

The Washington State Board of Education

Governance | Achievement | High School and College Preparation | Math & Science | Effective Workforce

STUDENT PRESENTATION

BACKGROUND

Student presentations allow SBE Board members an opportunity to explore the unique perspectives of their younger colleagues.

Student Board members have ample opportunity to work with staff in preparation for their presentations.

The presentation schedule and topic assignments are listed below:

Presentation Topics (rotating schedule)

1. My experiences as a student, good, bad, or otherwise (K-High School).
2. One-two good ideas to improve K-12 education.
3. How the Board's work on: _____ (you pick) has impacted, or will impact K-12.
4. Five lessons (from school or elsewhere) that have had an impact.
5. Before and After: Where I started, Where I am, and Where I'm Going.

Date	Presenter	Topic
2011.05.12	Anna Laura	5
2011.09.15	Jared	3
2011.11.10	Matthew	1
2012.01.XX	Jared	4
2012.03.XX	Matthew	2
2012.05.XX	Jared	5
2012.09.XX	Matthew	3
2012.11.XX	New Student C	1
2013.01.XX	Matthew	4
2013.03.XX	New Student C	2
2013.05.XX	Matthew	5
2013.09.XX	New Student C	3

POLICY CONSIDERATION

None

EXPECTED ACTION

None



Where I
started,
Where I am,
and Where I'm
Going.

Anna Laura Kastama

When you met me...

- Student Government
- Robotics
- Imagine Tomorrow
- Food bank volunteer



Disruption in my Education



Original Sophomore
year was spent at
Federal Way Public
Academy

My Grandmother
who raised me
passed and I no
longer tried at
school

I missed a lot of school. Starting over fresh at
Tacoma School of the Arts was the best option
for me

Volunteer Work



Started a daycare and organized student volunteers from TSOTA

- Discovered my love for working with children.
- I took an interest in sociology followed by a possible career as a social worker to assist families in need



Travel

Istanbul,
Turkey



- Gained an appreciation for different cultures
 - Matured
- Caught the travel bug
- I became intrigued with **International Relations** and much more aware of the misconceptions many Americans have about the Middle East

Robotics

A member of FIRST Robotics team
for two years

Made it to nationals in 2010!



Influenced me to want to
study **Engineering** and
build environmentally
efficient buildings and
vehicles



Employment

Camp Counselor in the
summer of 2010
at Camp Arnold Salvation
Army



Worked 60 hours a week
with 8 and 9 year old
boys – YIKES!

Influenced me to want to
study **Child Development**
and **Psychology** and
understand how children
are affected by their
surroundings



State Board

Two-year term on the State Board and on the Executive Committee of Washington Association of Student Councils

Had first hand experience with the workings of Washington's Public Education System

Influenced me to want to study **Political Science** and write policy to improve opportunities for Washington youth.



Senior Project

Taught advisory periods
every Monday
Did seminars on
community issues

Learned how hard it
really is to be a teacher
and create an
interesting affective
lesson.



Connected to middle school students.
This influenced me to want to study
Education and become an affective
teacher - to let these students know
they have a voice and a purpose.



In the fall I will be attending Reed College in Portland, Oregon!

Studying...

Where I'm Going

