

List any previous leadership positions or experiences.

Throughout my time at my place of worship (8 years), I have been a major part of making sure that things within the establishment go smoothly, including the variety of ceremonies that take place and the handling of the sudden circumstances that occur such as human interactions that went the wrong way. Every week, I spend about 4-5 hours there along with an added 5-10 hours for special events that usually happen on the weekdays, which is when I have to manage my time well extremely well to allow me to get all my priorities finished. This leadership experience has also allowed me to learn how to teach others because I have been able to get the opportunity to teach the younger ones about the things that are needed to run the place of worship smoothly.

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

I want to become a member because I want to be the change that I want to see within the school. I am running for the Parliamentarian position for the Student Council because I really believe that I am qualified for this position. I am an outspoken person that knows how to get my point across efficiently and without hurting the other person's feelings. In addition to this, I understand how important procedures are and to which extent they need to be followed. As a natural leader, I believe that the position that I am running for is the perfect one for me along with allowing me to get my innovative ideas out and get them into action.

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

The role of the Student Council at GSMST is to make sure that the students at GSMST are cared for and do not have needs, such as mental health care, that are not being reached to them. At GSMST, the Student Council has the duty to also make sure that they are hearing about ideas and notions that are being told by the students and to get them into action with all the power that has been given to them. But, at the same time, the Student Council effect on GSMST students and staff should be balanced with the effect on the community at large. Since GSMST is such a large school with such intellectual knowledge, the effect on the community at large can be larger than any

students imagines. The Student Council's role is to take this intellectual knowledge and use it to help the community, such as help small businesses with technology that they don't know how to use correctly or most efficiently.

**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?**

Innovative, Hard-Worker, and Organized.

Innovation is definitely my strength. Going after the big jackpot and taking some risk with new innovative things for events to get the best results is something I am planning to do and have done in a number of my projects. I make sure that I am getting the best results and testing new ideas every time because that is the only way to get better.

Hard working is a must for every leader and is one of my strengths. As others, including friends, family, and strangers have told me, I am a hard worker. I work until I get to my goal, and if I don't get to the end goal, then I will go after it again. I make sure that no opportunity is slipping by me without getting my attention and my work ethic.

Lastly, being organized is important and through my experience and the number of events that I have been a part of, I have proven to be an organized person. But, along with being organized myself, I love to share my techniques with others on how to stay organized and force them into being their best selves at all times, leading to the best results.

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

I would like to become more of a listener. I have many ideas that come into my head really quickly and all I want to do is tell everyone about them, but that does not allow others to bounce their ideas off me or allow them to tell me about their own ideas, which are probably better than mine. Even if I believe that I have the best idea, it is important to listen to allow me to look at things from a new point of view that I did not have before.

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

An activity for a new event that Student Council could host is a time management workshop. Along with the advisement lessons that are hosted every so often, there needs to be a club or something that resembles the License to Lead Workshops for students that need more time in their lives and need to know how to get the time back. New techniques such as the Pomodoro Method, GTD method, Decision Matrix method, and the correct use of to-do lists could allow the students to get back the time that they need to do other stuff, especially since all students have the intellectual capacity to do something very big.

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

By using more technology. If one wants to tell the Student Council about an new idea that they have or a thing that they would like fixed, then most would not know where to go and how to contact them. And even if they did know who to go to or where to do to, there is a lot of friction that is there. The friction can be lessened by using more technology, where the student does not have to talk to people, but can express their thoughts on a Google Form or a Padlet link. In addition, if a student believes that they have an idea that would be really good for the school, then they could be allowed to form their own group and work with the Student Council members to get the changes they want in action. This would greatly improve the communication that the student body has with its members.

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

The single greatest challenge facing our GSMST community is mental health. Teachers are having to speak out to the counselors if they see something that looks like the student is not in the right mental space, but the student does not have the courage to speak out about it. By hosting an event where the counselors could train students how to talk to friends that they know are having mental issues, students who usually go to their friends to talk about their problems, but not adults, could also get good counseling.