

GABRIEL LIU Junior Class President

List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- Chinese International Debate
- Sophomore VP
- Freshman VP

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 pass the tedious school work and do activities that benefits the school.
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From your perspective, what is the role of the Student Council at GSMST and in our community at large?

- In my eyes, the role of Student Council is to help people around us and help to improve our school and the community as a whole. They also help with problems within our school and organize big events, and are always there for the benefits for others.

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. fourthly, 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. Therefore, I hope by managing prom, my public speaking and social interaction skills can improve.

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

- An activity or event that the Student Council should consider hosting is a hot dog contest. Not only will this be a fun event to participate, to host, or even just to watch, the winner of the contest should also win prizes. The Student Council can also think of a way to raise money for school. It can be achieved by selling tickets to join the hot dog eating contest or just sell drinks and snacks during the event to raise money. This can be a fun social event or just come and enjoy people eating hot dogs for prizes.

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

- The Student Council can set up an Instagram and a Snapchat account that welcomes everyone to direct message their opinions and phenomenons that are happening at the school. Or, the

Student Council can just set up an anonymous drop box in places such as in front of the school so people can write and drop opinions about the school.

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

- A huge challenge facing the GSMST community right now is a lack of school collectivism. The typical school traditions that are formative the the GSMST experience have been cancelled, so the impact is not the same. I think that the student council could relieve this rough transition by hosting digital versions of typical GSMST events. For example, the Student Council could record holiday serenades and email them to the recipient, but also post them on the front page of the school website for the embarrassment factor we all know and love.