each of their respective histories and a showing of their traditional step.

"This year we decided to do an education event that would focus on educating both Panhellenic and Interfraternity

Council members, in addition to non-Greeks who love watching the step show and who want to learn more about it," Davis said.

Stepping received national attention last month at the national Spry Step Off. The controversy began when an all-white team from the University of Arkansas won the competition. After five days of public outcry, Spry announced a "scoring discrepancy" and offered a second first prize to the Alpha Kappa Alpha steppers from Indiana University. ■

### NPHC STEP SHOW 2010

WHERE: Langford Auditorium

WHEN: Saturday, March 18, 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets cost \$15, available at the Sarratt Box Office



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Christian Nunez, Nate Marshall and Chris Marve, brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., presented their fraternity's traditional step at Tuesday's History of Step workshop. Members from the organizations participating in Saturday's NPHC step show demonstrated their routines to help show-goers see the tradition in a new light.

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March 23-25

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**Deadline to submit on-line ballot is Thursday, March 25, at 6:00 PM.**

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