

# NAMAN SHAH EXEC VICE-PRES

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## List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- Student Council Sophomore VP
- International Night Region and Committee Head
- Spirit Week 2018 Committee Head
- StuCo October 2018 Member of the Month
- Current IDEA 3D Printing Student Instructor
- GCANA Summer Camp Counselor

## 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 feel like I have a lot of good perspective and experience that would be helpful for the council. Not to mention that Student Council quite literally changed my life and being able to continue and spread that positive impact to others would be absolutely fantastic. I am running for Executive Vice President because I think there are major changes that can be made regarding student body awareness that are best pursued from a position that overviews the council.

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

- From my perspective as a senior GSMST student, I think the role of Student Council in GSMST and in our community at large is mainly about handling initiatives that promote a sense of unity and positivity. Whether this is in the form of friendly schoolwide competition like the class v class tournaments, in the form of dances where people can meet with friends and have a good time, or in the form of Infiniteam, which promotes and reinforces student body positivity.

**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?**

- I would describe an effective leader as realistic, sympathetic, and determined. My strengths in leadership come from being able to resolve problems effectively and proper teamwork. Without proper teamwork skills, there is no point of a leader, as there is no one to lead. My goal as a leader is always to lead so that my team ends up in the best position possible. I will use all of the aforementioned qualities and skills in order to promote a Student Council that is effective, not only in work but in communication as well.

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

- I think the thing that I need to improve upon the most is my view on the big picture. I often have the issue where I get so focused on the small details of stuff that I lose focus of the bigger picture. I hope to improve this by better organizing my tasks and goals when I am working on an event or initiative. By keeping my largest goals in view, I hopefully will not lose sight of the bigger picture.

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

- A new event, given the current ongoing COVID-19 situation, would be a digital game and/or movie night. Essentially, the Student Council would set up a discord server with multiple channels for respective games and/or movies and, on a certain night, the council can host these games and stream the movies, thereby providing a fun outlet through which students can participate and relax. This not only gives the student body a fun way to interact with their friends, but it also gives the opportunity for the council to interact with the student body directly. Additionally, this would all occur digitally, which promotes the safety of the student body from COVID-19.

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

- I think more live interaction with the student body would be ideal. Although this year is somewhat unfortunate in that the usual events likely would not be safe to conduct, I think holding some student body town halls (through Zoom) or hosting some other form of a live session (potentially via Instagram) could be beneficial in promoting student body awareness of the council's actions and presence.

## **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 as of right now is managing the stress of an intense workload while managing your personal life during this coronavirus pandemic. School during the pandemic has put a lot of stress on everyone: students, teachers, and administrators included. I think some potential discussion regarding managing this stress would be very helpful to our school's community. If the Student Council can provide a good outlet through which stress can be relieved, then I think we should absolutely be trying to pursue such a goal. In addition to new digital events for students, I think some form of teacher appreciation would also be extremely helpful for many of the teachers, who are undergoing a lot of stress as a result of our situation.