SPEAKER

Lauren Bauer—Fellow, Economic Studies, the Brookings Institution

Lauren Bauer is a fellow in economic studies at the Brookings Institution. Her research focuses on social and safety net policies as well as civic engagement and political behavior. She is a member of the New York City Office of Community Schools Research Advisory Council and holds a Bachelor of Arts in history, a Master of Arts and PhD in human development and social policy, and a certificate in education sciences—all from Northwestern University. Prior to taking up doctoral work, Bauer served in research positions with political campaigns and as a special assistant in the Office of the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Education.

MODERATOR

Robert Motley—Principal, Atholton High School, Columbia, MD

Robert A. Motley has been a principal for the past 13 years. He began his education career as a French teacher 20 years ago and has taught at both the middle and high school levels. His administrative career includes assistant principal at Howard and Centennial High Schools and principal at Patuxent Valley and Glenwood Middle Schools in Maryland. In 2006, he was recognized as the Maryland State Assistant Principal of the Year by the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals. Motley is currently serving a four-year term (2015–19) on the NASSP Board of Directors and serves in a leadership role with NASSP’s Student Leadership Advisory Committee. Motley earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Maryland-College Park in French language and foreign language secondary education. He earned his master’s degree in elementary and secondary educational administration and supervision at George Washington University. He is currently seeking his PhD in instructional leadership at Notre Dame Maryland University.

PANELISTS

Jack Tucker—Student, Carroll Senior High School, Southlake, TX

Jack Tucker is a senior at Carroll Senior High School in Southlake, TX. He serves as a member on the NASSP Student Leadership Advisory Committee and served as state parliamentarian for the Texas Association of Student Councils (TASC). Through his work with NASSP and TASC, Tucker has become well-versed in student advocacy and led a statewide campaign promoting human trafficking awareness and prevention. He is his school’s student council president, theatre president, assistant editor of the school newspaper, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the International Thespian Society.

Sydney Neal—Student, Saint Mary’s Ryken High School, Leonardtown, MD

Sydney Neal is a junior at Saint Mary’s Ryken High School in Saint Mary’s County, MD. She serves as a member on the NASSP Student Leadership Advisory Committee. She is the vice president of the Maryland Association of Student Councils and promotes student advocacy and leadership training for thousands of students across the state. She is principal cellist, plays on her school’s soccer team, is an active member of her school’s National Honor Society and student government, and is a founding member of her school’s Black Student Union.

Devlin Andrews—Student, Coventry High School, Coventry, RI

Devlin Andrews is a senior at Coventry High School in Coventry, RI. He serves as the National Honor Society president in his school. As president, he works with dedicated students striving to make a difference on initiatives including food drives, winter jacket drives, and community outreach programs to build relationships with senior citizens. He also serves as part of NASSP’s Student Leadership Advisory Committee, works to roles of National Honor Society chapters and National Student Councils across the United States and advocates for education policy that will benefit America’s youth.