

TERUKIMI HAYASHI SOPHOMORE CLASS PRESIDENT

List any previous leadership positions or experiences

- I served as the Freshman Member at Large for GSMST StuCo last year where I helped in preparing for the amazing events that they hosted. I had the awesome experience of being co-head of the committee that prepared the GSMST on Ice event. It helped me to truly understand the work that goes into making sure events and dances go as planned. In previous years, I was a part of the Jr. Beta club at my middle school in which we did volunteer work to help our local community out. This experience helped me to care for and value the opinions of people around me.

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 this year in order to make sure things run smoothly as the new year progresses. Student Council will most likely be a lot different this coming year, so I want to make sure decisions are made based on the opinions of the students. Being President will help me to overlook how things are run and confirm that progress is made on the events we would be working on.

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

- Student Council should provide for the students' desires and make sure the GSMST community is as tight-knit and fun as it can be. GSMST can be very stressful at times, so one of Student Council's goals should be to provide services that the students will enjoy and will be beneficial to the community as a whole.

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 an effective leader should possess are the abilities to listen, adapt, and take action. I believe out of the three, it is the most critical for a student council leader to be actively listening to their peers. StuCo members are elected on to the council by their peers; hence, it is imminent that they are listening to the student body's feedback and suggestions so that StuCo can present to the student body events that are in the interest of the student population. I recognize the importance of listening, and I will be very grateful if I am elected back on to the council that I will always work to ensure that I and everyone on the council always have an open ear for new ideas and suggestions. In the last two years that I have been on this council I have transitioned from the one being welcomed as a new member to being the one welcoming new members and new advisors, I have been there through all the changes that the council underwent last year. I was able to adapt to these new changes and continue to bring fantastic events to the student body. Similarly, this year, despite being in the middle of a global pandemic, I know I am able to adapt to these special circumstances and present to the student body newer and better events to provide relief to students by helping them cope and destress during these difficult times. Most importantly, amongst all these changes, I was able to quickly adapt and take action again. It is important to not just simply have ideas, but to be able create an effective plan of action to execute these ideas. If not, these ideas will forever just remain ideas. It is something I learned through experience: a great idea is useless without a great plan. By voting me into office, I promise to be responsible for taking action for every event you propose to the council.

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

- I would most like to improve being proactive in my community. A strength that I admired from many of StuCo's upperclassmen was the ability to plan ahead and make sure action is taken before it is too late. In order to do this, proper planning must be utilized and permission for certain events must be gathered beforehand. I will be sure to work on this skill as my responsibilities increase as President in order to be the best leader possible.

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

- Student Council could host a sort of online game session for the students of GSMST. Students would fill out a form stating what game they would like to participate in and join their respective Zoom meetings for their specific game.

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

- Student Council could improve its communications with the student body by occasionally sending out forms to gather the overall opinions of the students regarding new potential events or themes for dances. Forms would be a great way to make sure the thoughts of the student body are accounted for.

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 the GSMST community is the overall level of stress that the students go through. Student Council could help to resolve this issue by hosting fun events and providing services for the students to make their days a bit better. Student Council can also collaborate with other organizations/clubs within the school to provide the best services for the students.