

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCIL FACILITATORS FOR FAMILY RE-UNION 11: FAMILIES AND YOUTH

Wally Adeyemo is currently a 4th year student at the University of California Berkeley, currently majoring in Political Science. During the last school year Wally served as the Student Body President at UC Berkeley the last autonomous student government in the country. Adeyemo worked to create more state resources for student housing to keep university fees low. Wally has worked on various political campaigns, in 2000 Adeyemo served as a Gore Campus Organizer. Adeyemo is currently working on the California Proposition 47 education campaign. Writing his honors thesis on "Fragmentation in California's Education System," Wally hopes to one day affect education policy on the national level. Working with CASC for last 5 years, Wally has served for a number of years as a staff member on the Student Advisory Board on Education (SABE). After graduation, Wally plans to either move to Iowa and work on the caucuses or attend graduate school.

Bianca Baldrige has served as the State President and as the State Special Projects Director for the California Association of Student Councils. She is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration on Leadership for Social Change and is pursuing a double minor in African American Studies and Education at UC Berkeley. Bianca is serving as the Advisor for the African American Theme Program and is co-teaching a course on Leadership and Organizational Dynamics in the Haas School of Business. Bianca was one of two trainers selected to introduce the CASC curriculum in South Africa in June 2002 in an effort to reduce the spread of AIDS among 12 - 17 year olds.

Ethan Caldwell In 2000, before becoming involved in the California Association of Student Councils (CASC), Ethan Caldwell attended the Northern California Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY), in addition to the National Youth Leaders Conference (NYLC), held in Washington, D.C. He became involved further with CASC during 2002 after being appointed as the State Public Relations and Marketing Director. He has also completed the Staff Development Program, which enabled him to council the 2002 CASC Middle School Summer Camp at Mills College in Oakland, C.A., as well as the 2002 CASC High School Summer Camps at the University of California in Santa Barbara (UCSB) and Stanford University campuses. Ethan was also involved in student government at Dr. James J. Hogan High School, in Vallejo, C.A., holding the offices of Sophomore Class President and Associated Student Body Vice President. Following his graduation earlier in the year, Ethan resides in Vallejo and is currently a freshman at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, C.A., majoring in Political Science.

Jennifer Chiang, originally from Westlake Village, CA, is currently a 3rd year pursuing her degree from the University of California Berkeley. She is majoring in Business Administration at the Walter A. Haas Undergraduate Business Program

at Cal. She is the President of the student group Danceworx, where she organizes dance performances for the campus and community. She is also on the Executive Committee for her sorority, Alpha Delta Pi. Jennifer balances a heavy workload of business courses with her extracurricular activities. Whatever she is involved in - whether it be helping underprivileged kids in the Berkeley community through student groups on campus or campaigning during election time for candidates at Cal - Jennifer is always involved and dedicated. Jennifer serves as a trainer of trainers for the California Association of Student Councils (CASC).

Skyler Cho is a sophomore concentrating in Economics at Harvard College. He grew up in the city of Cerritos, a suburb of Los Angeles, where he attended Whitney High School. In his senior year, Skyler served as Senior Class President and Captain of the Varsity Cross-Country and Track teams. He graduated at the top of his class as a Valedictorian and National Merit Finalist. At Harvard, Skyler is active in the Asian American community as the Educational/Political Chair of the Korean Association and member of the Asian American Brotherhood. In the future, Skyler hopes to attend law school and serve the community in which he lives. Skyler serves as a trainer for the California Association of Student Councils (CASC).

April Elliott, of San Diego California, is a junior at UC Berkeley majoring in Political Economy of Industrial Societies. April is currently serving as a Senior Advisor to the President of the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC). April served as a Resident Assistant for 60 students throughout the 2001-2002 academic year, and earned the "Program of the Year" Award for a diversity appreciation program April helped coordinated for students in her residential area. April has worked with the California Association of Student Councils (CASC) since 1998. April has worked as a trainer for middle and high school students, served on the CASC Board of Directors, served as the Region XII (San Diego and Imperial Counties) President for the 1999-2000 school year and is the Assistant Director for the 2002 Student Advisory Board on Education for CASC.

Erron Franklin is a native of Los Angeles, California and a graduate of Westside Leadership Magnet School. Franklin is a former Student Body President of his high school. Franklin has also served as President of the California Association of Student Councils (CASC). As such, he served on the Board of Directors and headed a twenty-three member state council. He has served as a member of EdVoice, the California Workforce Investment Board, a counselor for the Student Advisory Board on Education (SABE), and a spokesperson to the Los Angeles, Compton and Oakland Unified School Districts. Franklin currently serves as Freshman Class President at Southern University at New Orleans.

Karin Frenza is currently entering her senior year at the University of California, Santa Barbara as a Biological Sciences Major. Karin's interests in science are

equally matched by her interests in law and politics. Currently she is participating in an intern program in Washington D.C. Upon graduation, Karin plans to attend Law School. Her work with the California Association of Student Councils began in 1998 when she was the Winter Elections Leadership Convention Director. Now, through her continued dedication to the leadership of tomorrow, Karin, has earned the honor of Gamma, allowing her to train future counselors. She is excited to be here this weekend.

Lorena Van Groningen is currently attending the University of California Davis. She will graduate this Spring with a Bachelor Degree in English and a minor in Psychology. The following Fall, Lorena intends to obtain her Single Subject Teaching Credential in the area of English. Her career aspirations include being a high school English Teacher, Coach, and Student Activities Director. She has a special interest in youth empowerment. Lorena has also been involved with volunteer work for the Adopt-A-Family Program during the Holiday Season for the past five years. She has been an active participant in the California Association of Student Councils (CASC) since the Summer of 1997.

Joseph Harris is currently attending San Diego State University where he plans to graduate in May, 2003. His major is Africana Studies. Joseph believes that Africana Studies will not only help him to understand more about his history, but heighten his appreciation, as well. As a leadership trainer and facilitator for the California Association of Student Councils (CASC), Joseph's clients include corporations, colleges and universities, primary and secondary schools, and summer youth camps. After being elected Associated Student Body President of Westside Leadership Magnet School, Joseph collaborated with CASC to provide a school-wide leadership training conference for all students. During this conference students received training of how to teach other students leadership skills. Joseph also served as Special Projects Director for CASC in 1997-98. He coordinated a two-day training for the entire student body at Menlo-Atherton High School in Atherton, California.

Jennifer Ko is currently a senior at Petaluma High School where she is actively involved in the French, Junior Statesman of America (JSA) and the Gay Straight Alliance Youth Club. She was selected out of 2,000 students to represent her school at the 2002 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) conference. Jennifer has been involved with the California Association of Student Councils (CASC) for which she serves as State Vice President. She has been captain of the Petaluma Swim Team for the past two years and actively involved in swimming since the age of eight. Jennifer has traveled extensively throughout Europe and has visited many countries such as: South Korea, England and France to name a few. She has aspirations to attend Brown University in the Fall of 2003 double majoring in Political Science and Communications, as she has a strong interest in the field of foreign affairs and is hoping to represent the United States abroad.

Frank Lee is currently a third year student at UC Berkeley and is majoring in Political Science with a minor in Business Administration. He is actively involved in student government and acts as a UC Berkeley ASUC Senator allocating funds for student groups, as well as coordinating special student sponsored events. Frank is currently Vice-President of Sigma Alpha Mu which is responsible for locally supporting various youth events in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Frank attended Whitney High School (Cerritos, CA) and was selected among 1,000 students to attend Boy's State. He has also attended Hugh O'Brian's Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY) and was elected as Whitney's ASB President in 2000. Frank has participated in both varsity cross country and track for four years. In addition, he has been an active participant in the California Association of Student Councils (CASC) student-led government acting as Region 9 President, as well as participating in its conferences since the seventh grade.

Ankita Patel is a third year student majoring in Business Administration and Legal Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. Ankita has been involved with the California Association of Student Councils (CASC), a student run/student led non profit leadership organization since 1997. First starting off as a delegate at various conferences, Ankita now serves on CASC's leadership staff. Ankita has also previously worked for the South Asia Network, a non profit agency aimed towards helping the South Asian Community in Southern California. Her various experiences in the non profit sector as well as her educational pursuit and interests, have inspired Ankita to open her own non profit organization one day.

Rachel Petruzzi is currently attending Santa Barbara City College where she plans to transfer to a four-year college this year. Rachel has been interested in the field of education all of her life, as she was inspired by her mother who is an educator. Rachel has been involved with the California Association of Student Councils (CASC) for the past seven years. She has participated in numerous workshops and training sessions, as well as assisting in the coordination of regional and state-wide leadership skills training conferences.

Nick Rodriguez, a third year Public Policy student at Stanford University, has been working with CASC as a student leader and facilitator for nearly five years. In school, Nick is primarily concerned with finding a way to provide quality education for all American students; he recently served as the student member of the California State Board of Education and has done extensive research on the politics of court-mandated desegregation in the San Francisco Unified School District. This year, he plans to write his honors thesis on equitable education finance. Nick's passion for public service is not confined to the classroom; he puts his leadership skills to use every day as Vice President of the Associated Students of Stanford University, Stanford's official student government. Nick has

several other interests: he is a singer in a multi-cultural a cappella group, an avid swing dancer, and a huge fan of musical theater. However, his ambitions are ultimately in the realm of public service, so look for him on your presidential ballot in 2016!

Elizabeth Schroeter is currently attending San Francisco State University. She is majoring in psychology and child development with a concentration in public policy. She enjoys volunteering at UCSF children's hospital, working with the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and the Adopt a Family program. Elizabeth holds the office of Vice President of Finance in her sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta. Once she has earned her degrees, Elizabeth plans to attend law school. Elizabeth's career aspirations include lobbying for children's rights and working within family law. Elizabeth has had the pleasure of working with CASC since the summer of 1996.

Hanna Song is a third-year double business administration and sociology student at the University of California at Berkeley. She serves as an intern for the Office of Student Life, leadership trainer for the California Association of Student Councils, teaching a Business class on Leadership and Organizational Dynamics, and is a Committee Chair in the California Beta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi. She has organized many large-scale events such as the September 11, 2001 Candlelight vigil and the UC-system wide Students of Color Conference. Her aspirations are to be a leadership consultant, a Nobel Peace Prize nominee, and a loving wife and mother.

Arthur Joseph Tang Jr. has been a CASC participant for the past four years. Through CASC, Arthur believes he has been able to learn and grow as an individual by taking on numerous roles such as Counselor, Assistance Team and Elementary Program Director. Arthur graduated from Temple City High School where he was actively involved in ASB, show choir, Peer Listening, musicals, dance and cheer. Arthur also worked to create Student Awareness Week, which helped inform students of their rights and privileges. With all that Arthur has experienced thus far, he plans to pursue a career in Elementary Education.

Ron Williams, is an undergraduate student completing his last semester at San Diego State University. During his time at SDSU, Williams has been immensely involved in campus and statewide student government activities and initiatives, having served as President of the Associated Students of SDSU as well as a member of the Board of Directors for the California State Student Association. Originally from Oakland, Ron has been involved with California Association of Student Councils for the greater part of seven years. An aspiring professor of political science, Ron's future plans include graduate work in Political Science with the career aspiration of advancing issues of social justice and contributing to local, national, and global change through scholarship. Ron was one of two trainers of trainers selected to introduce the CASC

curriculum in South Africa as part of the effort to reduce the spread of AIDS among young people. Ron currently resides in San Diego, California.

Selena Wilson is a senior at Castlemont High School in Oakland where she has proven herself to be an extremely well-rounded student, excelling in numerous activities. She is a member of the debate team and won the 2002 BAUD (Bay Area Urban Debate League) Best Speaker Award represented Castlemont during the 2002 Wiley Manuel Law Foundation Moot Court competition where she and her partner won first place, and she wrote an essay on spirituality in literature that received the 2002 Jenny Franchot Award on behalf of the Department of English at UC Berkeley. Selena is embarking upon her fourth year as a member of her school's championship-winning girls varsity track team. Selena served on the California Association of Student Council's (CASC) state council last year as Elementary Program Director. This year she was elected State President, to be the first student from Oakland, and the second African American female to take on this role in the organization's 55 years of improving education for the students of California. Selena is passionate about education and is interested in pursuing Educational Law.

Masio Winston has been involved with the California Association of Student Councils (CASC) since the summer of 1995. He has held several positions within CASC such as Counselor, A-Team Coordinator (Logistical Coordinator) and Team Facilitator; as well as maintaining an active status as an AST (Advanced Skills Training) Representative. All of which, have prepared him to embrace new experiences and challenges with enthusiasm and inspire others with a determination to reach for the stars. It was while attending Oxnard High school that he was listed in the Who's Who of American High School Students for his G.P.A. and participated on both the varsity swimming and tennis teams. In college, he has continued his participation in intercollegiate tennis and continues to be active in community service projects. Masio acted as the Youth Executive Board Member for a social service agency coordinating the first San Diego county-wide gay prom. He plans to double major in Performing Arts and Linguistics with the hope of performing internationally utilizing his language skills to broaden his ability to play roles which are multi-lingual in nature.