

IZBAN SABOOR SOPHOMORE VICE PRESIDENT

List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- The only "official" leadership club positions that I was a part of was during 8th grade. The clubs where I held these leadership positions were peer leading and my 8th-grade DECA club. Although I didn't have any official club leadership positions in 9th-grade, I had multiple occasions where I had to act as the leader. Some of these occasions include 9th-grade physeng projects where I was a leader for my group. There were also many different projects which I worked on through the year where I had to step up and be the leader.

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?

- The reason I want to run for Student Council is that I want to be able to be involved with the GSMST community. I volunteered at many of the Student-Council run workdays such as the Fall dance workdays, which I went to every day. I love the community at GSMST and I want to be able to help out and be behind the scenes of events that many students enjoy. For this reason, I chose to run for Vice President this year because I feel as if this is the best position for me. In addition to Vice president being the best position for me, I also ran for this position last year which gave me a natural drawing to running for this position. No matter what position I chose my ultimate goal of running was to be able to give back to the community which I hold dear to my heart.

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

- When I think of the Student Council, their role is to be the ones who relieve the stress of students at GSMST. The school can be very stressful and overwhelming for many. This is where the Student Council comes into play as they host events and also do small things that help students relieve their stress and just feel better overall. They go out of their way to make students feel

better by doing small things such as notes of encouragement which boosts student's morale. Student Council is an integral club that helps students at GSMST relieve their stress and improve their morale.

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?

- Some qualities which I associate with a leader is being caring, reliable, and good communication skills. My biggest strengths are being caring and having good communication skills. Being reliable is also my strength but the other two listed are the thing which I am strongest in. These skills will be able to benefit the Student Council because I will be able to take into consideration everyone's opinions and make sure that everyone is heard. This, in turn, will benefit the council and the school since I will be able to make sure everyone's voice is heard so that everyone can be in agreement. In addition to these, I will be able to be depended on and do my job without having others worry if I am going to complete it or not which makes everything move smoothly. With my skills, I will be able to effectively help out Student Council so that the students of GSMST have a better experience.

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

- A skill that I would like to improve is my confidence. A lot of times whenever I have ideas I start to second guess myself and think that my idea isn't that well. This can be detrimental since I would then need to go to someone else to make sure my idea works and makes sense instead of just believing in my idea. Working on my confidence will help me be a better leader because I will be able to have a firm answer and not waver as I do sometimes.

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

- An activity that Student Council could host is having monthly guided study stress relieving the day. On this day students could have a choice to go to various different areas which all pertain to helping them de-stress. This would be a good addition because many of the students at GSMST are stressed because of the rigor and having a window of time to help relieve them of stress would be beneficial for them. This idea could even be implemented during these times as well since people can just join zoom sessions pertaining to something they want to do to de-stress. Each activity will be different and it can range from things such as playing board games(virtual or in-person), to talking and meeting new people.

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

- A way in which Student Council can improve its communication with the student body is by mass sending out emails with information such as event dates. Last year some people were confused about when things were because they didn't know where the information was listed and then, in turn, missed that event. Having the Student Council send out emails to the student body will allow students to know when things were happening. Especially during Corona, there are many students who do not hear the morning announcements, which is a way in which Student Council advertises events, but would still like to know when certain Student Council led things could be happening. Having the Student Council email the student body will allow for more students to know exactly what's happening and when.

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

- I think the single greatest challenge facing the community is the high-stress levels caused by the rigor of the school. Student Council already does try to help this with things such as the notes of encouragement and the candy. Especially during these times, students need these since it is very stressful to do school with a pandemic limiting many things. A way that the Student Council could help ease the stress is by doing more of these small gestures and releasing information pertaining to those small events so that people know about them. Last year I did not know much about the things such as the notes and candy and having known that could have helped me be a bit less stressed. These little gestures mean a lot especially because of how rigorous this school can be.