

TIMOTHY NGUYEN SOPHOMORE MEMBER AT LARGE

List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- I've worked in various leadership positions out of school; for example, participating in food drives and helping interested students learn more about the inner workings of a pharmacy. With that being said, I'm most proud of my work in last year's Student Council.

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?

- Putting a smile on people's face - whether it's as small as creating a spirit poster or playing a role in GSMST's annual dances - for lack of a better phrase, warms my heart.

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

- The Student Council's role is to make sure everybody - teachers, students, custodians, counselors, and more - know that they matter. From the teacher appreciation videos in March, to the organization of dance help days, an overarching theme is getting people involved with not only school spirit but each other too.

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?

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

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

- Instead of one huge event like GSMST on Ice or the annual dances, I would like to have something that's reoccurring, especially in this digital environment. Having set "Hobby-Related Zooms/Webinars", where individuals who are either interested in learning more about a certain hobby or just want to talk with people who share similar interests can congregate, is a possible solution to the isolative nature of online learning.

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

- On top of social media sites like instagram and snapchat, Student Council can formally reach out to students from where we know they all visit: the e-class landing pages. This novel idea includes creating forms and polls to receive student feedback. Participation could be facilitated by the morning news announcement and teachers through word of mouth.

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

- I think offsetting the need for academic success and its accompanying stress with tasks that allow students to decompress - is what Student Council strove for last year and will strive for even more this year considering the circumstances. Communication with the student body is now more important than ever, and It takes a collective effort from the entire council to include everyone.