

# Why I'll Be Voting for Kanye in 2020 (And You Should Too)



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Opinion Columnist

This past week at the VMAs, Kanye West got a chance to once again relive the embarrassment from 6 years ago when he abruptly cut Taylor Swift off on live television. I didn't watch the awards show, but the transcript that I read later and West's announcement of his candidacy for President in 2020 enthralled me. I believe that this would probably make West the first declared person for 2020, which knowing Kanye, was precisely what he wanted. So now the question is why I, a Senior at a Liberal Arts College in Minnesota, would ever vote for someone like Kanye.

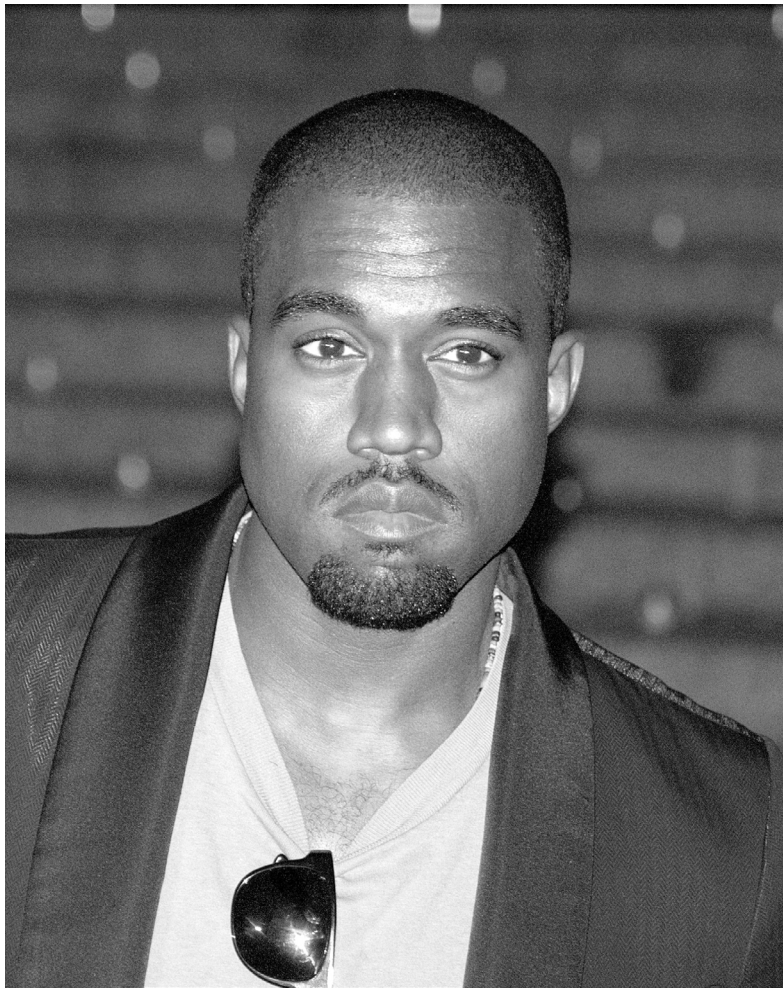
My decision is really due to one person, Donald Trump. After watching Donald Trump market a "I don't care about what others think" brand AND pull into the top spot of polls, all that I can wonder is what does America think of egoists?

I personally do not think the GOP is stupid and unable to recognize the flaws of Donald Trump. Nor do I believe that the Republican Party is trolling the whole world. Instead, there is something in Trump's message that is resonating deeply with a large percentage of individuals in our country. Trump's message of not caring about being politically correct or censoring anything that he says has people rooting for him. Moreover, his ability to waffle out of almost any reasonably expected political stance both puzzles and impresses me.

But frankly, I'm sick of it. I used to love American politics and the up and downs of how we get this country to move. I still watch House of Cards faithfully and count it among my top 5 shows (but I think that is because of my love for all things Kevin Spacey). Now, I am frustrated with politics.

The fact that Kanye West has distinguished himself in an industry where over 99% of people fail, brought himself up from pretty humble beginnings, then gave back to others, but now seeks office, is ridiculed. In contrast to an individual who inherited his father's money and then went on to further enrich himself, but is seen as a credible political figure only goes to show how twisted our sense of admiration truly can be.

Kanye was forced to prove himself to the music industry and everyone who said that he



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*May the battle of two giants fall upon us in the 2020 Presidential Elections.*

was not able to succeed in the enterprises he put his energy towards.

Yet, when Kanye speaks his mind he is forced to apologize, he is called out as egotistical, he is mocked in front of media, and he is discredited for all that he has achieved. When he states that he is running for president he is called out for saying that he smoked a bit before going on stage.

Where is the double standard coming from? Is it in the fact that Kanye speaks as a minority who believes in his ability to succeed? Is it in the fact that Donald Trump has been around so long that we can no longer react to his antics? Hey, at least with Kanye I know his political stances, which can be derived from his very consistent messaging in his lyrics.

If we say that we love those who speak their minds, individuals who are true to themselves, and straight with America, then why do we also hold those people down? My admiration for Kanye and his music is due to his ability to speak to the perceptions of him as an individual and what the truth is.

Kanye does what he wants and he does not hide behind a facade of pleasing anyone. If you would like proof, of this simply go and listen to how he has evolved from his earlier music to now.

The media is obsessed with Donald Trump, America is obsessed with asking why the media is obsessed. Kanye's announcement has exposed how shallow our political ideologies and understandings truly are. Now if you are unable to see the similarities and the problems here I certainly understand, but I encourage you to look at how

we actually engage with our political system. It has become a fan fed spectacle with the media holding the reigns and the politicians seeking to score points.

Either way, I will be voting Kanye 2020 for the same reason that many people having been pushing for #deeznutz. It is time

that we take a look at a very flawed system that rewards some and ridicules others. The next time you hear Kanye say something ask yourself how we would react if Trump said it and vice versa.

Plus, if Kanye wins we get to see a Kardashians as First Lady.

On second thought, maybe I don't want that.... But I will take my free pair of Air Yeezys.

"The system broken, the schools closed, the prisons open. We ain't got nothin' to lose, ma'f\*\*\*\*, we rollin'" -Power, Kanye West

## The Good, the Bad, and the Meh



Getting back to campus and hanging out with all your friends and making new ones.



Making it through the first week of classes without having to drink coffee to pull an all-nighter doing homework.



Emptying your bank account to purchase a parking pass for a car you'll use four times throughout the semester.



# The Universal Education Pipe Dream



**Matthew Glaser**  
Opinion Editor

One important issue in politics and life for college students is the ever rising costs of post-secondary education. It's an issue that affects many of us personally, but also one that affects the lives of those who aren't in college because of the high costs.

Those who can't afford to go to college or technical-vocational school will have a harder time getting a well paying job. This is hard on society and can create a hard cycle to break when the children of the same people won't be able to afford a great education as well.

With costs so high something must be done. One solution that has been considered is universal post-secondary education, which is post-secondary education available to all people equally, funded through taxes, and run by the government.

Now, I have no opposition to universal post-secondary education on principle. I'd love to graduate without being tens of thousands of dollars in debt. Education is extremely important to everyone in society, not only for finding a job but for living a life in which one has



*The standard classroom setting reflects societies stereotypical vision of education and the american dream.*

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developed the abilities to think and reflect critically.

So if we can send everyone to college through taxes, why wouldn't we?

The problem is that making post-secondary education "free" isn't enough if we treat secondary education the way we currently do. If the way to get out of poverty is by attending a standard post-secondary school like Gustavus, then the labor market for people with college degrees will oversaturate.

We can afford to send everyone to a state university or liberal arts college through taxes, but this won't actually make things better. Instead, what will happen is that the market for jobs, which is already competitive for those with college degrees, will become even more competitive.

Having a degree doesn't guarantee getting a job, ask any recent graduate. You need internships, leadership positions, and extra things in addition to your degree to set you apart.

An influx of people in universities won't lift the poor out of poverty. Some may end up in fields with better job markets such as engineering, but the competitiveness of those fields of study within college aren't likely to lift masses of people into a better life either.

Universal post-secondary education won't work if we continue to think of education in this way. What needs to happen to make universal-post secondary education possible is a shift in focus away from college preparation in secondary education, towards life preparation. The emphasis on post-second-

ary education needs to not be primarily centered around colleges and universities, instead to technical-vocational schooling.

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If this happens there will be an increase in the number of people attending college, but even more importantly there will be more people going to school to learn to how to be an electrician, plumber, mechanic, and other technical careers.

Jobs like these are in high demand, pay well, and can lift people out of poverty. So why don't people go to technical school or get more training for

jobs like these?

A large part of the reason is that this work is frowned upon or considered "lesser" work by many Americans.

Many will say they have great respect for people with the technical-know-how to wire a house or install piping. Yet, few of the same people would consider the same kind of work for themselves or their children.

Universal post-secondary education won't work in the United States unless we start teaching differently at all levels of education. Perhaps, even then, universal post-secondary education isn't the answer. Does education need to be privatized? But that's a thought for another day.

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# BENEATH THE CROWN



How do you deal with stress?

Music, for me, is a good escape from stress. I play drumset in the jazz band, so I find that if I'm stressed and have access, I'll go practice. Just sit down, put on some headphones, play along to some jazz music. Or if I find that I can't go practice I'll just listen to some jazz music from the 50's, 60's...big band, swing, trios, anything really. It helps me focus, de-stress, let go a little bit. Music is my biggest outlet for stress. It's where I feel like I can express myself.

Do you think stress is something that's necessary, or that it should be avoided?

You know, I think some stress is good, because it pushes you. It pushes you to do things that you didn't think you could do or didn't realize was in your power to do. It can definitely get to a level where it can overwhelm you, and that's when it becomes unhealthy. But I think that a certain level of it, if it's not constant and crushing or overwhelming you, can actually be really healthy.

In reference to school and homework, how do you manage time to keep your stress levels low?



Nate enjoying the beautiful weather next to the Courtyard Cafe.

Cameron MacDonald

Hmmm...that's tough. It kind of depends on what I'm doing. Like if it's a big reading or a big book that I just have to get out or get done by a certain date, I try to break it up. I try not to think of, like "I have to read this book by next Wednesday." I'll start and think "I'm going to read these two chapters tonight." Because, for me, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by thoughts like "I have to do this whole book in a week!" If I thought like that, I would put it off. So if I just start by breaking it up

immediately, it just makes it so much easier, at least for me to tackle it.

In terms of other homework, I just keep a planner. I write in it all the time. As soon as I get a homework assignment, I'll write in it. I also like to write the homework assignments up so that way I can just check things off. If it's manageable things, that keeps me motivated.

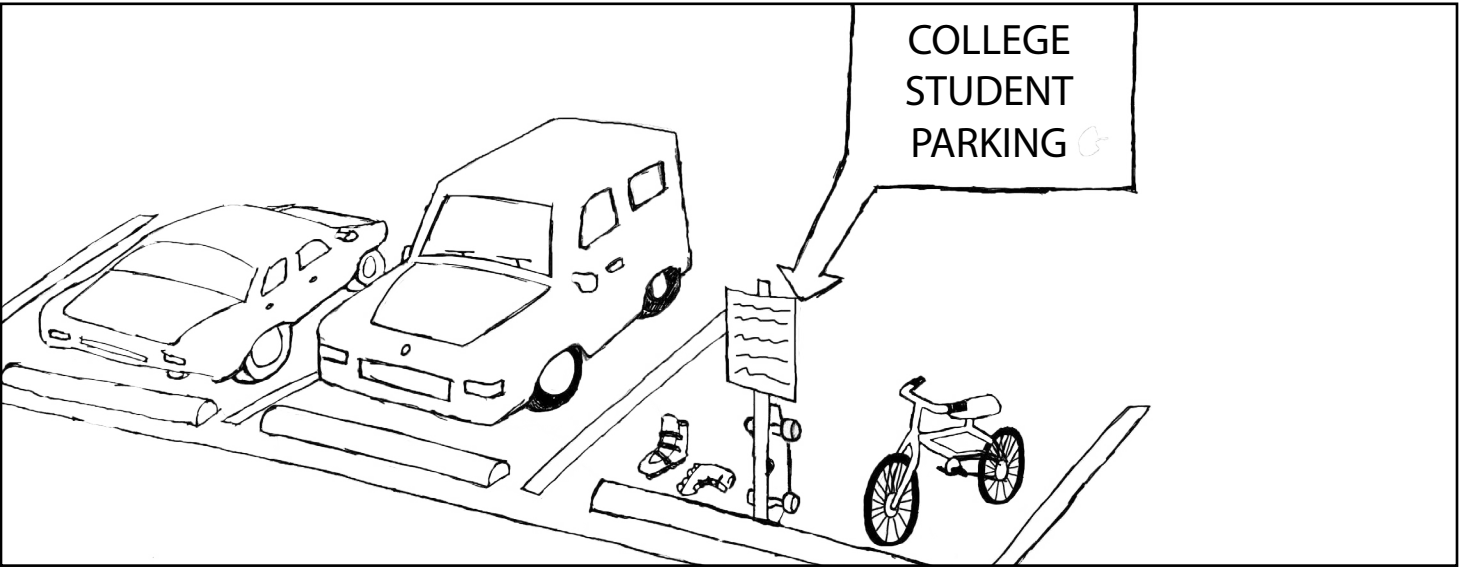
Rather than, you know, if I just write down "write this paper" or "finish this paper," I'll never get to check it off, so

it's not keeping me motivated to do it.

- Nate Long

*Beneath The Crown is a project created by Nick Theisen ('15). It is inspired by Humans of New York (HONY) and aims to bring the community of Gustavus Adolphus College closer together by providing the perspectives of the many different people who live and work at the school.*

## Comic



We could still use some help with the comics! Just look at that. I am not an artist.

- Cameron

Like he said, come on in and apply to make some comics!

P.s. It's a paid position.

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## Word Puzzles

Each of these puzzles represents a word, phrase or saying. See if you can figure out what they are!

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# Men's Soccer claims home tournament



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First-year Arthur Parens battling against a defender from St. Norbert. The Gusties went on to win the Gustavus Tournament and now boasts a perfect 3-0 record.

**Tim Paczynski**  
Staff Writer

The beginning of any sports season is an exciting time for everyone. Between eager fans in the stands and fresh faces on the field, the Gustavus Men's Soccer team is ready to prove their skills. The men kicked off the season by winning their home tournament, the Gustavus Classic, last weekend. The Gusties beat St. Norbert College, a top 20 team of DIII soccer in the nation, with a score of 2-0 and continued by steamrolling Viterbo University to win 3-0.

With a 2-0 record for the weekend, and a 3-0 record overall, Coach Mike Middleton has nothing but praise for the team's performance.

"The tournament went extremely well, with two good results and the lads performing at a high level throughout. I was

really pleased with the level of play, our style of play, and how the lads went about their tasks," Middleton said.

The level of play for Gustavus is evident if one takes a deeper look into the game stats against Viterbo. The shot difference was 26-4 in favor of Gustavus, with a total of zero shots on target for the opposition. The difference in shots taken speaks to the team's strategy of keeping a high ball possession, which Senior Center Mid Charlie Adams noticed.

"It's tough because we were smaller sized players, but we are very technical players and we are good on the ball. We try to pick teams apart," Adams said.

All of this success and skillful play did not come without effort, however.

"We worked very hard between the first game of the season and the weekend tournament to try to establish our pattern of play," Middleton said. "Though we do have a

couple of injury niggles to work around- Charlie Adams, Konnor Tranoris, Sam Leske and Henry Brose."

While the injuries have reduced the playing time of some players, they are still active and essential members.

"The whole team is a very lively bunch who just have fun playing the game. Everyone is extremely energized and works together to maximize our poten-

tial as a team," Senior Central Defender Alex Blixrud said.

Currently the team is ranked number 25 in DIII soccer nationwide, and as far as short-term goals go, Middleton would like to see the team remain in the top 25.

"We've been in the NSCAA National Top-Twenty-five some time during the year for each of the last 5 seasons including this one," Middleton said. "That's

not bad from nearly 400 teams."

If they keep up their technical and motivated play, the team will continue to have a bright future this season. With a coach like Middleton, and a core of dedicated and energetic players, the games this year will be exciting. So gear up, grab a seat in the stands, and get ready to watch some great games. This team is ready to put it all on the line for a win.

## Senior Spotlight

**Marcus Specia**  
CROSS COUNTRY

*The runner from Minnetonka considers the race at regionals last year as the highlight of his collegiate career.*

**Q: What are your expectations for the season?**

A: We are very excited about the season this year. We have a lot of potential with the guys that we have and everyone put in the work over the summer to be ready. We all worked hard during early camp and we know that we need to continue to work hard throughout the season to hopefully qualify for nationals. We had a good season last year and have 6 of the 8 guys that ran at regions coming

back. It's also nice to see other guys on the team stepping up and showing what they can do for the team. Most schools in the miac and region don't realize the potential we this year which is going to make it fun.

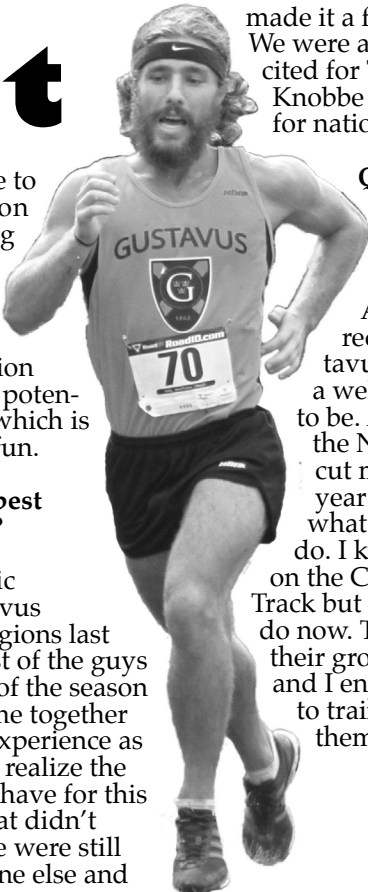
**Q: What is your best athletic memory?**

A: My best athletic memory at Gustavus would be from regions last year. We had most of the guys run the best race of the season that day. It all came together to make it a fun experience as well as help us to realize the potential that we have for this year. The guys that didn't run their best race were still happy for everyone else and

made it a fun atmosphere. We were also very excited for Thomas "Slob" Knobbe for qualifying for nationals.

**Q: Why would you recommend Gustavus?**

A: I would recommend Gustavus because it is a welcoming place to be. After having the Nordic Ski team cut my sophomore year I was not sure what I was going to do. I knew the guys on the Cross team from Track but not as well as I do now. They let me into their group as a Junior and I enjoy being able to train and race with them everyday.





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## Football gets off to a flying start

**Philip Evans**  
Sports & Fitness Editor

The Gustavus Football team traveled to St. Bonifacius to take on Crown College in a non-conference game on Saturday night. The Gusties got out of the grid in incredible fashion, scoring four touchdowns within the first quarter and winning the game 56-13. Leading the eccentric offense was Senior Wide Receiver Matt Boyce, who caught a 77-yard delivery from fellow Senior Mitch Hendricks with a few minutes to go of the first quarter.

"We came out with a lot of energy and were prepared for the warm weather. I think that our preparation on them was great. We knew what we were going to see and how to adjust to it. We made some big plays and some younger guys stepped up," Boyce said.

One of those younger guys is Sophomore Running Back Leeland Lauti who, a few minutes before Boyce clasped the projectile from Hendricks, introduced the scoring with an 11-play touchdown.

"Offensively, I felt like all around we did a heck of a job.



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Matt Boyce received 217 yards worth of passes when he caught 8 balls against Crown College. That is the third most in Gustavus Football history.

From the passing game, to the run game, Crown had a tough time stopping us. That all starts with the offensive line. Without

them nothing would work; Mitch wouldn't have time to throw, and us running backs wouldn't have been able to run through the wide open holes that these guys produce," Lauti said.

Although he is one of the younger players on the team, Lauti doesn't fail to recognize what needs to improve for the team to make an impact in the MIAC.

"I feel like consistency goes with staying alive throughout the whole game, we came out firing the first half with vengeance. Yet, we let up coming back out for the second half. If we can play like we did the first half, the whole game, to me we will reach our goal as MIAC champs," Lauti continued.

Despite the impressive opening, Head Coach Peter Haugen - entering his seventh year as the main conductor of the Gusties - remains with both feet on the ground as he recognizes the importance of everyday progress even when skies are looking blue.

"We are excited," Haugen said. "We have been ranked fifth in the preseason poll and our goal is to make the moves up. Most of our energy is going towards daily improvement, not necessarily being preoccupied with a record. As we have some freshmen and sophomores contributing, it will be a process for them to get a complete grasp of our offense and defense in just a couple of weeks," Haugen finished.

Another player leading the line against Crown was Mitch Hendricks. Although the record breaking quarterback threw 385 yards completing 25 out of 32 passes, he still feels like there is space for improvement in his repertoire.

"I need to be more careful with the ball and work on the

throughout the game. The offensive link has been forged through a series of preseason camps, hard-fought MIAC games and last but not least, by throwing a couple of brats on the barbecue grill.

"Over last year and this summer we started to doing team grill outs in the park as a way



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Mitch Hendricks broke four school records as a Junior last season. In his first game as a Senior, the quarterback from Bemidji threw for four touchdowns as the Gustavus offense showed Crown College no mercy.

little things like not throwing off my back foot and making better reads on the defense. As a team, we need to work on protecting the ball and finding ways to be more consistent," Hendricks said.

The opener demonstrated the close-knit relationship between Hendricks and Matt Boyce, as the quarterback found the wide receiver eight times

to try to get everyone together. Coach Haugen also does a great job of getting everyone on the same page in terms of goals and visions. He brings it up at every meeting so there is no risk we will forget it," Hendricks said.

The Gusties hope to continue their winning ways when they take on Lake Forest College at home on Sat. Sept. 12.

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