

# SHABNAM REZAI SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT

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## List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- - GSMST representative for Unity in Diversity
- - Leader of religious group at Ali Center
- - Event coordinator for the Hazaragi Community
- - Lead events at local mosque Dar e Abbas
- - Would help lead events for Beta Club

## 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?

Being a member of Student Council is more than just a position to me, I want to be able to create a change at GSMST that is beneficial to the community. By creating a safe environment for students, there will be a unified student body that I won't be afraid to ask questions or ask for help when needed. I would also love to represent the class of 2023 and everything we are capable of. I also want to bring events to GSMST that will showcase the school's abilities including fundraisers, fun activities for students, or even small things such as handwritten notes to make people's days. Being a member of Student Council will also benefit me as a person by improving my public speaking skills as well as having a place to get my ideas out there that will benefit the GSMST community as a whole. Having this learning experience would be an honor as well as serving the goals and purposes of the Student Council and GSMST itself.

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

- The role of Student Council at GSMST is to ensure that the ideas, interests, and concerns of every student and staff member is heard and taken into account of. This will help the community at GSMST because many events that students or staff want implemented can be done so. This

can also create an environment at GSMST where people feel safe and heard and closer to their peers. Not only does Student Council impact the school, it also helps the surrounding Community with fundraisers, events and charities which can help make someone's life easier and better.

### **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?**

- An effective leader has the qualities of good communication skills, commitment, and being able to make good decisions. I have excellent communication skills as I love to talk with people and if there is a situation or issue that needs to be resolved I can easily communicate with them. I can also convey the interest and concerns of the student body as well as showcase my ideas that can benefit the club and school. I am also very committed to the work I do inside of school and the positions I hold outside of school. I can guarantee I will be there for important events and being committed to the work of being a member in Student Council.

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

- I would like to improve on my decision-making skills, I tend to overthink sometimes. Hopefully by joining Student Council, I can learn to be more confident in the choices I make.

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

- I would love to host an event pertaining to mental health. I understand how hard life can get inside and outside of school. Many students struggle with their mental health and can't open up and feel trapped. By having a day where students and staff are able to come out and enjoy themselves would be beneficial to them. The event can also hold a fundraiser which will donate money to a cause Student Council would like to help out with. This event can lead to long term effects like a more unified student body as well as happier students and staff and helping out our community.

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

- Student Council can create surveys or forms that students can easily access and fill out. By implementing this, members can see what students want in one place.

## **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 faced by the GSMST community is mental health. Many of our peers struggle with and don't talk about it which can lead to worse grades, social life and mentality. What student council can do is host the events like the one I mentioned above or can do little things throughout the school day. These things can include writing letters of encouragement to people, putting notes around the school to make people feel better and more. The little things really do make a difference in our lives and having this at GSMST can make the student body feel so much better about themselves.