

Name (pronouns)

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How did you hear about the DASG Senate?

I actually heard about DASG Senate through a friend attending Foothill who was part of Foothill's student government. I thought that being on student government seemed interesting so I looked more into De Anza's Student Government and that is how I found about DASG Senate.

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?**

I would love the opportunity to join the DASG Senate to further develop myself as both an individual and a leader and use that development to represent the student population and help DASG make changes that positively impact the school. I hope to work more actively with the Environmental Sustainability committee to research areas of improvement and figure out how the school can become even more consciously sustainable. Generally, I also hope that I can offer productive insights and assistance to other committees as needed and necessary. As a Muslim student and a President for Muslim Student Association, I would hope to serve as a voice for other Muslim students and inspire others.

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

I believe that I will primarily bring my experience working as both a leader and collaboratively on a team to problem solve. During High School, I was an active member in Model UN and attended multiple conferences where I interacted with a diverse group of students from all around the world. Through this, I was able to

become more affable and used to interacting with a range of students. I also have volunteered for different organizations over the years and I have been exposed to different organizational structures, which has made me more flexible and adaptable. Additionally, I have a genuine interest to be a part of DASG which strengthens my commitment and desire to excel.

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

Aside from classes, I am an officer for two clubs and I also volunteer for two organizations external to De Anza. Fortunately, my other commitments work around the DASG schedule and, in that way, I will be able to manage my time as nothing will conflict or overlap with one another. I am also someone who will not take on too many things to avoid burnout, meaning that I would not even be applying to be a Senator unless I was sure I would be able to manage my time efficiently and effectively.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Because community colleges are slightly different from typical universities and colleges, I think that it becomes even more critical to have a positive experience that prepares you for the future and makes you feel good about yourself. By being a senator on DASG Senate, I would be able to help create that positive environment and that is something I truly look forward to (if given the opportunity). But, regardless of whether I am an Intern or a Senator, I hope to be someone who helps make a difference during my time at De Anza.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I feel the DASG should address the gap that currently exists between DASG and the student population that it represents. Aside from things such as Measure G, I have found many of my peers are unaware of the work DASG has been doing and the services DASG provides/creates for its students. Because DASG serves to bridge the gap between administration and the students, I think it is extremely

important that DASG ensures there is transparent and efficient communication between the student population and DASG.