

Loan Hoang Executive Parliamentarian

List any previous leadership positions or experiences.

My previous positions include being a peer leader, beta club officer, black belt mentor, and I was the freshman and sophomore class president.

Why do you want to be a member of Student Council?

I want to be a member of Student Council because I love the school and want to serve the people in it, and I think that one of the best aspects of GSMST that makes it incredibly memorable is the community, which should be preserved and enhanced. I am running for executive parliamentarian this year because I believe that this position will allow me that avenue to significantly contribute to council to plan events that make a difference in terms of student wellness, spirit, contribution, and leadership.

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

I believe that the role of the Student Council is to represent and serve the student body. They work to positively enhance the GSMST environment and experience for all students, and by boosting school spirit, fostering leaders, planning school activities, and promoting student wellness, students will be able to have the best high school experience. Student Council is ultimately responsible for communicating with and finding new ways to bring together the GSMST community.

List up to three qualities you would 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?

An effective leader portrays strong communication skills, resilience, and integrity. I would say that my greatest strength would be empowerment and communication because from transmitting information to encouraging others to assisting the team, I listen to, communicate with, and delegate tasks with a wide range of people across many roles. These skills will benefit Student

Council and GSMST because effective communication can promote teamwork in which all members understand the goals, vision, and how to reach them; therefore, members in the committee have sufficient roles that correlate to their strengths to make for a successful event. In addition, my genuine passion in various activities helps engage the student body even with seemingly dull tasks.

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

I would like to improve on my ability to delegate and synthesize ideas among peers. In order to accomplish goals, filtering through planning and being actively engaged in proposing ideas is imperative, and this will help lead discussion and foster engagement in leaders to be effective in meetings.

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

The Student Council could possibly host an event for students and their families to get more involved in and community service. For example, this could be a fundraising fair, where students, faculty, and their families can donate to participate in a variety of activities, including a cake walk, car wash, coffee stop, food sales, pie volunteers, and an auction, etc. Not only would this promote wellness for the school, but Student Council would raise money to donate to chosen charities.

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

I think that one of the biggest obstacles with communication from Student Council to student body is reaching those students that do not have social media. In addition, while there is news on different websites, students are constantly overloaded and do not check the GSMST eClass landing page for announcements everyday. I think that to improve communication, maybe sending a specific Student Council email about events is a simpler way to receive fast news that they check more often.

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

I believe that the greatest challenge facing the GSMST community is mental health. From academic stress and sleep deprivation to social comparison, students often feel increasing amounts of internal and external pressures. I think that Student Council can work to help resolve this challenge by continuing current wellness activities like dances and spirit weeks, but in addition to that, Student Council could focus on the small things such as motivating notes that students take, compliment videos to be posted on social media, and giving out soda or cupcakes on big test days.