

POLITICALLY CORRECT

By: Anna Olson

For Christopher Kahler, participating in student government is, as they say, politics as usual.

"It started back in fifth grade when I wanted to challenge myself and try something new," the Arapahoe senior and Student Council President said, "I decided just to go for the election for sixth grade class president. I've enjoyed it ever since and have run every year."

The Student Council is perhaps best known for planning prom and homecoming, and while those events are a big portion of what the group does, there is more to it than just planning dances.

"We help other clubs out," Kahler said. "We do smaller events small things that people don't generally notice or think about. Like, we're going to have a Halloween competition, where people are going to dress up and we're going to judge and see who wins."

Taking on the high-profile role of Student Council President may seem like it comes with a heavy workload, but Kahler says he doesn't get too anxious about it.

"Even though it can be stressful, like during homecoming week, we have an awesome executive team and the Student Council pitches in a lot overall," he said. Kahler also manages to find time for other activities.

"I like participating in lots of clubs that are at Arapahoe, like Link Crew and National Honor Society," Kahler said. "But outside of school I enjoy spending time with friends, family, all that."

As for life after high school, Kahler said he's interested in studying psychology. "I've always had a fascination with how the mind works and how people think and why they do what they do, and then being able to transform minds that are sad or mad into something more joyful and happy," he said.

But for now, he's enjoying his time as a Warrior leader.

"I've gotten to know everyone better," he said. "Last year I might have known the names of a few people but this year I've actually gotten to know who they are and that's meant a whole lot to me."

BEHIND THE SCENES OF CHRIS KAHLER

My favorite subject in school is History.

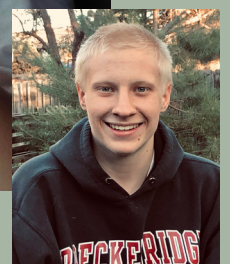
My favorite movie is "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark."

My favorite song is "Come Sail Away" by Styx.

Someone I look up to is Bill Murray.

My favorite book is "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince."

The sports team I root for is the Denver Broncos.



6th grader Chris Kahler before his first election as class president.
Photos courtesy of Christopher Kahler