

JULIE ELLIS FRESHMAN PRESIDENT

List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- In middle school, I was a part of the Junior Leadership Corps (JLC) where I was taught, what it means to be a good leader, how to be a good leader, and how to have self-discipline. While in JLC I held the title of Squad leader and rank of Cadet Sergeant.

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?

- As student council president I would want to bring positivity to my peers to ensure they are thriving mentally and emotionally. I know that school can get very stressful for people, so I want to replace some of that stress with good vibes that will help others feel supported.

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

- I believe that the student council's role at GSMST and in our community is to alleviate negativity, make school a little more fun, and inspire leadership amongst students!

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?

- To me an effective leader is respectful, has courage, and is selfless. I feel that my strongest leadership skill is that I'm selfless. Being selfless means that you put the needs of other people before what you want. This will be beneficial to the student council and GSMST because I am willing to put a lot of my time and energy into doing anything the council needs that will help the rest of the student body.

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

- I would like to improve on my self-courage. In general, I am a fairly confident person however, when it comes to being social with strangers I have a hard time. I have been working very hard on my courage and hope I can continue to do so on the student council.

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

- The student council could host a parking lot movie night either the Friday before Halloween or the last day before winter break. Students would drive into GSMST with family/friends after school to enjoy a movie selected by the student body. Families could bring their own snacks or the student council could have treats for sale.

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

- I've noticed that the student council has social media pages in order to communicate with the student body, however not all students choose to have or are allowed to have social media. All students do have a school e-mail. The student council should send out either weekly or monthly newsletters communicating upcoming news and events through email to reach those without social media.

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 the greatest challenge currently facing GSMST is the fact that there are so many student learning digitally and so we haven't gotten the chance to really get to know each other or our teachers. This is bound to cause stress and make people feel lonely which can compromise mental health. Student council can't completely resolve this issue, but the council can help by hosting digital events to make students feel included.