

CHELSEA CAMPBELL SENIOR V-PRES

List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- Student Council Junior Class Secretary
- Gwinnett High School Democrats Programs Director
- Next Step Leadership
- Gwinnett Student Leadership Conferences

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 am passionate about creating events for the student body, and I enjoy the process. When I was on student council last year, I remember the valuable moments we spent planning and setting up events and being able to see the the student body enjoy the final result. When faced with unforeseen obstacles, we put our heads together to create solutions and revise our plans to execute a successful event. In an unforeseen pandemic and troubling times, now more than ever, student council needs leaders to work together to create events that student body can enjoy whether they are digital or in-person. As Senior Class Vice-President, I would work and invest my time to ensure that students have a way to stay engaged with GSMST and the community as a whole. Now more than ever, students need to reap from a positive environment, and I would be grateful for the opportunity to make that happen. I know that as student council members, we collaborate and put in similar hours of work, so although I will be fulfilling my duties as vice-president by assisting the class president, I will commit my time to being fully engaged in student council. My ultimate goal is provide the student body with engaging events and activities and to spread a positive atmosphere.

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

- Student Council facilitates student engagement and encourages a positive school environment. From Thanksgiving shoutouts to school dances, GSMST student council ensures that each student is positively impacted and that they know that they matter. Candy Cane Grams is an event with a dual purpose; each student receives a candy cane so that they know they're valued,

and student council is also supporting the community by donating the proceed to Bert's Big Adventure. Student Council spends hours planning initiatives to actively engage students in GSMST and the community, which ultimately facilitates a positive environment.

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?

- Three qualities that I would use to describe an effective leader are passion, teamwork, and organization. As a leader my greatest strength would be working together with groups to complete events. With dance workdays or candy cane grams, it is imperative that each member of student council contributes to the event. If one person doesn't do their part, other members will have to take more on their plates. As a teamplayer, I understand how imperative it is to be actively involved in planning and how important it is to work together towards executing our plans. My strength would be that I keep working and contributing out of compassion for my teammates and to ensure that the student body enjoys a successful event.

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

- As a leader, I would like to improve on my planning process, which would be considering all ideas and then narrowing down. It's easy to list your ideas on paper, but it takes another step and more effort to narrow it down to the best one and to implement it. In many of my previous roles, I planned events for various groups of students, and I have been faced with choosing the best plan to initiate based off of its quality and its feasibility. When pressed with time limits, we could compromise a good idea by sifting through them too quickly. As a leader, it is important for me to consider each idea as a valuable contribution while also objectively weighing on how it can best serve our targeted audience.

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

- An activity that I would like Student Council to host is a Tedx Talk. I know that students have a multitude of ideas and subjects they would like to address, but it is hard to find the right outlet to do this. As a council, we would facilitate this outlet by providing a moderated medium for students to present their ideas to the student body and the community. This event would also work in a virtual medium through live-streaming, so it would be accessible to the entire student body. As students willing to engage academically and civically, it is important for us to have an outlet to share these ideas with other students.

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

- Student Council can improve its communication with the student body by holding live zoom meeting with the student body every few months to list out upcoming activities and to also receive feedback from students. This would allow students to be more informed of what happening on campus, and it would allow a direct medium for students to provide any feedback.

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 facing our GSMST community is stress levels with both academic and extracurricular expectations. Every GSMST student finds themselves with sleepless nights and what seems to be endless amounts of work to complete. And now, in the middle of the pandemic, some students have lost their connection to activities to engage in on campus, or they are having a hard time finding their support group. Student Council can help alleviate this stress by providing students with the opportunities to engage in service or to interact with friends through fun activities. Student Council has always taken in upon themselves to provide the best environment possible for the student body, and student council will do their best to provide an amazing school experience for students this year as well.