

Name (pronouns)

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How did you hear about the DASG Senate?

I was quite interested in joining a student-led government organization in college. So, my friend and current senator Nathanael Adi Sjukur brought me to a DASG senate meeting.

If you have held a DASG Senate position in the past, what was your position?**Why do you want to join the DASG Senate, and what do you hope to achieve?**

The time I spent working in the student government at my high school were some of the most rewarding experiences I've ever had. I've developed countless skills, made life-long friends, and I feel that providing value for the community around me fulfills me. I hope to have a similar, and hopefully better experience in the DASG. I am also looking forward to being a bigger part of the Finance committee. This quarter as a Finance intern has taught me the skill-gap between contributing to a financial branch of an organization at a high school level and at a collegiate level. I want to be able to further develop my financial/accounting skills during the budget deliberations this Winter quarter. The budget deliberations will have a major impact throughout De Anza for the next year, and I would like to be heavily involved in activities and events that have a positive broad impact on the community I am a part of.

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

In high school, I was part of my school's student government for three years. I gained valuable experience in teamwork, communication, and problem-solving. I was able to apply these skills to my role as President during my junior year, where I successfully led an organization of around 40 students to plan and execute various events and initiatives throughout an entire academic year. During my senior year I was the senior supervisor (the equivalent of committee chair in DASG) of the fundraising committee. I have been involved in and led multiple fundraisers which has raised up to the equivalent of around \$2,500. I have also attended around half of all the budget interviews during the Fall 2022 quarter, where I was able to gain a broader view of all the programs at De Anza. I believe I not only have the necessary teamwork and leadership skills required to be a senator, but my previous experience within the financial branch of an organization, coupled with my high rate of attendance during the budget interviews, has prepared me to be a valuable contributor for the upcoming budget deliberations this winter.

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

Besides classes, I am currently serving as the Vice-President for the De Anza Engineering Society (A new club at De Anza). During the week before finals I was able to attend multiple budget interviews, study for finals, and plan for the De Anza Engineering Society's first official event. I believe I have the time-management skills required to do all my work within DASG with my current commitments.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

While I initially joined DASG for my own personal fulfillment and self-development, I did not expect DASG to have a profound effect on my personal life as well. Even though I've only been involved in DASG for one quarter I have met a lot of like-minded and passionate individuals. I am eager to become a bigger part of DASG not just to work with driven student leaders on interesting problems, but also to make new friends.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

When I was attending the budget interviews I noticed that there were quite a few programs and opportunities that were very interesting, but I have never heard of them. It turns out De Anza is filled with many opportunities that many students are not aware of. One of the concerns that DASG could address is to improve the awareness of these opportunities to the student body.