

ROCKLEE NGUYEN FRESHMAN VICE PRESIDENT

List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- In elementary school I was Vice President of the Junior Beta Club, where I had to collect cans and donations, but I also spent my Wednesday mornings reading to kindergarteners, seeing that smile at the end of the reading session was well worth the time spent. Then when I went to middle school I was hand picked by teachers to be a peer tutoring, where I would oftentimes help non-dominate english speakers with their work. Countless mornings were spent doing this in 7th grade, but yet again it was well worth it in the end, even if I had to give up my mornings.

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 be a member of StuCo because I always knew I wanted to join a club, but I just didn't just didn't know what club to join. Hearing what StuCo does for the GSMST community made me really want to play my part in making their high school experience one to reflect upon and enjoy. I am running for Vice President because I don't think I'm ready for the responsibilities of being a President just yet, but I'll make sure I contribute my end to the team. Being Vice President means I have to be there for the student body to voice their opinions, but also be there to be the bridge between the council and the body, and that's a challenge I'm up for.

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

- I believe the role of the Student Council at GSMST and the community at large is to be the voice of the student body, to speak up for those who are to shy to speak up. As well as plan out events throughout the school year for the community to attend and enjoy.

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?

- I believe the three qualities of an effective leader would be someone who has the right mindset for everyone at heart, someone who wouldn't just bail out when things get tough, and someone who is willing to talk things out and come up with a better solution that benefits everyone. My personal strength is that I am capable of talking things out with others, even though I am very shy and try not to talk too much around people, when the time is right I am willing to put that aside and talk things out.

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

- I would most likely improve my social skills because in order to lead a team you must be able to communicate things out with your fellow members, making sure everyone gets the memo of what's to come and what to do.

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

- StuCo could host an event called "I've been blinding to meet you" where students here at GSMST must wear a blind fold and are taken to different stations with another random student and they just have to get to know each other, without being able to see one another. I feel like going back to school after all of this will be challenging for some to make some friends or just talk to others, but by doing this you get to dust off those social skills without being judged by the way you look.

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

- StuCo can improve its communication with the student body by creating a weekly blog post keeping the student's up to date with what is going to happen that week or just what they have in store.

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

- I personally feel like the single greatest challenge facing our GSMST community is adapting to the ever changing world, and the Student Council can play their role by just making someone's day ever so slightly better than what it would be without the Student Council. It isn't the Student Council's job to satisfy everyone, that would be humanly impossible, but it is their job to help as many people as they can.