

## **PASC SELECTS NEW STUDENT REP FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD OF EDUCATION**

In April, the PASC Selection Committee reviewed the sixteen applications for the position of Student Member-Elect on the State Board of Education. The committee was joined by SBE Member, Dr. Frances Micheleni on Saturday, May 2, 2009 when they interviewed six finalists. These students demonstrated a great desire to serve the public school students of Pennsylvania and presented excellent resumes, letters, or recommendations and essays. Each student who was interviewed expressed the need for SBE Student Members to find an active way to communicate with student council leaders and other Pennsylvania students about the actions for the State Board of Education and to create a mechanism to gather student opinion for Pennsylvania students as well.

Big Spring High School (District 8) sophomore, Travis Gilbert was named as the second Student Member-Elect on the State Board of Education. Travis will join Bethlehem- Liberty High School, junior, Gardiner Kreglow, on the State Board of Education. Gardiner is completing the first year of his two-year term. Liz Williams, senior member of the SBE will conclude her term as the first Student Member of the State Board of Education at the SBE meeting in Harrisburg on May 20-21, 2009. Travis will join Gardiner and Liz at this meeting, representing the 1.8 million public school students of the Commonwealth.

We thank and congratulate the following SBE Member finalists who will join five present juniors as they serve on an Advisory Board to the Student Members of the State Board of Education: Christina Atterbury, Westmont Hilltop HS; Ben Barnhart, Lampeter-Strasburg HS; Natalie Geise, William Allen HS; Jake Paston, Upper Dublin HS, Ben Zauzmer, Upper Dublin HS.

The June issue of **PASC News** will feature a final report from Liz Williams. In September 2009, Gardiner and Travis will begin writing a series of articles for **PASC NEWS**. Student SBE Members also report to the PASC Executive Board, and will develop surveys and other communicational links as they move forward in this unique opportunity of civic engagement. For additional information on Elizabeth, Gardiner, and Travis, the selection process, and the role that the State Board of Education plays in the long-term improvement of education in Pennsylvania, go to [www.pasc.net/board\\_of\\_educ/board\\_of\\_ed.php](http://www.pasc.net/board_of_educ/board_of_ed.php)