



## 2018 Young Trustee Election Endorsement Registry

Thank you for your interest in endorsing a candidate for 2018 Young Trustee elections. The four candidates are as follows: Liz Brown, Bryce Cracknell, Amy Kramer, and Chinmay Pandit. Elections will take place from noon on Monday, February 12th, 2017 to noon on Tuesday, February 13th, 2017.

DSG aims to ensure an informed and fair endorsement process. Email the completed form in PDF format to DSG Attorney General Sabriyya Pate ([sabriyya.pate@duke.edu](mailto:sabriyya.pate@duke.edu)) before meeting with candidates.

**Before completing the form and meeting with any candidates, please reference the materials below.**

Unlike voting for a student to serve you on Duke Student Government, when you vote for a Young Trustee you are selecting a fiduciary of the university, not an advocate or representative. A fiduciary is charged with ensuring the long-term health of Duke University, and trustees are called just that because the university is placed in their trust. All members of the Board of Trustees—there are 37 of them, with three of them being Young Trustees—understand that when issues come before the board, it's their job to consider what is best for the whole university, not any particular constituency. Young Trustees are not called Student Trustees because the position was created not to give students a voice on the board but to bring onto the board individuals who had recent experience with today's Duke.

### ATTRIBUTES SOUGHT IN DUKE UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES

**Broad Thinker.** A trustee's first responsibility is to be guided by what best serves the university's short- and long-term interests. While many trustees have knowledge and experience of particular

parts of the university, they are expected to approach their service on the board as stewards of the university as a whole rather than as representatives or advocates of a group or point of view.

**Understands the role of the university in society, is familiar with larger institutional issues facing Duke, and respects how universities are administered and governed.** Trustees possess a firm belief in the transforming nature of education and are committed to academic excellence and the beneficial role of the research university in society. While serving on the board, trustees are expected to stay actively informed about major issues facing Duke and other institutions of higher education, take the time to become informed about matters coming before the board, and to understand and respect the way universities are administered and governed.

**Independent and Collegial.** The ability to think independently; discuss tough issues in a candid, confidential, but friendly manner; and to exercise good judgment and restraint, are keys to a trustee's effectiveness.

**Representative of Duke.** Trustees should embody values that define Duke such as integrity, dedication, courage, and respect for people of different backgrounds and cultures, and be willing to represent the University to its various constituencies.

## **YOUNG TRUSTEES DO NOT HAVE A PLATFORM**

It is important to note that Young Trustees should be chosen based on their qualifications and ability for the role of Young Trustee, NOT on specific platform points. Young Trustees are fiduciaries of the Board of Trustees, not student advocates. They represent a unique perspective on the Board as recent graduates.

We strongly recommend you do not ask candidates for their "platform."

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUESTIONING**

Possible opportunities to question:

- Their breadth of experiences
- Their ability to analyze complex issues
- Knowledge of issues in higher education
- Examples of persuasiveness, board room experience, and open-mindedness

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Name of Organization:

Name of individual submitting form:

Email of individual submitting form:

*Please limit responses to 200 words.*

1. Why would your organization like to endorse a candidate for Young Trustee?
2. How will you resolve conflicts of interest between voting members of your organization and candidates?
3. Have you ever done an endorsement for DSG Young Trustee before? Yes / No