

# Jakob Royse

## Candidate for Student Board Rep.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter concerning the vacancy in the Shasta Union High School District Student Board.

I am a hard-working, driven AP student at Shasta High School. I take rigorous coursework and still maintain straight A's. I always do my best, regardless of whether the work will affect my grade in the class or not. I collaborate with other students and ensure the people around me understand the material as well. I ask questions that do not necessarily pertain to the specific coursework in order to understand how the content plays a role in life, not just the classroom.

Along with being focused in the classroom, I also am involved in numerous school activities. Next year, I will be the president of the Foundations Club at my school, which educates students on life skills they are not familiar with. Along with this, I was also recently elected the ASB treasurer at Shasta, along with being the co-director of governmental affairs and policy for CASC. I also hope to be president of both the math club and the National Honors Society at Shasta next school year.

I stay very busy outside of school as well. I am currently training for an IronMan Triathlon and multiple marathons. These are large time commitments as I train multiple hours daily, waking up before school in order to accomplish these goals. I also run track and have been doing CrossFit since I was four. I know what it means to work hard and the dedication it takes to accomplish goals.

The most substantial goal on my radar is gaining acceptance to one of the United States Military Academies. I believe in order to reach this goal, it is necessary to have the ability to collaborate with peers and consider issues as they pertain to a whole group and not just an individual. I want to be the voice of students at Shasta High School, as well as the many high schools in this district. I will assess problems or concerns with many perspectives in mind, ensuring that no one's opinion will feel diminished on a matter. With these things in mind, I am sure I will be a valuable addition to the SUHSD Student Board.

Sincerely,

Jakob Royse



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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this recommendation for the SUHSD School Board on behalf of Jakob Royse, a current A student in my AP Statistics class and will also be in my AP Calculus class his senior year. Jakob is an incredibly well-rounded young man and pours all he has into all of his courses and activities with a great degree of integrity. He is a well-grounded individual who has a clear vision for his future with regard to his education and life in general.

Jakob always pursues a big-picture understanding of the subject matter. He is interested in more than just the grade. He is interested in learning and is aware that grades will follow naturally. He wants to know how to apply what he is learning to real life and what it really means in the context of his future as he makes decisions about what to do and where to go to school. One thing that stands out to me is his remarkable concentration in class during lecture and discussion. He will think and process critically and ask probing questions that come to mind as a result. This, in turn, generates further discussion on the topic from oftentimes a slightly different but enlightening direction. I mention this as most students tend to do this type of thinking at a later date, usually when working the problems. It is evident he operates this way in all his courses. His commitment to learning all he can from his courses is second to none, and I would expect nothing less than that at the university level.

While Jakob places a great amount of effort on his education, he also is very approachable by both his teachers and peers. Jakob always seeks to not only improve himself but also those around him. He was recently elected ASB treasurer and is currently Co-Director of Government Affairs and Policy for the local section of the CA Association of Student Councils. He is highly involved in many school clubs and has a hand on the pulse of culture (as well as school culture). In addition to this, he tutors other students regularly. Jakob wants to make a positive impact on the world around him now and in the future, and his participation on the school board would further allow him to give representative input from a student perspective. He asks probing questions and researches topics before he discusses them in a formal setting.

I believe Jakob will be a valuable asset to the board if selected. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jim Bigelow  
SHS Math Teacher  
Shasta College Instructor

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