

# MAI WHALON FRESHMAN VICE PRESIDENT

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## List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- Not only was I an active member in my middle school's beta club, but I also united the GSMST class of 2024 freshmen, prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

## 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 decided to join and run for a class officer position since I have found I have excelled at bringing together the community of freshmen. To elaborate, I want to help students here feel unified, even during these times of change.

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

- From my perspective, the Student Council encourages communication and collaboration among students here at GSMST. Essentially, they keep the students feeling positive and included.

## 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?

- One of the most important qualities of a leader is passion, and I am passionate about bringing together and working with the student body. It is also important for a leader to have empathy. It is not only essential to understand an individual's perspectives, but how to help them reach their goals as well. In addition, for leaders, an important skill is decision making; it is crucial to understand and determine the long-term effects of their decisions. I will work alongside the class of 2024 and the student body to make decisions that benefit GSMST.

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

- To become a better leader I want to improve my speaking skills, because an effective leader can communicate his or her thoughts with out struggles.

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

- An idea Student Council could host is a movie night held over zoom or another video calling platform-in other words, a digital movie night. I think a movie night would be an enjoyable event that both in person and digital learners could attend, from the comforts of their home.

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

- Communication to the student body could be improved by advertising through the morning announcements. This could be done with representatives from Student Council being featured on the announcements.

## **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 GSMST's community is the lack of communication and a bond between the class of 2024 and the other classes, due to digital learning. Student Council could help to resolve this challenge by creating group chats-whether that be through Instagram, Discord, or some other form of communication-that will initiate a bond between the student body at GSMST.