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Elden Zhen Sim

Vice Chair of Finance



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

I want to run for Vice Chair of Finance because I want to improve student life at De Anza as much as I can and be more involved in campus life. I have been close friends with senators of the previous DASG board, and I witnessed first hand the invaluable experiences that being in DASG provides. I want to develop crucial finance/accounting skills and build long-lasting bonds with the rest of DASG, while having a positive impact on the community around us.

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

I come from a family business background, where I have learnt from my parents about crucial skills such as bookkeeping, budgeting and finance. I am now majoring in economics at De Anza, previously having studied business management and economics for more than 4 years. Furthermore, I had also spent 9 months after high-school taking accounting courses. I am also president of ISC, one of the biggest international clubs on campus, where I lead my board members in the planning and delivery of numerous events. As MASA's treasurer, I have thorough experience of and expertise handling financial matters for a student-led organization. These positions provide me confidence in my ability to effectively lead and collaborate with a team as well as transition into different roles as needed. Being a trustworthy and prudent person with logical planning, I believe those skills are an excellent fit for this job at DASG.

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

I currently serve as president at DAISC (De Anza International Students Connection) as well as a treasurer at MASA (Malaysia/Singapore Association) which are clubs at De Anza. Even during busy times, I believe I do have the time management skills to finish tasks in a timely fashion because I understand that DASG not only represents our student community but it is also a structure that relies on teamwork and each person involved needs to be responsible for their work.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I attended the budget deliberation this year and I saw that there were multiple organizations that were unhappy with the budget that they received, or requested more. One of them is the De Anza tutors because our budget for paying our tutors, who are crucial to our students' success, is limited, as mentioned to me by my Math professor too. DASG perhaps should address this issue of constrained funding for essential student services.

Program Affiliations: None

Nicholas Toar Turangan

Vice Chair of Finance



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

I see this Internal Officer position as a way I could really further hone my skills. I was already an intern for the finance committee, and I am ready for a larger role in this committee. I hope to help run this committee to its maximum potential and help create a enjoyable experience for everyone in De Anza

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

I was a part of this year's budget allocation, so I could definitely use this experience to implement in next year's budget allocation, and I could also learn from the process that we were lacking in this year's budget allocation and make improvements upon it.

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

I am a part of the De Anza Engineering Society, but they meet every Friday, so there won't be any time conflicts. I am also taking a part in volunteering work where we fix old laptops and give them back to De Anza students, but they meet Thursday morning, so there is also no time conflicts.

Additional Comments

I really enjoy spending my time with the finance committee and helping De Anza students to have a better experience with their time here, and you know what they say, "do what you love and love what you do." I can for sure say there won't be a time when I am reluctant to contribute more to DASG. I am also already doing RAPP meetings and already scheduled my classes around DASG hours, so there will for sure not be any time conflicts. Whether I get this position or not, I will still try my best to make sure the De Anza experience is better for everyone.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I wouldn't say this is specifically a student concern, but I would like to advocate for more revenue for DASG like what we have for flea market. I would love to attend conference and learn more about what other colleges are doing and implement them for De Anza.

Program Affiliations: DASG, Clubs

Hsu Lei Zaw

Vice Chair of Finance



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

I would like to become an Internal Officer because I would like to know more about how the student government works, also I am studying in business therefore I would like to apply my knowledge in the finance position as much as I can and having new friends. I am hoping to achieve in communication skills, collaboration works and also want to be prepare for my career.

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

I participated as Library Volunteer at American Center Library , get an Agile team award in ICAEW 2020 business competition and now working as Library Assistant. Therefore, I am friendly, have good teamwork, helpful and also taking care to each other. And I am likely to do planning before I work.

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

I am working at De Anza Library for 2hrs per day. I manage and plan my time on each of the quarter timetable. I am always made the draft timetable to do in each day for the every quarter.

Additional Comments

In my home country, I didn't have a chance to participate in the student government. When I started attending to De Anza, a dream to participate here was appeared. Now, I am walking on my behalf of the dream. If I will selected, I will be happy to enjoy with you all.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think DASG should address more about mental health concerns by giving support groups and mental health campaigns.

Program Affiliations: Library Assistant

Aktan Azat

Budget Analyst



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

As someone who loves working with numbers and enjoys analyzing complex financial data, I believe that the position of a Budget Analyst would be the perfect opportunity for me to apply my skills and expertise in a meaningful way. What really excites me about this role is the potential to make a real impact on the financial health and well-being of our college. As a Budget Analyst, I would have the opportunity to analyze budgets, identify areas where resources could be allocated more effectively, and find innovative solutions to financial challenges.

One of my top priorities as a Budget Analyst would be to promote transparency and accountability in financial decision-making. I believe that financial decisions should be made in a transparent and ethical manner, with all stakeholders having a clear understanding of how resources are being allocated and why. By fostering a culture of transparency and accountability, I hope to build trust and confidence among the college community and stakeholders. Alongside that, I believe there are countless opportunities to find creative and effective ways to maximize our resources and achieve financial goals.

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

I have worked as a volunteer Data Analyst for an NGO specializing in women's rights, specifically domestic abuse and violence against women. Alongside that, in the summer of 2022 I held an internship position at the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development as a Data Analyst. I analyzed data related to nuclear waste inventory data, treatment and disposal, and cost.

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

At the time, I do not possess other commitments; however, I can not guarantee the continuation of said status. I will be able to allocate sufficient time to fulfill my duties as a Budget Analyst.

Additional Comments

I believe that financial decision-making is an ethical issue. The decisions the college makes with its resources have consequences, and it is our responsibility to ensure that those decisions are made with integrity and in the best interests of all students. As Budget Analyst, I would be committed to fostering a culture of transparency, accountability, and ethical decision-making in all aspects of our financial operations.

I am also excited to apply for the position of Budget Analyst, as I believe I possess the required skills and motivation to succeed.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

In my opinion, I believe that the cafeteria lacks variety – especially with Italian dishes. I believe that adding additional options, such as burritos for the sandwich station or more soups would be a great addition to the cafeteria.

Program Affiliations: None

Benjamin Furagganan

Budget Analyst



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

I want to make an impact on this community Finance and money has been my passion. My major is economics and math, a finance related major. My mom was an accountant. Before moving onto college and into my career I want to see my talents in money and finance, and by becoming a budget analyst, I will be prepared to create positive change in De anza. I hope to achieve an optimized budget where DASG budget can fulfill a majority of budget requests and a budget where we have surplus for future years.

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

I am currently in a Finance internship for the spring. I am currently a candidate for many summer Finance internships. (City of Santa Clara, Adobe, Yahoo) Some are already second round. I believe that this would be vital for the Finance committee because when we return fall 2023, I would have professional experience on our sector (Finance) and I can pass down the knowledge that I would have obtained to other members of Finance committee and future interns. As a former Boy Scout Leader, I have planned events with massive budgets for camping events, many of my skills such as allocating and smart spending can be helpful in next year's budget deliberations. My leadership positions in other clubs and as a Junior Scoutmaster make me more capable of helping future interns and guiding them in DASG.

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

Internship 10hrs, Classes 12-15hrs (during 2023-2024 year), Clubs 1-2hrs, Boy Scouts Scoutmaster 1hr, 28hrs of commitment a week. I will manage my time by allocating a certain amount of time of doing certain subjects everyday. And create a schedule in which I can fit all these hours can fit into class schedules and DASG meetings. I have made similar schedules in previous quarters, and it has been successful.

Additional Comments

I have noticed that although the DASG senate is majority Asian and South East Asian, there are 0 Filipinos in DASG senate. As someone who stays in the Philippines for 1 month every year, I believe I would be the best one to represent them in DASG. I can connect with Filipino students easier as I understand Tagalog. Being a Finance Budget analyst, many aspects of the budget analyst are my strengths, I have been commended by people such as city of Santa Clara officials for being a hardworker. Whether I make it in or not, I will continue making an impact on the De Anza community.

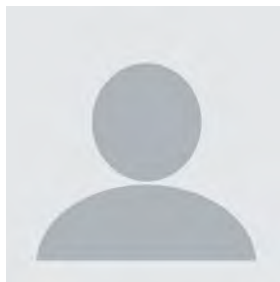
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

One of the biggest issues in Finance is with the integration of certain programs being funded by the college. Programs such as SSC are being funded by DASG when the college should be responsible for paying them. Recently, DASG Finance committee has begun working with the college to fix this issue, I hope DASG continues to address this issue going heading into the 2023-2024 year.

Program Affiliations: DASG, DDS

Aaron Mundanilkunathil

Budget Analyst



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

As an applicant for the DASG Internal Officer position, my objective is to serve as a budget analyst and utilize my skills to ensure the proper allocation of resources. I aim to use my skills that I have developed from work experience handling funds from clubs in Highschool, to analyzing funds for fintech trading companies and make a positive impact by contributing to the growth and success of Student programs at De Anza. In line with this, I am impressed by the goals set forth by the Chair of Finance, and I share their vision of diversifying and distributing the general budget to fund opportunities that will have a greater impact on the careers of our students. If given the opportunity to serve in this position, I hope to continue this effort and work collaboratively with the Chair of Finance and the rest of the executive team to achieve our shared goal of ensuring that resources are allocated effectively to support the development and growth of student life at De Anza.

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

In terms of the position I am applying for, I have the analytical skills from my rigorous work and internships that have been in the field of finance and a combination of tech, having worked at Netrovert limited as a cloud engineer resource analyst, I am akin to optimizing funds to maximize the efficacy of different parts of a system (our clubs, organizations and events are the different parts of De Anza) Furthermore, in terms of how a student body works, I have had experience working with My High School's ASB and my Speech and Debate team as ASB Fund Manager. This will bring both soft skills as a student leader, and an understanding of the inner workings of a student body government. While I know that that a Highschool Fund might not compare to the massive budget we have at DA, I can see the skills I have learned there translating and growing through my role as a budget analyst at DASG.

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

I will be having most of my commitments such as internships and work during the summer. During the school year, I will not be having any commitments outside of DASG and college.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think that a main problem I see is that many students are struggling to afford the cost of tuition, textbooks, and other educational expenses. If DASG could work towards advocating for policies that reduce these costs or provide financial aid to students in need. (apart from citizens) While I am not currently sure how much of a role DASG has in these activities I feel like this would be a huge thing that must be addressed. I can also see that we can use Scholarships and grants to help with this problem. The establishment of more scholarships and grants to support students who may not have access to other forms of financial aid and also constantly advertising or advocating for these avenues would help alleviate the financial hardships of students. I hope to help address or improve on these issues as a budget analyst.

Program Affiliations: None

Jannah Sheriff

Budget Analyst



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

As a Budget Analyst, I intend to monitor the distribution of resources to ensure that operations run as smoothly and efficiently as possible. I believe there is always room for improvement, and there are currently inefficiencies in the way that DASG allocates resources.

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

I have strong analytical skills and attention to detail, which would allow me to fulfill the duties of a Budget Analyst. I am also driven and would be able to collaborate with team members to create an action plan toward a goal. I have budgeting experience through founding a summer camp with friends, which required me to collaborate with team members to figure out how to fund the camp despite initially limited resources. This allowed me to gain experience with both learning how to distribute resources to fund a program and also analyze the effects benefits and downsides of such spending to improve efficiency over time.

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

As an officer, I would prioritize the position by dedicating regular time to fulfilling its duties. Other commitments that I have currently are working a part-time job and volunteering on the weekends.

Additional Comments

Although I do not currently hold a position within DASG, I believe I can bring a lot to the table.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

There are major gaps between the DASG and general student population that I feel should be bridged. This can be done by making the DASG process more transparent to the general student body, and sharing regular reports on progress made by the student government for student interests. There are also currently major inconsistencies in the spending by DASG that can be improved upon.

Program Affiliations: Clubs

Kate Wang

Budget Analyst



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

I want to impact the De Anza student body through financial means directly. The budget allocated to programs and services at De Anza greatly determines their capabilities and potential growth. Therefore, I want to be a part of the committee that ensures De Anza continues to run efficiently and to its maximum potential.

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

I have been an intern on the finance committee since the fall quarter, during which I have participated in budget deliberations and worked with the senators to improve how the finance committee operates. I am also part of the Resource Allocation and Program Planning Shared Governance, from which I can implement the skills that I've learned from it into the DASG senate.

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

I am an officer for the Ultimate Frisbee Club and part of the De Anza Engineering Society. Both club schedules do not conflict with finance and senate meeting times, so I could fully commit and balance my time between all my responsibilities. I will organize my time by creating schedules and starting tasks as soon as I receive them.

Additional Comments

My experience in the finance committee for the past couple of quarters allows me to be a good fit for the budget analyst position.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think that DASG could improve on the evaluation of the money they are funding. When deciding budgets to allocate, DASG often encounters underestimates and overestimates. Better evaluation of how effective certain budgeting is would help DASG decide whether certain programs and services really need the money or not.

Program Affiliations: DASG, Clubs, LinC (Learning in Communities)

Richard Wang

Budget Analyst



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

During the fall and winter quarters, I served on the finance committee and learned a great deal about the budget allocation process. I am excited to apply for this position because I have gained a basic understanding of how this committee operates and I am eager to contribute my ideas.

My main goal as the Internal Officer would be to streamline the budget allocation process. Currently, it takes a lot of time for the committee members, including interns and senators, to complete this task. I believe that there are some unnecessary steps in the process that can be eliminated, and I hope to work with all the committees member to identify and remove these inefficiencies.

Another thing that I hope to achieve is to improve the efficiency of our committee meetings. I have noticed that our discussions often become lengthy and are not always productive. I would like to suggest that we set a time limit for each meeting and ensure that we stay on track by covering all the topics within that time frame. This will allow us to finish our discussions in a timely manner and avoid having to repeat the same discussions in future meetings.

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

I am confident that I can manage my time effectively to fulfill this responsibility. While I have other commitments such as classes and extracurricular activities, I have already planned my schedule to ensure that I can dedicate more than 12 hours every week to DASG. To manage my time effectively, I create a schedule every Sunday for the week ahead. I list all of my classwork and extracurricular activities in advance, so I can review my schedule each day to ensure that I am staying on track and completing all of my tasks in a timely manner. So far, I haven't missed any homework.

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

I am an officer for the Ultimate Frisbee Club and part of the De Anza Engineering Society. Both club schedules do not conflict with finance and senate meeting times, so I could fully commit and balance my time between all my responsibilities. I will organize my time by creating schedules and starting tasks as soon as I receive them.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think the biggest concerns for students is access to resources. As a community college, we have limited resources compared to four-year institutions. For example, many students do not have access to the school gym, which is not the case at most four-year institutions. Additionally, networking opportunities may be limited for some students.

To address these concerns, I think that the DASG can focus more on expanding access to resources for all students. This could include advocating for better gym access and working with the administration, and create more networking opportunities for students, such as connect the current student to the De Anza alumni who transfer to those good university. Overall, I believe that by prioritizing access to resources and networking opportunities, we can help to create a more supportive and inclusive community at De Anza College.

Program Affiliations: DASG, FA-PAC

Ian Ang

Flea Market Liaison



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

The Flea Market Liaison position will allow me to become more involved with DASG and begin shouldering more responsibility. Additionally, it will be a great opportunity for me to apply my knowledge and experience of working with the Flea Market for the past year.

I hope to first maintain the current welcoming and enjoyable experience for shoppers, vendors & employees. An increase in revenue for the Flea Market would be the next target.

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

Having held leadership positions in Malaysia, I feel I'm able to bring unique perspectives and ideas. More importantly, being currently involved in leadership positions at De Anza, I feel I will be better able to address concerns as I come across them through my time at De Anza. Moreover, I work as a Flea Market Student Assistant and I feel this experience will allow me to bridge the gap between the Flea Market and DASG.

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

In addition to my studies, I do work for De Anza's Flea Market as a student assistant. I hold another external part-time job and I am involved in multiple De Anza clubs with the De Anza Ultimate Frisbee club consuming most of my time.

As a very structured person, I always schedule and plan out my weeks beforehand. I plan to continue to do so even when it comes to managing my time with DASG. Should scheduling conflicts arise, I will inform advisors early to figure out an alternative, reschedule the less urgent and important events, and/or delegate the work accordingly.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

During my time at De Anza, the availability and cost of housing seem to be a constant recurring topic. Class scheduling conflicts are also another frequent topic.

Program Affiliations: CalWORKs, Clubs, DASG, EOPS (Extended Opportunities Programs and Services)

Samman Shrestha

Flea Market Liaison



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

I had a chance to work with a flea market during the mini flea market event and really enjoyed it even though there was not much for me to do. I want to work on it on a bigger scale and hope to learn more about setting up of markets for personal gain as well as expand on what is there if possible for the community.

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

I really like organizing documents and physical events which leads me to being very detail oriented. I worked with my highschool's orchestra as well as choir when setting up stages which in a way is similar as we had to set up the stage a certain way and we worked with multiple other schools as well as "chaperoned" them. I also

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

Classes for which I will finish up work for on weekdays as much as possible. Clubs on Fridays so will not take long.

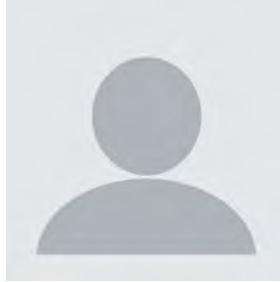
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Keeping cafeteria open for longer hours, class scheduling and that thing about opening the athletics center that was stated couple quarters ago.

Program Affiliations: DASG, Clubs

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.

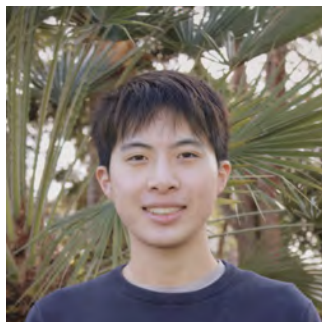
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

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

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



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 Vice-Chair of Programs because I am passionate about enhancing the student experience and creating a welcoming, diverse, and engaging campus community. I believe that my organizational, communication, and leadership skills make me well-suited for this role. I hope to achieve various goals during my tenure, including expanding the range of programs and events offered to students, fostering a sense of belonging among diverse groups on campus, and promoting personal growth and leadership development through meaningful engagement opportunities.

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

With a background in leadership and teamwork, I can bring strong communication, organization, and problem-solving skills to the DASG Senate. My experience as a marketing officer for the Chinese Association and the Scholarships Club has honed my event planning, promotion, and collaboration abilities. As Vice-Chair of Programs, I am eager to utilize these skills and experiences to create engaging and diverse programs that enrich the De Anza College community.

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

I've got a full plate between classes, my part-time job, and club involvement. But I'm no stranger to juggling responsibilities. I'll prioritize tasks, make a solid schedule, and rely on my incredible team when needed to manage my time. Plus, I'll use time management tools and check in with myself regularly to stay on track. I'm confident I can handle the Vice-Chair of Programs role while keeping up with my other commitments.

Additional Comments

I am thrilled for the opportunity to potentially serve as a 2023-2024 DASG Senate Internal Officer. I believe my passion for student advocacy and my leadership and teamwork experiences will enable me to impact the De Anza College community positively. I look forward to collaborating with fellow senators and contributing to the ongoing growth and success of the DASG Senate. Thank you for considering my application.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

The DASG should focus on mental health support, making college more affordable, and helping students get involved in campus life. It's also essential to work on fostering an inclusive environment and promoting sustainability on campus. By tackling these issues, we can make a real difference for students at De Anza College.

Program Affiliations: Clubs, Promise program, Chinese association and scholarship club(CSSA), Learning and speaking center (tutoring)

Alex Yu Huan Chien

DASG Events Coordinator



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

The reason for me applying this position stems from the observation that there has been an increase in the number of international students at De Anza, particularly following the pandemic as many have returned to campus. Conversations with several international students have revealed their struggles with loneliness and a sense of cultural difference during their early days at De Anza. If I become an officer, I hope to collaborate with school clubs to organize events that will assist international students in assimilating into American campus life more quickly. Additionally, I recognize the need for more information about transferring to other schools, and I plan to use my abilities to ask for people who has already transfer to share successful transfer cases with students to help them prepare for the transfer process.

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

During my two-quarter internship in the PnE committee, I gained valuable insights such as working as a cohesive team rather than individual efforts, effective communication being a crucial factor in fostering a healthy work environment. In addition, I participated in my high school's graduation ceremony preparation team, where I gained experience in giving constructive feedback and provides me with additional entry points to contribute when DASG holds events.

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

I plan to divide my time into three parts: one for academic work, another for participation in clubs or organizations such as DASG, and the last one for personal study. I will be able to dedicate 5-10 hours or more each week at DASG.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

In my opinion, community college has increasingly become a stepping stone for students, particularly STEM majors, to transfer into UCs or other universities. However, compared to high school students applying to universities as first-year students, community college transfer students have limited data and examples to draw upon. To address this, DASG can focus on reaching out to students who have already transferred from De Anza or other community colleges to share their experiences with our students.

Program Affiliations: Clubs

Reiner Jadav

DASG Events Coordinator



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

My main aim is to plan and conduct events through which we can have people know about other students' culture on campus. We have many students from various different countries at De Anza and one way to get everyone together is to have cultural events.

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

Team-work, Co-ordination, Outgoing

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

from this quarter onwards, my schedule is gonna be very light compared to last quarter.

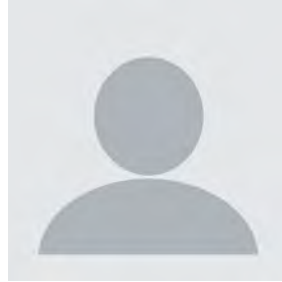
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

More student activities on campus as students will have more opportunities to interact and make connections.

Program Affiliations: Clubs, International Student Programs (ISP)

Leondre Wai Hong Lee

DASG Events Coordinator



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

as an international student, i find it really difficult to make friends and maintain relationships here at De Anza since most classes are online classes, and a lot of students don't keep in contact after the quarter ends. by becoming an event coordinator, i want to hold events that are engaging, so students will enjoy their time here, and also provide another way for students to build connections.

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

i was a committee member of my high school student government for 2 years. during that time, most of my duties are help holding events, so i have lots of experience in this field, and i learnt how to manage resources efficiently so that the event will be successful, like managing time, making sure it won't overbudget, assigning teammates to the position that fits them, etc.

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

i am currently a student with no position, so maintain a 4.0 GPA is my only commitment at the moment. i have chosen Monday to be the day for me to finish all my homework because i don't like to be a deadline fighter, and in this way, i can keep a good balance between studying and other stuff since i don't need to worry about my homework when i'm working on other things at school.

Additional Comments

as a film and data science double major, i hope that my joining can also add some more artistic elements to DASG.

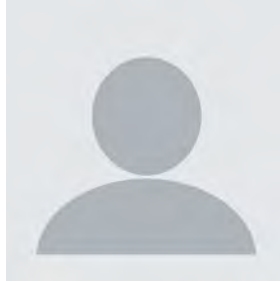
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

since De Anza is a two year college that is running a quarter system, students seems to not have a strong sense of belonging to the school, and this makes students wants to go back home as soon as they finish their class, which makes students hard to make friends, so DASG could try to come up with more ways for students hangout with each other in school.

Program Affiliations: DASG, Clubs

Timothy Nguyen

DASG Events Coordinator



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

As an event coordinator, I hope to be able to gain experience in managing resources and other various leadership skills. I would like to make events more geared towards college students and college life which would entail an emphasis on events that engage and entertain students. On a more technical level, I would like to just be able to be the person people ask to help them with problems they may have or help direct and delegate tasks that help the audience have an enjoyable experience.

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

Event Coordinators require lots of oversight and readiness to adapt during unforeseen events. I believe that I will be proficient in both of these as I have had experience volunteering and running booths for family friendly carnivals and other events.

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

YMCA lifeguard(job), college applications, volunteering, personal fitness
Managing studies, job, student government, and personal life is going to be a challenge, I obtained my job halfway through last quarter which somewhat brought me out of my comfort zone and somewhat disrupted my scheduling and ability to focus on school. This quarter will be a crucial test of my ability to focus on school along with other extracurricular activities. My analysis of this quarter will dictate whether I will commit to student government or not, I am willing to bring my best either way.

Additional Comments

I have experience in leadership for sports teams but have no experience in school life leadership.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Making the school feel more vibrant. (hopefully through on campus events)

Program Affiliations: Honors Program, Clubs

Reeya Randhawa

DASG Events Coordinator



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

I choose to apply for the position of events coordinator because it is a position and area in which I am very interested and feel I can have a positive impact. As an events coordinator, I hope to be able to help plan engaging events to bring students together and make the campus more lively. I want to help increase participation in school events, which I feel is an area in which we can improve, and plan events catering towards our collective student body's needs. By taking in feedback from students and assisting other organizations on campus I believe we can help cultivate a community where students feel they belong and overall make students' experiences more memorable at De Anza. After getting involved in DASG as an intern I have found that I really enjoy getting involved and being able to impact students through our work.

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

I am an officer for a couple of clubs on campus and have worked to start a few clubs at my high school and at De Anza. I believe that with my leadership experience in many clubs and organizations at many different levels, I can bring forward my organizational, collaborative, and planning skills to help organize engaging events. I am currently an intern for the programs and events committee, as well as the marketing and communications, and environmental sustainability committees, and I believe that my experience in these committees and in DASG so far has helped me learn more about DASG and gain valuable skills that I can bring forth to the senate. I think a huge part of the events committee is collaborating with others, taking in student input, and effectively promoting our events to students. By having worked in different areas I have been able to see how different groups have been intertwined and have worked together to make events happen and how important collaboration and communication are—areas I feel I can contribute.

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

Currently, outside of Student Government and my classes, I am a part of a couple of clubs on campus such as the VP of marketing for DECA, and marketing officer for Chess Club, and I am currently working on starting and becoming co-president of a new Women in Business club. Although I do have a couple of other commitments I can ensure that I will dedicate my time and effort to DASG and that I will be able to sufficiently manage my schedule in the coming year. I always try to make sure I put my best work forth for all of my commitments and will continue to do so in the future as I see DASG as a top priority on my list. Further, I am a very organized person and always make sure to keep track of everything so I can stay on top of my tasks and work.

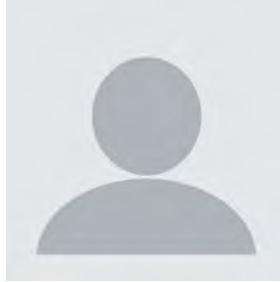
What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I believe that there are many ongoing concerns that DASG should address, but a main concern I have noticed is the lack of student awareness about DASG. When I was campaigning for the External DASG elections or even talking to friends I found that a lot of times students did not know what DASG was or what we do, and I find it concerning when the students we are representing and voicing opinions for aren't aware of who we are and what we do. I believe that having students more aware of DASG, how they can connect with us, and what exactly we do is essential so we can get more students involved in important decisions and processes that affect them. By having students aware of the decision-making process and ways they can get involved/voice their opinions I think we as members of DASG can better represent and amplify student voices.

Program Affiliations: DASG, Honors Program, Clubs

Nam Tran

DASG Events Coordinator



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

Ever since I started volunteering last year, I find that events are the best way to form friendships either from the actual working or from the organization. Be it through Red Cross, food drives, or school events, I love working a part of a bigger group from how you delegate the group among yourself or working for a common goal. As my time as an officer I hope to plan or sponsor more events through the hand of DASG and to hopefully streamline the process for the officers that come after me.

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

Red Cross, Mentor's Club, Key Club, and various other volunteering working has shown me that simplicity, transparency, and a checked ego are vital to cooperation. It's a common saying but in order to lead, you must follow is a very true statement if you want a bunch of people your age to listen to you.

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

Besides the few club meetings and volunteering work I have right now, I find that I check and respond to emails very fast and complete my obligations as soon as possible in order to get it out of the way before procrastination kicks in.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I find that my friends at De Anza feel that DASG does not hold a strong present in the general population, I know that if De Anza were to hold more events, even if they are not as big as the culture show, something like hosting a blood drive or advertising a food drive will change that attitude.

Program Affiliations: Clubs, Public Policy School, Pride Center

Adrian Sedgwick

DASG Environmental Sustainability Coordinator



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

I want to be the DASG Environmental Sustainability Coordinator because I believe that with a little effort, De Anza could be a much more sustainable college. I would like to get more recycling bins installed across campus, especially in the main quad by the cafeteria. Furthermore, I think that it would be awesome to get a compost program going on campus to avoid food scraps going into landfills and creating toxic gasses. With the restoration of the Cheeseman gardens, the compost could easily go to use improving the garden beds that grow green onions for the cafeteria. My other main goal for creating a more sustainable De Anza is planting native wildflowers across campus. This would make the school more aesthetically pleasing while also providing vital resources for pollinator populations.

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

As a current DASG Senator, I already have knowledge and experience as a part of DASG. I have worked hard to represent and advocate for students on campus, and I have genuinely enjoyed the work and meetings as a DASG Senator. Also, I ran for Student Trustee in the last election, and although I did not win, I am grateful for the experience as I campaigned and connected with the Student Body. Furthermore, as a Resource and Conservation Studies Major, I have already taken multiple Environmental Studies and Environmental Science classes.

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

Other than my classes, I also work as a tutor at the Student Success Center. Because I do not receive any financial help from my parents, it is important that I work to support myself. Luckily, my job is on campus, and I get to set my hours for the quarter at my convenience. This flexibility and proximity to DASG meetings makes it relatively easy to plan for DASG committee meetings, Senate Meetings, and office hours. Although I am busy, I am very organized and I keep a planner to track and manage my commitments.

Additional Comments

As someone who is determined and passionate, my strong drive for justice will be an asset while I advocate for and work to make De Anza a better and more environmentally friendly campus. I really liked being part of DASG this year, and I would love to continue my work as a senator next year as well.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Alongside my environmental concerns, I think that De Anza should be a more wheelchair accessible campus. While there are some wheelchair ramps and some doors that have the buttons to open them, there are also several doors and spaces on campus that people in wheelchairs cannot access without asking for help. I strongly believe that people with disabilities deserve dignity and independence, so I would like to do all I can to create a more accessible campus.

Program Affiliations: DASG, EOPS (Extended Opportunities Programs and Services), Honors Program, Pride Center, Student Success Center (SSC) (Tutoring), Disability Support Services

Natalie Yuen

DASG Environmental Sustainability Coordinator



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

I would like to become the environmental sustainability coordinator because it is very meaningful.

I feel contented by contributing to a community because that is my purpose in life. My lifelong goal is not only achieving self-growth by doing something challenging and stepping out of my comfort zone, such as joining the senate as an internal officer since I know that I can have vast opportunities to work with different people and utilize my knowledge and ability to help out senate tasks, but also influencing the people around me when they see me. I hope I can make other's life more interesting with the things I do therefore I have been participating in community work such as volunteering in the hospital, being a class chairperson, etc. Ultimately, I hope I can make a change to the world and make it a better place for people to live, and therefore I want to achieve that by contributing to environmental sustainability as I am doing something good, contributing to the whole society by raising environmental awareness. So, people can be more aware of nature and surroundings that are deserved to be valued.

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

I believe that my leadership experience as a class chairperson in my high school equips me with interpersonal skills. I think building a loving and supportive environment among my peers is significant therefore I always initiate some class events to strengthen our class bonding so we get to know each other deeper besides the regular school time!! Also I want to be a good friend to them so I always talk with them to show them how I care about them!

Being a chairperson also equips me with leadership skills such as negotiation and planning. One of my most memorable events is the Christmas party, I was meticulously planning fun activities, such as white elephant and mini-games, and also good food with my committee members. I facilitate the discussion and organize the meeting items and we had a productive discussion! And it turns out that the party was so fun! We were all enjoying it and the atmosphere was really joyous!!

Besides, I am a team player as well, I can find my role and make a contribution to the team. I believe my creativity can bring a new vision and perspective to the DASG senate as I joined several STEM competitions with my teammates in the past where I was in charge of brainstorming ideas for the STEM projects.

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

As a pre-health major student, I am volunteering at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center once every week, also I am one of the leaders at De Anza Inter-varsity Christian Fellowship. These schedules do not occupy my time very much therefore I am sure that I can dedicate a huge amount of time for being the environmental sustainability coordinator. I will prioritize DASG because it is my responsibility when I become an officer.

Additional Comments

I am a Christian so my faith has taught me a lot of my beliefs and value, which is about how I can use myself to influence the community so that people can feel loved, therefore I think this is also one of the factors that makes me so passionate in this position!

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think DASG should address the waste production concerns. One thing I noticed when I walk around the campus is the insufficiency of the recycling bins, especially inside the cafeteria where the majority of waste is produced, for example, the used plastic water bottles, utensils, food waste and packaging, some of them can be recycled and some of them are biodegradable, but often they are grouped in just one trash bin and being dumped into the landfill without being sorted. Therefore I think it would help a lot if DASG can incorporate the 3 color recycling bins (landfill, organic waste, recyclable) in the cafeteria. Not only students can have a better idea of how to sort their waste before they throw their trash, less landfill waste is produced and so lowering the landfill capacity!

Program Affiliations: Clubs