

Midterm 2023-2024 DASG Legislative Affairs Liaison Application

Legal First Name

Eddie

True/Preferred First Name; Only if Different from Legal First Name (OPTIONAL)

Legal Last Name

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Your Pronouns (e.g. he/him/his, she/her/hers, they/them/theirs, or others)

he/him/his

How did you hear about the Student Election?

Administration Committee

Have you held a DASG Senate, De Anza College Student Trustee, or other Student Leadership position in the past?

No

If you have held a DASG Senate, De Anza College Student Trustee, or other Student Leadership position in the past, what was your position?

N/A

Why do you want to become the DASG Legislative Affairs Liaison and what do you hope to achieve?

As I'm currently drafting a resolution for additional financial assistance for International Students in light of the increased tuition rate, I take advantage of my presiding role to control the narrative of the resolution towards its ideal ending. As to not trivialize the plight of International Students, I face this resolution with 100% of my effort. I find myself enjoying the otherwise hard work associated with combing through papers and writing a persuasive resolution. As a Legislative Affairs Liaison candidate, I want to continue making a difference where it counts. I believe there are aspects of De Anza that are without the student voice. I've encountered numerous times problems that would have benefited from the input of the students. If I were to be given the role of Legislative Affairs Liaison, I would continue to draft resolutions with the students in mind, and strive to see a De Anza where the student body has a persuasive force in all aspects of the college.

What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Senate?

By the time I stepped in front of the Senate for the second time, I would have drafted two resolutions. One for my initiation to the Administration Committee, and the other I mentioned earlier. Each required numerous hours of commitment. During these times, I worked as a Behavioral Specialist, where I handled fast-paced situations and learned the value of trusting my judgment. As a former business owner, I'm used to the sometimes monotonous task of sitting behind a desk and completing projects that sometimes had no guarantee of growing any identifiable reward. Through this, I learned how to persevere. I'm also volunteering at the Red Cross as a Disaster Preparedness Lead, where I am sometimes confronted with hard deadlines. Throughout my short time as an Administration Intern, there was a pressing need for time management, and organizational skills to juggle my extracurriculars, school courses, and my responsibilities at DASG.

What other commitments do you have and how will you manage your time?

I work 15 hours a week and average around 10 hours a week on schoolwork. Most of my commitments are on the weekend, so I don't foresee conflicts of schedule. My availability is relatively free before and after classes, so I'm available for any events or committee meetings. I also don't see any drastic changes in the Spring Quarter of 2024.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

N/A

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

For my first running for this position, I mentioned there was a lack of awareness of De Anza's services. I believe there are a lot of students who are unaware of services that would have otherwise improved their experience here at De Anza. Since then, I also notice the growing restlessness in the international student communities at De Anza. Tuition rises every year, it's not a matter of if but when that some of these students would need to look for alternative education outside of California in lieu of the unaffordable living conditions.