

Name (pronouns)

Benjamin Furagganan (He/Him)

How did you hear about the DASG Senate?

Welcome day and my friends referred me to it.

If you have held a DASG Senate position in the past, what was your position?

Intern

Why do you want to join the DASG Senate, and what do you hope to achieve?

I always wanted to join student government, but it was not well known at my school except for the student body president and vice president. Never knew about it in high school. I want to make an impact or a legacy in de anza, whether if it is a program, a building, or just a small positive influence from a single person or a community. I hope to achieve new experiences, and friends, and overall, make De Anza a better place for everyone.

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

As an eagle scout and former troop guide, I can take initiative if no one is willing to take it I am willing to learn new things even on the spot if needed, no matter what the responsibility is. As a former sub-section leader in the marching band, I know how to guide my fellow interns or senators into the right direction.

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

Volunteering 2-4 hrs a week, Clubs(foothill honor club, deca, chess club, math club, gaming club) 5hrs a week. Boy scouts junior scoutmaster in training less than 1 hr a week. I plan to manage my time by spending more time doing homework at school (DASG lounge) as well as socializing while studying (something like a study group).

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Thank you all for making time in your busy schedules to read and interview me for becoming a midterm senator. No matter if I am accepted or rejected, I will honor and respect any decision from the DASG senate.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

An issue I think should be addressed is increasing some of our opportunities for online students. Yes in dasg alone its required by law to be in person (for meetings). But for all students some programs are losing their online accessibility. Even though we currently are really good for accomodating them with zoom. I fear that with the college and the community recovers from covid, the accessibility for online students will disappear with it.