

Logan Weaver elected president of Triship

Weaver plans to raise awareness for the club's fundraising events

by Eli Lieberman

Tri-Ship announced Junior Logan Weaver as their presidential elect for the next school year. Weaver won over his peers with his ideas for how to make the club's two main fundraisers, the tree sale and the canned food drive, more successful.

"I want to put flyers in small businesses to spread the word about how our tree sale is different than others, such as that all our profits go to the Tri-Ship fund," said Weaver.

"For the canned food drive I want to put tip jars and containers in grocery stores to get the community to donate as much as the school does."

Tri-Ship's fund provides scholarships that New Trier students are able to apply for, and is given out based on merit and need.

Apart from the Christmas Tree sale, the club raises money through selling steaks at football games and other small fundraisers.



Current members of Triship celebrate the completion of the patios in the new wing which they helped fund | Weaver

As President, Weaver's job is to do much of the behind the scenes work for the club.

"As President, I'll focus more on the club operations like creating the applications and interviewing Freshmen, keeping everyone organized, and communicating with the sponsors and board members," explained Weaver.

"It's helped me in different ways than I expected."

Each year Tri-Ship's board and officers head to the Northfield campus to interview hopeful candidates. While it is offered at Northfield, the

two campuses are not closely related and members must apply to stay in the club at the Winnetka campus.

The club is the oldest leadership for boys at New Trier, and continues to stay popular. This year there are 35 freshman, much more than usual, vying for the roughly 12-14 spots available.

The process can be very tough, explained Weaver.

"We only have time to interview each student for 5 minutes. We look for the best kids for the club, and it's hard to narrow it down when there's so many good guys, but we do our best."

Weaver has built up a reputation in the club for doing his best. Junior club member Jack Armstrong attested "Logan is the kind of guy people want to follow. He's got an incredible balance of drive and friendliness."

Spencer Boehm, junior and three year member of Tri-Ship, complemented Weaver's "tremendous work ethic, great leadership, and willingness to do anything it takes to improve both Tri-Ship and New Trier."

Weaver earned some of that praise this past year as junior class chair of Tri-Ship.

"This year I've worked under current President, Wilson MacRitchie, and he taught me a lot of the day to day work. I was lucky enough to be enrolled in the Activities Leadership Seminar, as well, and I learned a lot each week from meeting with our activities director and other club leaders," said Weaver.

The work he has put in up to this point has made next year's board excited to work alongside him.

According to Connor Rooney, Tri-Ship's Vice-President elect, "Logan is a natural born leader and more than ready to take on the responsibilities of President."

Along with MaCrichtie, the Weaver was also inspired to run for the position by past president Matt Gallo.

"Ever since I was a freshman I had the desire to lead and progress the club. I had a great mentor in Matt Gallo who pushed me to pursue it," recalled Weaver.

Other members elected to board positions for next year were Connor Rooney (Vice-President), Andrew Kost (Secretary), Marc Mestanas (Treasurer), and Charlie Hoban (Junior Class Chair).

Weaver and the rest of the club have large, self imposed goals for next year, and are determined to achieve them.

"I am most worried about not living up to the expectations I have for myself," said Weaver.

What's next in gun control

Students willing to continue to fight for better gun regulations

by Molly George

After the nationwide school walkout on Mar. 14, there are still ways for students to be involved in the movement to improve gun legislation and school safety.

Freshman Eva Roytberg, a main organizer behind the walkout at both campuses, said she hopes the protest "will leave students inspired to keep pushing for gun reform."

Regarding her future involvement in this campaign, she said, "As of now I don't have any plans to organize another event, but I do plan to participate in the March for Our Lives."

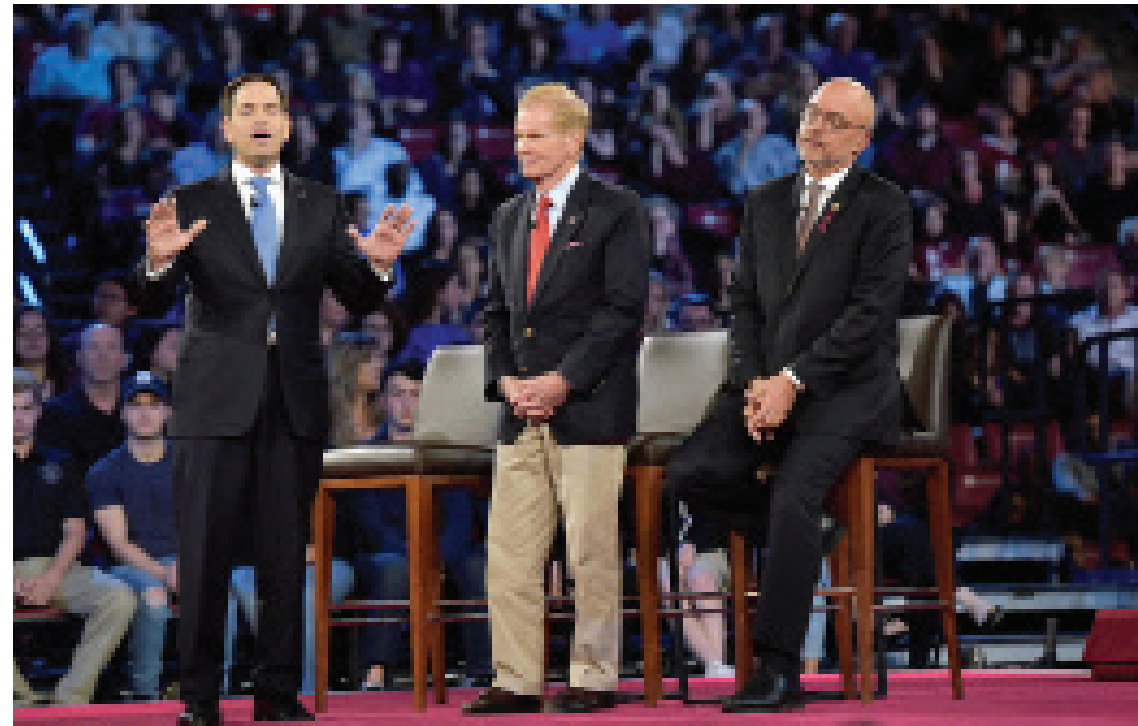
The Mar. 24 March For Our Lives was organized by the students of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, and there will be an event in Chicago.

In addition to marching next Saturday, Roytberg said, "I plan to support the gun violence movement in any way I possibly can after the walkout, if that means writing letters to local legislators or marching in the city."

While she will continue to support the gun violence movement, she said "with such an unpredictable political climate it's difficult to predict exactly what actions we will have to take in the future."

While some students are unsure of how to help the movement, another anti-gun violence club is being formed.

Junior Isabella Roselli decided, based on a classmate's concern that the walkout would not prompt lasting change, to bring another organization to the school.



Senator Rubio (L), Senator Bill Nelson, and Representative Ted Deutch during a CNN town hall meeting | AP Images

"I looked into what I could do, and the SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Promise club sponsored by a Sandy Hook organization seemed like the most powerful way to do it," Roselli explained.

She added that overall, "the best way to reach people about gun violence is making it real. I think a lot of times people think it doesn't affect them and it will never happen to them, but if people realize this sort of thing is real, and could happen right in our backyard, people will want to do more to help."

Many students were relieved when colleges began to announce that they will not penalize accepted and applying students for participating in the protests.

Most people, including Barack Obama, have commended the Parkland students and others

involved on their humanitarian work.

George Clooney, Oprah Winfrey, and other celebrities have contributed significant donations to the fundraiser for March For Our Lives, showing their support for the cause.

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Roytberg defined the role of the protest as "resembling a body that for the most part cannot vote and is largely left out of the conversation."

Peaceful protests include the walkout, marches, and Apr. 20 National Day of Action Against Gun Violence in School, commemorating the Columbine school shooting of

1999.

There are many ongoing ways students can participate in the struggle against gun violence, such as the Wear Orange campaign to raise awareness beyond efforts to change legislation.

Roselli said, "just because laws and procedures exist doesn't make them right. You should always stand up for what you believe in, whether laws support you or not."

Acknowledging and working together on the issue of gun violence is the goal of the widespread protests, as Roytberg said, "students are already making a difference just by showing up. If they want to further their activism, I feel one of the best and easiest things to do is to spark conversation with friends and family about the cause."

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making an early decision during their junior year, possibly during spring break or during the summer.

Senior John Spaulding said, "You should also visit the school before you apply during the summer or during Junior year so you know you're making the right decision. Early decision was beneficial for my brother, so I wanted to try it out and my parents supported me."

On the other hand, Nazari didn't have to visit her schools, partly because it was an early action and it is a bit more relaxed than early decision.

"I didn't really visit any of my schools. If you want to visit your early decision or action schools then the summer or the beginning of senior year would be a perfect time for that."

Due to the benefits of applying early, many colleges noticed a sharp rise in the number of early applicants. Over the past four years, Collegiate Gateway, a college counseling website has noticed some trends.

"Harvard has seen an increase of 38%. Northwestern, Princeton, and Williams have experienced increases of 30% or more."

In 2017, there are many colleges that have a record-breaking numbers of early applications. These include "Barnard (up 19% from last year), Columbia (up 16%), Cornell (up 10%), Georgetown (up 11%), Northwestern (up 23%), Wesleyan (up 17%), and Williams (up 25%)."

Regardless of your college plans for the future, it is imperative that you are aware of the different ways to apply and the benefits of either early or regular decision.