

# GABRIEL LIU EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

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## List any previous leadership positions or experience

- Freshman Vice President
- Sophomore Vice President
- Junior President
- Eagle Scout

## Why do you want to be a member of Student Council? Why are you running for the position that you are running for this year?

- I want to become a member of Student Council because firstly, I think it's a great opportunity to discover talents that are hidden beneath me that I might never realized I had. Secondly, I want to learn and establish many skills and traits that I'm weak at, while enlarge and improve the skills that I carry. thirdly, I have heard from many people that by joining Student Council, people can meet and interact with people of diversity and background, it can broaden one's view and make great friends that might be helpful to me in the future. By making friends with different people, I can discover many different opportunities and information. Fourthly, the idea of meeting people and joining different activities sounds appealing to me as in a way, I'm forcing my introverted self to talk to strangers and increase my friend circle, which is something I would never thought of doing or even attempting of doing in the past. Lastly, it helps me to look past the tedious school work and do activities that benefits the school.

## From your perspective, what is the role of the Student Council at GSMST and in our community at large?

- In my opinion, the role of Student Council here at GSMST is to establish a cordial school environment. StuCo plan and organize events for the benefit of the student body and others, and they are hard workers with passion for the school and the people within it.

## List up to three qualities would you use to describe an effective leader. What leadership skill(s) is your strength? How will you use that skill(s) to benefit Student Council and GSMST?

- The leadership skills that I think I possess is easy going and respectable. Firstly, I think I am very easy going and easy to talk to, which has been proven as most people around me feel comfortable with talking and get to know me. I also think that this due to this skill, people will not be afraid to talk to me and propose their ideas. Secondly, I pay everyone with the same amount of respect, this means that I will listen to everyone and accept everyone with a smile and open arms. Thirdly, I am always positive and energetic, I try not to let negative things get to me and at the same time pass on my positivity and optimism to those around me. I think this is an important trait and skill to have as it gives a meaning to what people do and overcome their problems, especially in a school that has a relatively high stress level. Lastly, I am a responsible person with accountability, this skill is crucial since the ability to finish one's task within the desire due date is highly valued in the Student Council.

### **What would you most like to improve about your own leadership skills to become a better leader?**

- I want to improve my public speaking skill to become a better leader. I do not like public speaking, and this pandemic is not helping my case because I do not get any face to face interaction with students or teachers. Therefore, I hope by managing the council, my public speaking and social interaction skills can improve.

### **Describe an activity for a new event that Student Council could host.**

- I think the Student Council can host a 24/7 study zoom that remains open and available for all students who want to study with strangers or friends on zoom. This way, people can start conversations with people they never met due to the pandemic and/or study in a large group environment.

### **How can Student Council improve its communication with the student body?**

- I think the greatest challenge facing our GSMST community is the lack of communication with the freshmen, especially this year. As the Student Council, we can solve this problem by hosting virtual events, such as virtual movie nights, to encourage social interactions between freshmen and upperclassmen.

### **What do you think is the single greatest challenge facing our GSMST community and how can Student Council help to resolve this challenge?**

- One thing that I realize around the school is the amount of stress people are having on a daily basis and the lack of communication between students therefore causing stagnation between them. I feel that as part of the Student Council we should address this issue by starting conversations, and one way of doing that is through themed weeks such as awareness weeks and other themes. These events can bring the school and people closer and generate kindness and acceptance within the student body.