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DASG INTERNAL OFFICERS ELECTION



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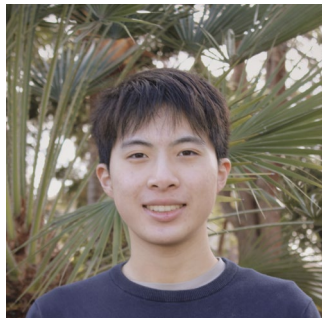
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Christopher Li

DASG Vice Chair of Programs



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

DASG is an important organization that is responsible for representing students. From serving as an intern, I have learned about how DASG can make an impact on the school and the student body. I want to advocate for students as well as serve them by working to ensure the Programs Committee runs well. I hope to ensure that there is clear communication between committees, especially since the operations of the Programs Committee rely on other committees and require cooperation. As Vice Chair of Programs, I hope to ensure that everyone can contribute meaningfully. Events held should be planned by a team with a variety of ideas taken into account, and I want to help nurture an environment where everyone can make a difference. In addition, I want to continue work on the projects that the Environmental Sustainability Committee has been working on, such as the bike rental program and the EcoFund grant. Being able to work on these projects would allow me to create a positive impact on our school and contribute to DASG more.

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

I am an intern for the Environmental Sustainability and the Programs & Events Committees, where I have contributed ideas and volunteered for events. I am also the current EcoFund Coordinator, where I have worked on restarting outreach for the grant and its other operations. In addition, I have attended several General Senate meetings so I have an idea of the responsibilities that senators have. I am a hard worker and good communicator, and I will work to ensure that people have opportunities to make their voice heard in the Programs Committee. By making sure all members can speak up and give their ideas, I feel that I can help the Programs Committee further promote student voices.

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

I am currently a full time student, and I am taking four classes. I am in some clubs as well. DASG is one of my most significant commitments outside of school, and I will continue to put such effort into my responsibilities if I should be elected. I plan to manage my time by being aware of all the responsibilities I have and adjusting my schedule accordingly.

Additional Comments

The Vice Chair of Programs is responsible for helping the Programs Committee run smoothly, and I will do my best to improve communication between senators, interns, other committees, and the public to improve the efficacy of this organization if I am elected.

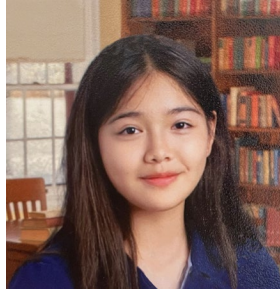
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

DASG should work to make it easier for students to get involved on campus. Many students don't know much about the issues that DASG is working to address, and some may not know that DASG can work with them on any concerns they may have. Increasing outreach to students would allow DASG to create a greater impact on the community and recruit people who want to join student government. Many students want to get more involved, and DASG can provide them an avenue to do so.

Program Affiliations: DASG

Maggie Singman

DASG Vice Chair of Programs



1. Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

As a potential 2023-2024 DASG Senate Internal Officer, I am dedicated to effectively addressing the De Anza College community's needs. I recognize the importance of fostering a vibrant campus environment that celebrates diversity and offers opportunities for personal growth and leadership development. If given an opportunity, I will focus on enhancing communication between the Programs and Events Committee and the Marketing and Communications Committee to ensure smooth collaboration and event promotion. I also plan to improve outreach efforts, engaging our diverse student body through relevant events. Furthermore, I am committed to managing DASG Operational Account finances responsibly, contributing to organizational transparency and financial health.

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

My experiences have equipped me with valuable skills that will contribute to my success as Vice-Chair of Programs. Volunteering at Mr. Lipsig's computer lab gave me a foundation in technology and collaboration. Playing on the high school tennis team for three years and serving as a junior varsity captain helped me develop crucial teamwork and leadership abilities. As a marketing officer for CSSA, I honed my skills in event planning, promotion, and collaboration by managing tasks such as content creation, article writing, editing, and event poster design. My experience as a Mandarin tutor and teaching assistant further strengthened my communication abilities. Leveraging these skills and experiences, I will bring strong communication and collaboration abilities to the DASG Senate, and work effectively with other committees and student groups to create engaging and diverse programs. My expertise in event planning and promotion will aid in developing, organizing, and executing dynamic programs and events catering to our diverse student body. Additionally, my leadership and teamwork skills will foster a collaborative environment within the DASG Senate, ensuring we work together to enhance the overall student experience at De Anza College. I am confident in my ability to significantly contribute to the DASG Senate and the De Anza College community as Vice-Chair of Programs.

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

As a full-time student managing classes and club involvement, I understand the importance of effective time management. I have experience handling multiple responsibilities simultaneously, and I am confident in my ability to excel in the Vice-Chair of Programs role while keeping up with my other commitments. To achieve this, I will prioritize tasks and maintain a well-structured schedule. By relying on my team when necessary and using time management tools, I can allocate the required time and resources for each responsibility. Additionally, regular self-check-ins will help me stay on track and make any necessary adjustments to my schedule.

4. Additional Comments

As a candidate for the DASG Vice-Chair of Programs, I aim to create dynamic events that enhance the student experience, foster a sense of belonging, and promote personal growth and leadership development among our diverse campus community. I am eager to build upon past successful events and identify improvement areas in others. By implementing innovative strategies and continuously improving our approach, I hope to create a more vibrant and engaging campus environment for all students. To achieve this, I plan to collaborate with other committees to expand the range of programs and events offered to students, catering to their interests and needs. I will also actively seek feedback on past events to learn what worked well and what requires adjustments. My background in organizing, communication, and leadership positions me well to contribute effectively to the DASG Internal Officer role and make a lasting impact on our campus community.

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

The DASG should address several key student concerns at De Anza College. Prioritizing mental health support is crucial, with a focus on increasing access to resources and promoting wellness initiatives. DASG should also make college more affordable by advocating for lower tuition fees and expanding scholarship opportunities. Fostering an inclusive campus environment is essential, and efforts should be made to facilitate open dialogues and celebrate diversity. Promoting student involvement in campus life through clubs and events will also enhance the college experience. Finally, DASG should address sustainability on campus by supporting eco-friendly practices and waste reduction programs.

Program Affiliations: Club

Vanessa Chen

DASG Public Relations Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I am interested in becoming public relations officer because I am passionate about connecting with others and promoting positive messages to people. Collaborating with people toward the same goal gives me a sense of achievement and energizes me a lot. Also, I came across news about the bike-share program in an email from the school, which made me notice the potential for students to improve campus life. And I realize that students can actually make a difference on their own, we do have the ability and opportunity to change the policies or facilities in the school, which is really cool and I want to be one of the members of it!

I believe that fostering conversations between different departments and communities is essential for the success of an organization. The goal that I hope to achieve is to attract more students to notice and join DASG by efficiently communicating and promoting the policy of the organization, letting more students be aware of their possibilities to improve the campus. Moreover, I hope I will be a helpful member to build strong relationships between DASG and external groups and create a positive impact for the community.

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

Back when I was in my hometown, Taiwan, I used to be the president of the United Clubs Organization in my high school. Our main function was managing all the clubs in school, organizing events during special festivals, and helping the school to conduct the policy. One of the highlights was the Anti-drug Propaganda Christmas Party that happened every December. It was a massive event where over forty clubs from fifteen other high schools joined us, and we even made it to the news!

This experience has taught me a lot about event planning, from starting scratch to achieving perfection. Planning an event is much more challenging than I initially realized, with countless details to check and manage. I've learned the importance of delegating tasks to different officials, which has proven to be more efficient. Also, I've honed my skills in coming up with fresh event themes by combining traditional elements with new ideas. Also, I was the public relations officer in the dancing club in my hometown as well. During being the officer, I organized an associated dancing event, which had never been held in our dancing club's history. The event was conducted with the other six high school clubs, which is a special part of it because we usually only hold with the clubs on the same campus. This experience strengthens my ability to communicate again and honed my skills in coming up with fresh event themes by combining traditional elements with new ideas. Moreover, through collaborating with other high schools in organizing events, dealing with diverse individuals with varying ideas has also been a valuable skill I've developed, and I've improved my communication skills and learned how to efficiently exchange opinions. Also, I learned how to facilitate collaboration among team members with different perspectives as well. Overall, these experiences provided me with valuable insights into event planning, team management, and effective communication.

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

My commitment is to make a sincere effort to contribute to the club and learn hard about the duties of a public relations officer and be helpful in the club. I am not currently involved in any other clubs, so I have lots of free time. Even though I will be volunteering outside the campus, the time of it is flexible and usually on weekends. Based on my situation, I plan to spend equal time, around 50% each for academics and club, and I believe I can manage my time well between these two areas.

Additional Comments?

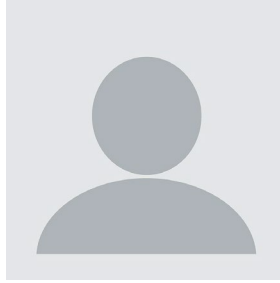
During being president of the club in my hometown, I not only gained a ton of experience in preparing events but also made lots of unforgettable memories with my fellow officers. In the process of preparing events, the members built strong connections with each other, even though I am currently in the US, they still call me for my input on their activities. This is one of the important reasons that motivate me to join DASG, I consider here to be the perfect place for me to contribute to the new school, and to make new friends while learning new skills for holding events!

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Because this is my first quarter in De Anza, I have only spent approximately two weeks on campus and haven't noticed any serious concerns. While I found that there are limited water dispensers (the one for water bottles not for direct drinking) on campus, (or just because I'm not familiar with the campus). I can only find one at the entrance of the library, which could be inconvenient for students attending classes in buildings far from the library who may need to refill their water bottles during breaks. Based on the situation I found, I suggest that each building should have at least one water dispenser for students to use. (To emphasize again, I'm really unfamiliar with the facility and building on campus so far, the only two buildings that I went to are my classrooms so if water dispensers are already available in every building, I apologize!)

Zeynep Bilginan

DASG Vice Chair of Programs



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I will strive to create a safe, equitable, and inclusive body that reflects the diversity of the student population. I have always been an ardent and passionate supporter of student advocacy and hope to serve the students of De Anza College. I know the importance of the organization not only for students but for the campus as a whole. Although De Anza has amazing opportunities and support from the faculty and staff for students, I have noticed that it's hard to let all the students know about these great opportunities. That is where I would help and inform the students what De Anza has to offer them. I have been involved with Student Government for two years in my high school, elected as Secretary, and currently am in many organizations here at De Anza. With great attention to detail and great organizational skills, I will make sure to handle any task that students, faculty, or staff give me.

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

I possess a strong skill set that would be valuable for a DASG Senate. My legislative experience would give me a solid understanding of the legislative process and the ability to navigate the political landscape effectively. Having excellent communication skills with experience, both written and verbal, would also enable me to build relationships with students and engage with them effectively. My analytical skills would help me identify patterns and draw insights, which would be crucial for developing effective policies and making informed decisions. My problem-solving skills would enable me to identify problems, develop creative solutions, and make decisions that balance competing priorities. My leadership skills would enable me to inspire others, build consensus, and manage conflicts, which is critical for success in a legislative role. I have a thorough understanding of key issues facing the DASG and its constituents, which can help me develop policies that address the needs of the community effectively. Finally, I have a great commitment to public service and a willingness to work hard on behalf of the community.

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

I work part-time, am a member of YoutLink, and am a moderator for many conferences to present at the Model United Nations. I'm also the Secretary for the MUN club here at De Anza and am involved with many clubs and activities. I have my priorities straight and set, determined and focused on achieving my goals. I understand the importance of managing my time effectively to balance my various commitments and responsibilities. To do this, I make use of various time-management tools such as calendars, to-do lists, and productivity apps to help me stay organized and on track. Additionally, I communicate regularly with my friends, club members, and other stakeholders to ensure that I am aware of their needs and can plan my schedule accordingly. I am also willing to delegate tasks where necessary and seek support from others when needed. Overall, I am confident in my ability to manage my time effectively and balance my commitments, while still being able to give my best to any potential DASG Senate responsibilities.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Academic support, mental health, financial aid, campus safety, diversity and inclusion.

Program Affiliations: Honors Program, Inter Club Council (ICC), Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), Clubs, CalWORKs, DASG

Thomas Bramantya

Legislative Affairs Liaison (SSCC Delegate)



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

The reason I am applying is that I want to improve De Anza surrounding, and I always find that using the Legislative sector can be beneficial to change surrounding to not only improve people's quality of life but also change it into something that is a life changer, especially in the context of education. Having attended some meetings, I was really in shock by the difference between high school and college student government in the sense of the discussion and how it will make a difference in the school environment. In this role, one of my main goals is to carefully review existing policies and regulations to identify gaps and areas where changes may be needed. Keeping up-to-date with recent events and social changes, I hope that by ensuring that the laws and policies that govern our campus community remain relevant and practical in the near future.

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

I have done MUN in recent years, which help me understand recent updates. On top of that, diplomacy and negotiation are my strengths. People skills and public speaking can also help in this by asking what students really want from our college and expressing in front of them to offer solutions and bring them together. What we can improve in college, starting from International students who are adjusting to Americans like myself or even Californian going to college straight from high school and hearing the voices. Research in the topics of legalisation I have also done alot research about what students want from reviews online and Californian law of the school, offering a solution in pages and resolutions to able to present into general public

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

Currently, I'm the club officer in some clubs such as, but not limited to, Mathematics Investment and Trading Society or MITS, Chess, etc. But Im ready to put in up to 6-8 hours, including the meetings for this role, and in terms of time management, I'm confident to balancing out this role and my academic hour

Additional Comments

Although myself are not an intern at legislative, I'm confident to take this role and adapt to become a senate the reason why is because I have joined multiple meetings from different sections and recognize the reason why so many people are hesitant to join DASG or even participate in DASG event such as connecting to the people to feel like it's not something necessity to transfer but a pleasure to serve DASG and making it enjoyable. As an international student, I want to connect with a different group of people, understand their culture, and promote our difference on a bigger stage in the general public. My perspective as an international student allows me to bring novelty ideas and viewpoints to the DASG, contributing to a more comprehensive understanding of student needs and aspirations. By representing this often-underrepresented segment of the student body, I aim to ensure that the voices and perspectives of international students are taken into account when shaping campus policies and initiatives. In the end, even if I'm not a senator, doing student government in my life is something I don't take for granted. I'm also grateful to know people in DASG, Understand a different environment, stay long for the meetings, and make it fun for many people while simultaneously finishing the task. Is something I will bring outside de Anza

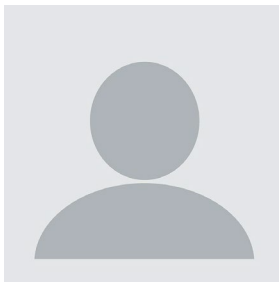
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

My main concern is: Classes, I think a lot of people have complained or are concerned regarding this, such as Math class, CIS class, where they are not able to register in time due to their group registering and becoming waitlisted. Such a solution is to Improve waitlist management processes to prioritize students based on their needs, such as graduation timeline, major requirements, or course prerequisites. The second one is Clubs. I have seen many people feel the club in de Anza needs to be connecting better with them, both in in-person conversations and online reviews. The one positive thing is club days but other than that; there are no additional resources for people to see clubs. A good way for clubs to stand out and for more people to recognize them is a dedicated website and empathize the club page on the school's official website, not only text but pictures to showcase what they have done, a youtube video of what they have done, and a documentary. Third is probably a crucial one is student satisfaction with student government, such as conducting a poll on whether they are happy with the current direction of DASG, not only just on an Instagram sticker but asking them on the ground whether they have something in their mind to suggest something can improve.

Program Affiliations: Clubs

Robert Ye Min Thu

Legislative Affairs Liaison (SSCCC Delegate)



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I am committed to acting as a voice for the De Anza student body and fighting for their interests on various fronts. The opportunity to have a positive effect on the community college system and to collaborate with other community college delegates to find solutions to regional concerns motivates me. I am particularly drawn to the responsibilities of the Legislative Affairs Liaison position, which require a deep understanding of parliamentary procedures and the ability to lead and delegate work to a team to draft resolutions that advocate for De Anza students. I believe my knowledge and skills qualify me to carry out these responsibilities efficiently. In this role, I hope to accomplish several goals, including creating and amending the DASG bylaws to better serve the De Anza student population and representing De Anza College students' interests and concerns at the college, district, and state levels.

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

I have a strong understanding of parliamentary procedures and possess excellent leadership, delegation, advocacy, and representation skills. In my homeland of Myanmar, I have actively advocated for the people and raised awareness about the ongoing crisis. I have coordinated and participated in demonstrations rallies, and social media campaigns to call attention to the military junta's human rights breaches and brutality.

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

I am currently employed part-time, but I am entirely prepared to devote the time and effort required to accomplish the requirements of the Legislative Affairs position. I have excellent time management skills and can properly prioritize tasks to ensure their completion on schedule. Furthermore, I am willing to seek guidance and support from others if necessary to guarantee that I can manage my time properly.

Additional Comments

Collaboration is vital for success in any position, and I am looking forward to collaborating with colleagues in the Legislative Affairs department to achieve our common objectives. I am an excellent communicator and team player who is always eager to assist others.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Housing concerns

Program Affiliations: Clubs;

Umme Zainab Ahmad

Legislative Affairs Liaison (SSCCC Delegate)



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I want to become the DASG Legislative Affairs Liaison because I want to make positive, lasting contributions towards my college community that will enrich the college experience of the student population. I hope to be the link between students and administrators - a voice to represent the interests and concerns of the student population at De Anza in regional affairs in the California community college system at large. I wish to advocate for more effective policies and bring to light new, innovative ways to enhance the community college experience for students so their time at De Anza proves to be valuable and worthwhile. I hope to play a key role in expanding the horizons of student advocacy in the sphere of higher education and representing their concerns on a larger scale, beyond our college campus and on a statewide level.

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

I hope to bring my communication skills and objectivity to the DASG Senate. I believe in taking a balanced, unbiased approach towards important matters relating to the student body. I believe in incorporating diplomacy and rationality in my speech to effectively advocate for the best interests of the student population. My diverse cultural background is something I will bring to the DASG Senate as well. Having lived in two different countries, being fluent in two languages, provides me with a unique perspective to be able to understand and empathize with the needs of students from various social, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds. It also gives me the ability to speak on matters that are relevant for our students at this time. As a mathematics major, I would bring an analytical perspective towards problem solving to advocate for the effective and best possible resolution of issues and concerns closely pertaining to the student population.

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

I work a part-time job on-campus and I will manage my time by allotting and prioritizing time during the week to carry out DASG-related tasks and responsibilities.

Additional Comments

I am committed and driven to giving back to my college community. De Anza has given me experiences that I feel are priceless and will always be an important part of the person I become in the future. I want to stand for student advocacy because I genuinely care about the interests and needs of my fellow students and it is imperative to me that their college experience here be the best that it can be. I want to be an important part of effecting change in policy not just within my college campus, but at a statewide level. I want to be a role model for my fellow students, leading by example and through concrete action, to prove that it is possible to represent the voices of the student population in front of administrators at large scales.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I feel that the DASG should address student concerns regarding campus-related events, on-campus programs and resources, and things that can be improved upon in De Anza's college community.

Program Affiliations: Honors Program;

Ethan Nguyen

DASG Elections Commissioner



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

My interest in DASG started when I was exposed to all the different services and events provided by the officers. This led me to explore the inner workings of the organization and discovered the importance of a team willing to work together towards creating an educational and inviting experience for all students at De Anza. I believe that having a strong, central team is crucial for the rest of the governing board to work smoothly and build a positive atmosphere for all. As elections commissioner, I will ensure the executive position elections maintain the core values of a fair and unbiased system, along with streamlining the process to allow for a well-ordered and trouble-free proceeding. I also want to broadcast the DASG elections to the highest audience and collect the largest number of votes to use a substantial sample to guarantee a fair and just election. The accessibility of the final election ballot as well as the entire election process as a whole should remain transparent to the general student population while upholding the proper degree of integrity, showcasing the professionalism and formality of the procedure. I hope to allow all students willing to commit their time and efforts toward an administrative role in DASG to have an equal chance at becoming the next executive.

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

I have experience working with a large team through my professional work experience in high school employed with the City of San Jose as well as my involvement in clubs throughout high school. I have continued this level of leadership experience with my position as Vice-President at ACM as well as part-time work at Code Ninjas. Both of my professional work experiences allowed me to practice my communication and leadership skills, working with others to create a friendly and safe environment for the business's customers. I built strong customer service skills and worked diligently with upper management to ensure the proper execution of all my responsibilities. I have held officer positions in clubs at my high school, including Vice President of the Evergreen Valley Guitar Club. In this role, I managed my officer team to host numerous concerts throughout the year, upkeep social media presence, and arrange events providing services like Valentine's Day Song Grams and performances at school events.

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

I am currently the Vice-President of ACM here at De Anza and am involved with other computer science-related clubs. I am also working part-time at Code Ninjas located in Cupertino (near campus) and will be on or near campus frequently throughout the week to remain involved in DASG. Being able to manage my time is the key to staying on top of my school work and extracurriculars, and upkeeping a solid schedule will allow me to fully invest my efforts in every avenue. Along with allocating the appropriate time commitment to all of my DASG internal officer responsibilities including senate & committee meetings, paperwork, and more, I will create personal deadlines and goals for all work needed for completion in order to fulfill my position duties. Prioritizing DASG work will be the main focus of my other commitments because of the importance and impact that the work has on the entire De Anza student body, as the value of my work greatly affects my fellow peers/students and other officers. Distributing larger projects equally over the given time and creating milestones will avoid the build-up of work and ensure the project will be finished diligently and thoroughly.

Additional Comments

I appreciate the diligence and hard work provided by the current DASG board in providing all of the adequate materials, information, and guidelines for the application process. I hope to be able to promote a safe and educational experience for all members of DASG as well as every student at De Anza. I wish to provide that same level of opportunity and to upkeep the expectation of a well-organized institution.

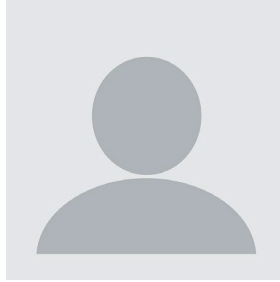
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I believe that maintaining a structured foundation for the election process will permit a fair and just system allowing for all candidates to have an impartial election process. I think all students looking to vote for their desired candidate should have all of the considerable facts and details to certify their vote. Ensuring the DASG election guidelines and codes are accessible to the candidates will allow for each student to submit their running smoothly, and follow a guided campaigning process.

Program Affiliations: Clubs;

Gabriella Paulina

DASG Elections Commissioner



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I have been interested in this position ever since the info session of the voting for this year's senate. I want to continue establishing transparency before, during, and after voting period. I hope that De Anza students' interest in DASG voting will increase and I hope that by becoming the committee I can gain more experience and actively participate in student government to pick the leaders that everyone want.

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

teamwork, work efficiently, attentive, diligent, detailed, good time management. I have previously work in organizations and I love working with other people. I believe that by joining the DASG election committee, I can bring more attention on voting and increase people's interest.

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

currently, I am an officer in a club called MVA as the treasurer, apart from that, I joined the ISC club, Red Cross, and Permias as a member. I am used to making schedule to manage my time so that all my responsibilities are done.

Additional Comments

As an international student at De Anza, I don't feel like I know most of the people that were up for election. This is exactly why I want to get involved in DASG as the election committee so that students don't just know the candidates during the election period. I want students to get to know the candidates even before the election period because the presentation that is done by candidates are only in classes they are rolled in. So students might not vote for the right candidate because they haven't seen the work of other candidates.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I feel like student involvement is something that DASG should encourage even more because students may want more opportunities to get involved in campus life and have their voices heard, however, some students may have less interest in getting involved in campus life which is why increasing student involvement is important.

Program Affiliations: Clubs;International Student Programs (ISP);LEAD (Latinx Empowerment at De Anza);

Rachel Yi

DASG Vice Chair of Marketing



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I joined the Marketing and Communications Committee in the beginning of the fall quarter in 2022. After being a part of the committee that helps with sharing and promoting important events, I wish to continue to improve the publicity of DASG and the things we promote. There are flaws but also things that MnC is currently working on, and I wish to be someone who can help DASG through these ways of helping spread information in a more well known and efficient way. Something I always thought of suggesting is if we could implement using Canvas much more. Canvas is something every student uses at De Anza, and I think this could help promote events and important dates.

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

I am currently the PR Officer for MnC so I am in charge of the majority of the information that gets promoted on different platforms. Whenever we have marketing requests from other committees in DASG it is my job to send the information and graphics to the De Anza Discord, OCL Newsletter, and Quicknotes. I am also in charge of managing the DASG Milkshake that is linked on the DASG Instagram. As the PR Officer I also send out emails with other possible organizations DASG can collaborate with, such as the recent blood drive De Anza had. I also know how to use canvas, as well as being quite versed in animation if we ever possibly use this method for marketing in the future.

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

I currently work part time 15 hours a week. I have been working for about a year now, and I have been able to manage my time with work and school well so I believe this would not be a problem when it comes to DASG. I am also not currently in any other clubs so I can fully devote myself to being the Vice Chair of Marketing if I were to be elected.

Additional Comments?

I believe that MnC is a committee that has a lot of responsibilities and has people that can manage and work well with the interns, senators, and advisors. As someone who is already well involved in the committee and is comfortable with emailing and messaging other committees and advisors, I think I could do well as the Vice Chair of Marketing.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

There is a large portion of students that are not accounted for when we say DASG is an organization for student voices. There are many people who simply go to class and leave. I have many friends who would not have known about the recent DASG elections if it wasn't for me telling them. I even have a friend who has been a De Anza student for 4 years and just found out about DASG through me. I wish we could improve with promotions to get many more students to become more involved as well as spread awareness of the many opportunities and support that De Anza and DASG shares to the students.

Program Affiliations: De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);

Virinchi Kuppa

DASG Vice Chair of Marketing



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I applied to be the next vice chair of the marketing committee because I want to use our marketing tools to get a lot more students involved in De Anza. Currently, I feel that most of the student body is not aware of all the events that occur. As vice chair, I would like to build a culture to increase student body involvement. Second, I want to improve our intern onboarding process since I feel that many first-time marketing meeting attendees get overwhelmed due to the lack of context. Finally, I understand the need for effective delegation and if elected I can help the marketing chair with overseeing interns and other internal officers.

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

I currently am an officer for a few clubs at De Anza, as well as a PPS volunteer. These two roles taught me the importance of being a valuable team member. Next, I was a founding volunteer member of a non-profit project which collectively rose over 1.3 million dollars to build a hospital in a rural village in India. Additionally, I am an intern for the marketing committee where I worked on designing multiple Instagram posts as well as reels. Also, I took the initiative to communicate with interns/prospective interns who were confused with the onboarding and helped them with the transition. I feel that each of these experiences honed my leadership skills and taught me to develop key skills such as communication, analytical thinking, as well as having a clear vision. Along with my current technical knowledge, I believe that these experiences will transfer in making a qualified vice chair.

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

During this quarter, outside of DASG and my classes, I am an officer for the chess club and starting a De Anza volleyball club. Also, I also have a job during the weekends. I have free time during the weekdays, so I can ensure that I can commit time to DASG.

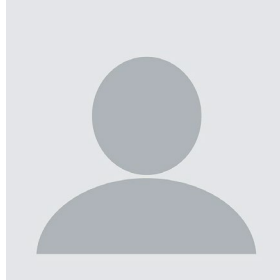
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Other than my marketing concern of having a more effective onboarding process, I feel that DASG should address the lack of a transit system between De Anza and Foothill College. For example, having a bus route would really help students travel between the schools and encourage them to take classes from both campuses. I understand the difficulty of creating one, but as a student who does not have a car I rely on the bus transportation system to commute to school, so I would really appreciate a way where De Anza and Foothill students can receive transportation back and forth.

Program Affiliations: Clubs;De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);Public Policy School;

Phoebe Remyvone

DASG Vice Chair of Marketing



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

The Vice Chair of Marketing allows me to give out more for DASG. I truly enjoyed being an intern and learning how things work, and I am now ready for a larger role on this committee. I aim to serve the community with skills I have passionately developed over the past few years as an influencer. And ambitiously striving to be a good vice chair, aiming always to improve and make a significant contribution to the role and community. I am keen to maintain the energy marketing has provided through social media, and strengthen not only the online but offline marketing strategies as well. I hope to launch successful marketing campaigns and improve engagement by outreaching deeply more of the committee and satisfaction.

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

I believe the qualities I have connect most with the role of marketing. Having continuous habits, keeping on track, and updating how to market on social media. I am a creative person, friendly, organized, and ambitiously open-minded. This quality allows me to plan ahead for the variety of activities that the DASG can build and market. In addition, I strive to always learn things fast, find out what the committee lacks, and directly make improvements on what needs to be improved.

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

I am part of Permias San Francisco Bay Area, where meetings are held every Tuesday and Thursday night, so there will be no time conflict. Other than that, I am enrolling in an internship for the marketing department where work is submitted on Mondays, so there will be no time conflict.

Additional Comments?

Spending my time in marketing and communication is something I enjoy, as is being part of the DASG family. Whether I get the role or not, I will make sure the De Anza student has a good time and a fun experience as well.

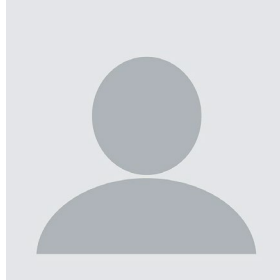
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

This is not a specific student concern, I would say, but I think developing our own platform, such as Canvas for DASG, can save more time because the system runs more efficiently and is better organized.

Program Affiliations: Clubs;De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);

Maureen Widjaja

DASG Social Media Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I wish to become a social media officer because I have a Youtube Channel which I am also growing at the moment, thus this opportunity is a chance for me to boost that skill and share what I learned with others. Moreover, I also want to grow my own business in the future, and using social media to market products/service is truly essential nowadays. There is a lot more to just being active on social media as the aesthetics, content, and brand awareness (that I am aiming to give De Anza) have far-reaching effects that can really boost De Anza as a whole, and it is what I hope to achieve..

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

I wish to bring my experience using Canva and various Adobe apps to enhance De Anza's virtual presence to its community. Starting an animal welfare club at high school taught me that establishing better teamwork and social media presence is essential to the community's growth. I hope to increase De Anza's student body's virtual connection with its community, its ability to boost diversity in its social media platform, and include more interactions (highlights, stories, and posts) so that students from outside the country feel even more inspired to join De Anza for the following or current quarter.

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

I am currently a treasurer officer at the BIT club and I manage my time quite well by organizing my mornings and afternoons as my study time.

Additional Comments?

I hope that by joining, I could boost De Anza's online presence on a weekly basis so that we can emphasize the facilities that the college already has that a lot of new and current students may not know (as this can lead to feeling alienated and demotivated).

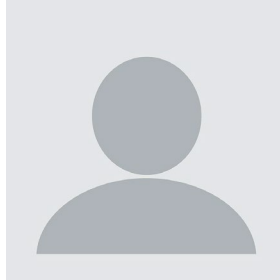
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

DASG should have a weekly newspaper or social media update on what events will be occurring. Although those are sent through email, I feel that social media is a powerful weapon to make everyone feel included and notified of the weekly events which are occurring. A concise but aesthetic pull will do much to help new (or current) students feel at home.

Clubs;International Student Programs (ISP);

Kammy Chiu

DASG Social Media Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I had join DASG for two quarters and I truly love the vibe and all people in DASG and my school. I wish to be an officer to maintain our rapport and meet more new friends who share similar interest. I am eager to put effort on making our schoolmates build stronger sense of belonging.

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

I am a intern in marketing committee since 2022 fall. I had participated and get involved in many projects including social media post design and reach out to different people in committees. I am sure that my past volunteering experience will be my stepping stone to become an internal officer.

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

I would say myself as a effective and productive person. I am sure I will tackle all my task and work sufficiently perfect. I am good at time management and hoping to enrich my college life greatly. I will probably spent my time equally on my own study and DASG work.

Additional Comments?

As a extrovert student majoring in communication, I believed that my communication skill would help to competent this position.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

In my personal point of view, mental health is one of the biggest student concern. College students usually struggling and frustrated about their career and decision making. Under those pressure, some of the students are helpless and lead to be depression. I think DASG can try to help those students out. By providing a little more resources from mental health mentor or resources related to career path.

Programs Affiliated: De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);International Student Programs (ISP);Clubs;

Kelly Zhou

DASG Social Media Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I want to become a social media officer because it helps me improve my ability to communicate, solve problems, and maintain discipline in the face of adversity. It will also have several chances to discover more about my strengths and self. I can assess my existing knowledge and gain insight into how other students respond to particular circumstances. This will help me in my future professional endeavors.

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

I've already taken a lot of classes in media major that will allow me to give other students opinions on the media side perspective. I've joined the FA-PAC, which has trained me in persuading people that will be useful in certain circumstances. FOS is also another club that I attended before, I have been the chair of finance at FOS. I have also helped the media officer to communicate with students about the club activities.

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

I am the Head of Events of the De Anza Engineering Society and I am also a tutor for Cub Support. Most of my classes are asynchronous which makes my time very flexible. So far, I find myself having a lot of free time which leads me to believe that time management will not be a problem.

Additional Comments?

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in DASG and I hope I can continue doing what I love. I hope that, if elected, I could maximize my potential and use it to serve De Anza well.

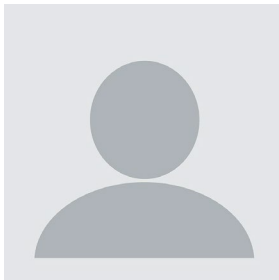
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Student Employment Issues.

Programs Affiliated: Clubs;FA PAC;International Student Programs (ISP);

Wesley Ser

DASG Social Media Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I applied this position is because I want to let more people to know better about the DASG events as these events are really helpful to De Anza students and they can get benefits from these events. Other than that, in my help of the spreading awareness about any DASG events, these events can let everybody know better through our channel so that they can join the events and they did not miss any important events.

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

I have the experience of using social media very well as I am an influencer in my own country and I having 10k followers on my instagram account. Therefore, I have the ability to create ideas for any DASG marketing content for our social media channel and I am confident to use my knowledge to spread what DASG Senate want to deliver to the public.

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

Although i have practice almost everyday except weekends as I am in the school track and field team, but, I am still very competent in my position because I will organize my own timetable to finish all the assigned tasks from DASG Senate and I will did a good job to help DASG.

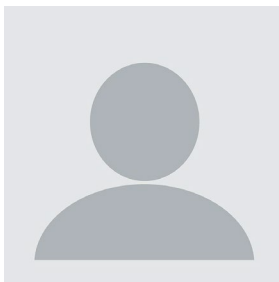
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think most of the students are concerned about the better way for them to transfer to a better UC or USC and they are looking for an opportunities to meet more people.

Programs Affiliated: Athletics;De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);Clubs;

Christopher Blu Lopez

DASG Public Relation Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

From what I gathered when reading the description of the position, it sounds like the main aspect of this position is to communicate and collaborate with a lot of people and I already do that on a daily basis so being an official officer and being able to put my skills and experience to work is what drove me to run. I hope to achieve a lot in this position! I want to make sure everyone from students to staff to organizations has someone to talk with and be able to collaborate with when making events, have an idea to boost the student lifestyle, and make it easier to understand DASG and De Anza.

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

Here at De Anza, I have been testing my skills when it comes to communication, networking, collaborating, and social skills every day. I am part of three committees for DASG; Marketing, Equity and Diversity, and Flea Market, all of which I have done contributions that relate to this position. Flea Market, I am in talks with local vendors on becoming 6-month vendors in the near future, I want to collaborate with the community to bring more families in, I have given suggestions on promotional material, and this is just one committee with the other two not far behind in what I have done and what I plan to do. I also work closely with the coordinator for GSP on making events in the future surrounding Foster Care Awareness, bringing future GSP students to campus, and showing everything De Anza has to offer. I am also a TA for a POLI class where I get to communicate with students not just about the class but about De Anza and what things they want to see. I could go on but I think this is more than enough to display my skills and experiences

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

I do have many commitments in my day-to-day life that test my time management. For starters, I have a part-time at Starbucks where I work between 15-20 hours a week. I also plan on being an Intern at Public Policy School where I work with other Interns and the organizers to research legislation, visit DC, and improve the community college system and the community around us. Also, over summer I plan on being an intern at the San Jose city hall under the Economic Development Division because I want to build my resume and my experience working in a more public official setting

Additional Comments?

One thing I wanted to mention but was unsure where to add this information was how many Senators who already know me and day work can agree with how committed I am to this position and what I want to do with this role. From the President to Faculty, they can tell you my contributions and aspirations.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

For me personally I feel DASG should focus on their internal issues first. What I mean is, using the structure they now have and finalizing it and begin to implement this in more settings around campus. Then I would like them to work on being more accessible around campus, while DASG does have their lounge next to College Life in the Campus Center I don't see many around campus and I think introducing senators around the campus like in the villages, pride center, office of outreach, they can engage with students more often or even visiting classes and taking new students on a tour to feel more comfortable around them.

Programs Affiliated: De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s); International Student Programs (ISP); Clubs;

Audrey Kowara

DASG Public Relations Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I would say that I enjoy communicating and building relationships with people. By applying for this position, I would like to challenge myself on how to promote a bigger scale organization while still maintaining great relationship with bunch of people. I believe by becoming DASG Internal Officer, I not only could gain new skills but also strengthening what I already have.

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

social media management, past experience as a PR officer, organized

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

Member of: red cross, EnT, BIT

I would prioritize the marketing committee and I would give the best I can to accomplish the task given. I am committed to give approximately 10h / week or even more to the committee

Additional Comments?

I am interested to learn more about how does marketing work in a larger scale community. I believe by being a PR officer, I would have the chance to learn promotional methods to achieve DASG goals and strengthening my background.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Awareness and promotion of student government events, programs, and services - as I realized sometimes some students dont know much about an event on going in the campus

Programs Affiliated: Clubs;De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);

Megan Cheng

DASG Vice Chair of Student Rights & Equity



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I would love the opportunity to be a part of DASG Senate in order to work closely with other student leaders and administration to identify and advocate for the needs and concerns of all students. Through this role, I hope to gain experience in leadership and problem-solving, which will not only benefit me personally but also help me make a positive impact on our campus. As the Vice Chair of Student Rights and Equity, I would be dedicated to ensuring that every student at De Anza has equal access to the resources and opportunities they need to succeed. Educational equity is important because it makes sure that all students have an equal opportunity to succeed in school and in life, regardless of their background or circumstances. One of my main goals in this role would be to promote our student success and retention services and advocate for increased access to mental health resources. I am also committed to increasing awareness about issues related to equity and inclusion. I think that we can achieve this by organizing guest speaker events, workshops, training sessions, and other initiatives that promote conversations and understanding between different groups of students. Additionally, I'd like to work to encourage students from underrepresented communities to become leaders on our campus and incorporate their voices into decision-making processes to help create a more diverse and representative student government. I believe that a just and equitable campus community can be achieved through a combination of advocacy, education, and empowerment, and I'd love the opportunity to work towards making De Anza a college accessible for all students where everyone feels like their unique perspectives and experiences are valued.

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

As an officer for Active Minds at De Anza, I am dedicated to promoting mental health awareness and advocating for the well-being of students. In my role as Secretary, I have worked to create a safe and inclusive space for students to speak up about their struggles with mental health and find support within the De Anza community. This experience has provided me with an understanding of the importance of creating a supportive and inclusive campus environment that addresses the needs of all students. I also have extensive experience in planning and marketing events as an Events Coordinator for a club I was part of in high school. I organized several book drives and collected 200+ books for children in underserved communities. In addition, I helped promote campus wellness through events like having therapy animals on campus.

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

Aside from classes, I'm involved in several clubs on campus, I work part-time, and volunteer for Crisis Text Line. I will manage my time effectively by being organized, practicing self-care, and adjusting my schedule when needed. I am confident that I can efficiently allocate my time and balance my existing commitments, while also giving my best efforts to DASG responsibilities.

Additional Comments?

As someone with an invisible chronic illness, I believe that my personal experience will be useful in advocating for the needs of other students with chronic illnesses and disabilities, and will help me to better empathize with struggles that other students may face. While my condition may not be apparent to others, I have faced challenges and barriers as a result of my illness. I have also developed valuable skills in self-advocacy as a result of managing my own illness, and have learned how to communicate with my professors and seek out appropriate accommodations. Overall, I think that my personal experience could bring a unique perspective to DASG. By advocating for the needs of all students, regardless of their health status, I can help create a more inclusive and supportive campus community.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Many students are not fully informed about the issues that DASG is addressing, nor are they aware of the available resources and programs that De Anza offers.

Programs Affiliated: Clubs; Cross Cultural Partners (CCP); De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);

Mariia Rubel

DASG Equity and Diversity Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

Well, I hope to continue supporting equity and diversity positions at De Anza College. Equity and diversity are among the essential parts of our society. Diversity helps us to improve our life by giving different points of view on the same situation/problem. Also, it's boring when everything is the same. Diversity brings progress in our lives. Equity, on the other side, provides stability and a good fundament for the future. Allowing the following generations to have even more opportunities.

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

I am pretty communicative, which is, in my opinion, the most crucial part here. Since this position mostly requires communication with other people, I think my outgoing and communicative personality will fit perfectly here. Also, I came from another culture, so my knowledge and experience will be quite handy too. I came through the adaptation period myself since my country is homogeneous. I can help others to get through it easier and with joy.

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

Currently, I do not have any other commitments in my life. However, managing my time will not be a problem, even if I have some of them in the future. Since I held a vice class president in my school, I fully understand why time management is essential for any officer position.

Additional Comments?

Have a great day, everyone !!! Good luck with whatever you want to achieve !!!!

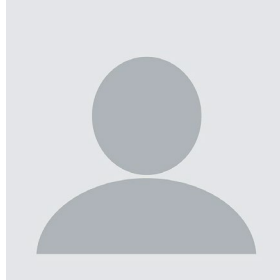
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

There should be more events on campus that represent other cultures. Of course, we have some, but that's not enough. This area has so many cultures, and it is a nice chance to learn something new about another culture. Moreover, more events representing different cultures can create a sense of community and foster cross-cultural connections among students, staff, and faculty. It allows individuals to unite, share their traditions and experiences, and celebrate their unique identities.

Programs Affiliated: First Year Experience (FYE);De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);

Travis Huang

DASG Equity and Diversity Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I am excited about the opportunity to become the DASG Equity and Diversity Officer because I believe I can make a positive impact on the De Anza student community. I have always been passionate about advocating for the rights and needs of students, and I believe that this position will allow me to do just that. In particular, I am interested in the internal affairs of the DASG because I believe that a well-organized and efficient student government is essential to the success of our campus community. I hope to work closely with my team to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our constituents, while also improving our internal operations.

In this role, I hope to achieve several goals. Firstly, I want to ensure that the DASG is inclusive and representative of all students at the De Anza community, regardless of their background or experiences. I also want to improve communication between the DASG and the student body, so that we can better understand the needs and concerns of our constituents. Finally, I hope to implement more effective strategies for reaching out to and engaging with our student community, so that we can work together to create a more supportive and inclusive campus environment.

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

I believe that my experiences as the Head of Academics for the Integral Association at De Anza Club, a CIS Teaching Assistant, a mentee at Mentors@De Anza, and an intern for the Student Services and Feedback Committee have provided me with a strong foundation in leadership, communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills. These skills will be useful in my role as I work with other members to represent and advocate for the needs and concerns of the student body. In addition, my involvement in extracurricular activities has allowed me to develop my interpersonal skills and my ability to work with diverse groups of people. I am committed to using my skills and experiences to work towards creating a more inclusive and equitable environment for all students at De Anza College.

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

I have a few other commitments outside of the DASG Senate. For instance, I am currently a member of the Integral Association at De Anza Club, where I serve as the Head of Academics. Additionally, I applied to be a mentor for Mentors@De Anza this quarter, and I am waiting to hear back from them. I also work as a CIS Teaching Assistant for one of my professors, and I am an intern for the Student Services and Feedback Committee.

To manage my time effectively, I am highly organized, and I make use of time management tools such as calendars, to-do lists, and reminders. I am also proactive in communicating with my team members to ensure that we are all on the same page regarding deadlines and expectations. Additionally, I prioritize my commitments based on their urgency and importance, and I am not afraid to ask for help when necessary.

Additional Comments?

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve as the Equity and Diversity Officer and to contribute to the betterment of the De Anza community. I believe that my experiences as a Head of Academics for the Integral Association at De Anza Club, a CIS Teaching Assistant, and an intern for the Student Services and Feedback Committee have honed my skills in communication, leadership, and organization. I am passionate about promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion in all areas of the campus community, and I am excited to bring my dedication to these values to the DASG Senate. In terms of time management, I am committed to prioritizing my responsibilities and ensuring that I give my best effort to all of my commitments. I have experience balancing academic work and extracurricular activities, and I am confident in my ability to manage my time effectively as the DASG Equity and Diversity Officer. Overall, I am eager to collaborate with my fellow DASG Senate members and to represent the voices and perspectives of the De Anza College student body. Thank you for your consideration of my application.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

As a current De Anza student, I feel that there are a few student concerns that the DASG should address. Firstly, there is a need to improve access to mental health services, especially in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the difficulties it has posed to mental wellness. In addition, I think the DASG should work to ensure that all students, regardless of their financial situation, have access to the resources they need to succeed academically. This could include expanding scholarship opportunities, increasing the availability of affordable textbooks, and improving access to campus resources such as tutoring and academic advising. Lastly, I believe that the DASG should work to promote a more inclusive and welcoming campus environment for all students, particularly those from underrepresented communities. This could involve hosting more cultural events and providing support for student-led diversity initiatives. Overall, I believe that by prioritizing these concerns and working to address them in a meaningful way, the DASG can help create a more supportive and equitable campus community for all students.

Programs Affiliated: Clubs;De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);International Student Programs (ISP);Mentors at De Anza;

Varick Reynaldo

DASG Equity and Diversity Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

It is common for international students to experience culture shock and feel out of place for the first couple of months in college. I personally felt that way, and I have heard from numerous individuals who have been in the same conditions that its to be expected.

By becoming DASG's Equity and Diversity officer, I hope to create a welcoming environment for minorities, international students, and underrepresented groups. This is so that I can ensure that new students will not feel lost. I hope to achieve this by organizing diversity events.

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

As an International Student, I have first-hand experience with the challenges of navigating different cultures and customs. Coming to the US for higher education, I've had to adjust to primarily using another language, different social norms, food, culture, mindset, and so forth. I come from Indonesia, and as a diverse country with various ethnic groups, I have learned from a young age that we need to accept and accommodate each other's differences and understand that we all come from different backgrounds. I believe that understanding this is crucial for an Equity and Diversity Officer.

In high school, I was elected to become the treasurer. During this period, I have developed skills such as communication, collaboration, and leadership. Communication and collaboration skills are relevant to becoming a good Equity and Diversity Officer because, they are crucial to working collaboratively with different programs to promote equitable practices and organize programs to promote diversity. Leadership skills are also critical as I will be responsible to lead the respective interns.

I have also previously interned at the Finance committee. So, I have a base knowledge of how DASG operates.

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

I do not have any other commitments, as I am not working nor am I an officer at any clubs. I have only joined a few clubs. So, I have a lot of time to dedicate to DASG. I will be able to dedicate roughly 10 hours to DASG.

Additional Comments?

I hope that the Student Rights and Equity Committee will find that I am a suitable candidate for the Equity and Diversity position. If I do get accepted, I look forward to meeting my fellow committee members and building a strong friendship between us. I will do my best so that I can be proud of my work at DASG.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

My greatest concern that I feel DASG should address is increasing the funds towards tutoring. Tutoring in De Anza is crucial to achieving an equitable environment.

Programs Affiliated: Clubs;International Student Programs (ISP);

Ariana Aguilar

DASG Equity & Diversity Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

It is imperative to me to be an active member of my community and to work towards making it a place where people feel safe, comfortable, and included. I want to be a person that students can approach with their problems or concerns because they are confident that I will advocate for them in DASG. This is also an opportunity for me to grow as a leader and represent the Latinx community.

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

I have been interning in the Equity and Diversity committee since last quarter, which I believe has provided me with more hands-on experience of the type of issues I would be dealing with as an officer. Being on the committee, as well as my frequent attendance at senate meetings have also allowed me to get more familiar with how senate works, the types of responsibilities I would have, and the resources available at De Anza.

As a political science major, the role of student rights officer aligns directly with what I am learning on campus. Concepts such as equality, equity, leadership, and public service are what I am currently studying, and I feel that this type of knowledge would assist me in this role.

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

Apart from schoolwork, currently, my only other commitment is my job. I primarily work in the afternoons and my schedule is always very flexible. I have never had difficulty requesting time off to deal with school-related matters.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Mostly issues related to communication, I understand that because of the pandemic, students have grown more detached from the campus. They don't see it as a community they can be part of or a place where they can voice their opinions and make changes. Most students are unaware of the existence of student government, what they do, or where to find them. I think we can do a better job of making our presence even more obvious on campus and taking in the concerns and opinions of students. Another is to continue to work towards making Senate more diverse, which is something that the Equity and Diversity Committee has been doing, and that I hope to continue.

Programs Affiliated: De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s); Honors Program;

Jason Tandiary

DASG Student Rights Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

When I came into DASG, I really like any other student, came for the college applications. But slowly but surely, I started to really enjoy working in the SSF committee, to the point that now, I stand here purely because I love what the SSF is doing and the jobs that are to be done. I applied for this position because I believe the Student Rights Officer is basically the continuation of the SSF and I want to continue doing the jobs I love. I hope that through my term, if elected, I become the bridge that connects the students to DASG and become the person that students go to when they have concerns, whether it be suggestions or violations.

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

I have interned in the SSF committee since fall and through that, I have helped with all the resource fairs throughout the year which would help me get a head start on knowing what to do in the service fairs next year. I also hold the position Head of Events in the De Anza Engineering Society which developed my planning skills. In high school, I was part of the Research and Development Team of the student government which is very similar to the SSF, where we take suggestions from students and make the solutions. This experience also helped me figure out how Student Governments work in general.

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

I am the Head of Events of the De Anza Engineering Society and I am also a tutor for Cub Support. Most of my classes are asynchronous which makes my time very flexible. So far, I find myself having a lot of free time which leads me to believe that time management will not be a problem. Additional Comments I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in DASG and I hope I can continue doing what I love. I hope that, if elected, I could maximize my potential and use it to serve De Anza well.

Additional Comments?

I have interned in the SSF committee in DASG and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working in the DASG. I enjoyed doing all the resource fairs, surveys, and the whole general process of relaying the student body's opinion to the whole organization. I believe I am a good fit for this position since I have had past experience with these kinds of jobs in De Anza and that I believe I have the right type of personality for this job.

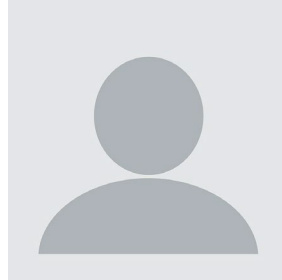
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

One very popular opinion in the student body is that they want more honors courses specifically for the Life sciences (physics, biology, and chemistry) and that they want for the all courses to be offered ever quarter rather than having for example, Physics 4c not offered in the fall quarters

Programs Affiliated: Clubs;De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s);Phi Theta Kappa (PTK);

Teresa Wu

DASG Student Rights Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

DASG act as a bridge between students and school. I hope to join the team to make every student's voice be heard.

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

I am taking a journalism class and we have to interview people on the street, so I know what people really concern about the school; I'm good at listening and taking action. I'm the type of person who have things in their mind and will do it right away, especially things that involved our rights. If I'm elected, I'll stand up for all the students to fight for what belongs to them.

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

I love to follow the gossips from entertainment industry and I learned a lot of time management skills from them. I'm currently doing a great work by balancing my academic works and extracurriculars, so I think I can do well in the future too.

Additional Comments?

I really want to make the school better.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think they feel the community college don't have a good atmosphere of social life like other universities.

Programs Affiliated: Mentors at De Anza; Humanities Mellon Scholars; FOS;

Golden Shao

DASG Student Rights Officer



Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?

I want to become the DASG Internal Officer position that I applied for, because I am wanting to help more people and take notes of all activities and events of student government. I hope to achieve my pathway to success and helping DASG to thrive while being a public relations officer as an internal officer for DASG.

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

Some of the skills that I will bring to the DASG Senate are Leadership, Communication, Public Speaking, Public Policy, Teamworking, and Leadership development. Some of the Experiences that I will bring to the DASG Senate are leadership experience, and volunteering experience.

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

The other commitments that I have are clubs on campus, East Bay Congressional Youth Council, Police Explorer's Program, Boy Scouts of America, and I am also working a job on campus as a Police Student Aide. I will manage my time by finishing my work quickly, and not waste time doing things that are irrelevant. I will also manage my time by balancing both work and school, so I can end up earning extra money as a financial aide to pay my tuition.

Additional Comments?

I am a member in the police explorers program in several law enforcement agencies. I have also been in many different clubs on campus here at de anza college. I have also volunteered and interned in many different political campaigns.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

The student concerns that I feel the DASG should address are mostly on the public safety and campus safety. I also feel that the DASG should address the student concerns on each and every department on the bridge built between students and staff and the campus police.

Programs Affiliated: Athletics;Clubs;First Year Experience (FYE);FA PAC;Phi Theta Kappa (PTK);Public Policy School;Cross Cultural Partners (CCP);EOPS (Extended Opportunities Programs and Services);IMPACT AAPI (Initiatives to Maximize Positive academic Achievement and Cultural Thriving focusing on Asian American and Pacific Islander);