

SHIVANI TRIVEDI FRESHMAN VICE PRESIDENT

List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- I have been in my middle school Student Council for four years and have held an officer's position before, and have volunteered at many food and clothing drives, and a few animal shelters.

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 Student Council because I want to make a difference in my school and better myself while gaining useful life experience. I am running for vice-president to learn how the inner workings of Student Council work and to learn how to help my peers in a variety of methods.

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

- From my perspective, Student Council pulls the school together and promotes school spirit while also representing the school to the outside community.

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 to be understanding, versatile, and creative. My specific skill is versatility, and I can use this skill to benefit Student Council by knowing how to turn unfavorable situations around make the best of what's available.

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

- I would love to learn how to be able to become a better team leader. There are many aspects of this that can be challenging, and there is no better place to learn this skill than in a community that encourages teamwork and communication.

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

- Student Council could have a coffee social by having a local café cater to the school for a social event during guided study or at the beginning of school where students can mingle and boost morale while drinking coffee.

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

- Student Council could create a google form or a slide on the announcements page for the eClass homepage, since all students see this and it's be easily accessible. Having polls on the GSMST Instagram page should also be effective along with having a note drop box outside of the club advisor's room for students to put suggestions/notes in.

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

- The greatest challenge I see is motivation, since many students may be overwhelmed with schoolwork or extracurricular priorities. Student Council can help with that by encouraging a calming environment and leaving positive messages on the morning announcements.