

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ETHICS BOWL

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NHSEB APPOINTS NEW VOICES TO STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

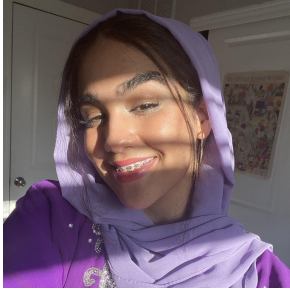
FOUR TO BRING STUDENT IDEAS TO CENTER OF ETHICS BOWL PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE

20 September 2023 - CHAPEL HILL, NC - The Director and Executive Committee of the National High School Ethics Bowl are proud to announce the program's second annual Student Advisory Council. Two new students were selected for appointment from among a field of over 50 excellent applications, and each will serve a one year term, through July 31, 2025. Two current students will continue to serve through July 31, 2024.

As it enters its second year during the 2023-2024 season, the NHSEB program's Student Advisory Council will continue to bring student experience to the very center of NHSEB's programming and governance. Appointed students will advise NHSEB's Leadership and Advisory Board on all things Ethics Bowl from the student perspective. They will also serve as a conduit for informal feedback from other students in their respective Competitive Divisions, ensuring that the voices of NHSEB's diverse and dedicated student population are heard as much as possible.

Of the Council appointments, NHSEB Director Alex Richardson said: "Our team sifted through a ton of truly impressive resumés, but these students really stood out for their dedication to the Ethics Bowl activity, their schools, and their surrounding communities. I speak for all of us when I say that I look forward to working with them to make our activity all it can be."

The following students are appointed to the Student Advisory Council, effective September 15, 2023:



Reem Kadimi-Skalli is a second year Ethics Bowl participant and a junior in high school. She is from Ohio and spends most of her time engaged in community organizing as the Columbus Lead for Ohio Youth for Climate Justice. She enjoys participating in ethical discourse of all kinds and she is incredibly grateful for all the opportunities NHSEB gives her to engage in this hobby!



Cailin Bohm is a sophomore at Campbell High School. She enjoys playing travel soccer, volunteering at Zoo Atlanta and in her community, and participating in after-school clubs. In her free time, she loves being with her family and friends. Her hopes on the council are to help other students share their opinions and to put their ideas into action. In addition, she also wants to help the community of Ethics-Bowlers grow and be able to come together, as that is, in her opinion, one of the most important parts of the competition.



Grant Sheft is a junior at the Horace Mann School in the Bronx, NY. He loves ethics and philosophy. Outside of the Ethics Bowl, he is pursuing an independent study on the philosophy of hope. In his free time, he is often reading Kierkegaard, learning more about shark conservation, and rooting for the Jacksonville Jaguars. He also enjoys spending time with his twin sister and two bernedoodles.



Aahelie Battacharya is a junior at Cupertino High School. Her experience in NHSEB taught her how ethics is an opportunity for growth and building community, rather than a rigid list of rules; this was what inspired her to pursue environmental ethics and AI ethics. Through the Student Advisory Council, she hopes to share and learn new ethical perspectives. In her free time, she also enjoys stargazing, reading, and ice skating.

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ABOUT NHSEB

The National High School Ethics Bowl (NHSEB) promotes respectful, supportive, and rigorous discussion of ethics among thousands of high school students nationwide. An Ethics Bowl differs from a debate competition in that students are not assigned opposing views; rather, they defend whichever position they think is correct, provide each other with constructive criticism, and win by demonstrating that they have thought rigorously and systematically about the cases and engaged respectfully and supportively with all participants. Data from NHSEB surveys shows that this event teaches and promotes ethical awareness, critical thinking, civil discourse, civic engagement, and an appreciation for multiple points of view. NHSEB's goal is to do more than teach students how to think through ethical issues: It is to teach students how to think through ethical issues *together*, as fellow citizens in a complex moral and political community. For more information, visit nhseb.org.

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