



Mark Sonkin for AAB in 2009-2010

My name is Mark and I am a junior economics major, with minors in, political science and Chinese studies. Once again, I want to represent the student body as a Saint John's Senator, which is why I am running for the SJS Activities & Allocations Board. You may not have seen me around campus much this year because I have been on study abroad in China! I have studied at two Chinese universities in my time here and I have learned many things that I would like to bring back to Saint John's.

I am currently living with the student body president of Fudan University, one of the top three universities in China. I have learned many great things from my Chinese roommate about being a great leader and what it takes to be the representative for such a large number of students. I have ideas, and more importantly, ideologies, that will make Saint John's University a better place to receive a college education.

If elected as a Saint John's Senator for 2009-2010, here are some of the goals which I will work towards:

- Re-evaluating the co-funding board process of allocating money to clubs and organizations on campus. (Our way is not necessarily the best way, improvements can and will be made if I am elected to represent the student body)
- Work *hard* to make Saint John's University a well-known institution outside of Minnesota. (I think that the current economic crisis has shown most of us how difficult finding a summer internship can be. I promise that if elected I will work diligently to make SJU a better liberal arts school and rise in the ranks)
- Use my influence as a leader on senate (if elected) to make sure that we do not spend too much time concentrating on the little things, such as, what our uniforms on senate should be for the upcoming year.