

2023-2024 DASG Legislative Affairs Liaison Application

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How did you hear about the Student Election?

From former Legislative affairs liaison

Have you held a DASG Senate, De Anza College Student Trustee, or other Student Leadership position in the past?

No

If you have held a DASG Senate, De Anza College Student Trustee, or other Student Leadership position in the past, what was your position?

N/A

Why do you want to become the DASG Legislative Affairs Liaison and what do you hope to achieve?

The DASG Legislative Affairs Liaison role resonates with me deeply because it's about building bridges and elevating student voices. Not just on campus, but across colleges and even at the state level. It's about translating what matters to De Anza students into policies that make a real difference. I get fired up by the idea of ensuring every student feels heard, understood, and represented, regardless of their background or beliefs. This role feels like a chance to weave collaborations, craft compelling narratives, and work collectively to reshape the De Anza experience for the better.

What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Senate?

My path isn't just academics. It's been shaped by real-world challenges, like leading through many challenges, volunteering, governmental issues. These experiences aren't trophies, but lessons I carry to amplify student voices.

I understand diverse perspectives. Volunteering and cultural experiences taught me empathy and the value of our differences. This bridge-building spirit is what I bring to the Senate, where I'll connect and unify our student body.

Leadership isn't about titles, it's about action. From student council to community outreach, I've learned to inspire, collaborate, and empower everyone to contribute. This spirit isn't about overshadowing, but shining together for De Anza students.

I'm not here as a solo act, but as a team player, a voice for the unheard, and a collaborator ready to work alongside the Senate's amazing leaders. Let's illuminate the future, together.

Remember, you can customize this further to reflect your unique voice and experiences. Good luck!

What other commitments do you have and how will you manage your time?

While balancing a full course load, I lead two student clubs and intern at a software startup. My meticulous planning and unwavering focus ensure I dedicate quality time to each commitment. As DASG representative, I'll leverage these skills to champion student needs with the same diligence and resourcefulness

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

None

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

DASG must prioritize advocacy for equitable financial solutions. We must push for increased transparency in financial aid processes, champion initiatives for affordable housing near campus, and advocate for increased funding for culturally-competent mental health resources. Additionally, DASG should address food insecurity through pop-up pantries and explore partnerships for reliable, affordable transportation options. By tackling these interconnected challenges, DASG can fulfill its commitment to fostering a truly inclusive and vibrant campus environment for all.