

# **Voter's Guide 2026-2027**

**DASG Internal Officer  
Events Coordinator**

## Mary-Lyn Furagganan (She/Her/Hers)



### **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I want to be able to organize events where everyone can have fun, whether they like socializing or not. As someone who's not good at socializing and still loves participating in events, I want to make events that EVERYONE can enjoy to strengthen our wonderful community here in De Anza. As an events coordinator, I hope to bring more impact to the community and help create meaningful memories during their time here through our events in an efficient and equitable manner. We could learn about everyone's stories and appreciate them together.

### **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole?**

I have a few years of leadership experience as well as teamwork and communication skills that will benefit me significantly as an event coordinator. As a former Girl Scout, I have had many experiences in planning various activities and leading a group through many events. Additionally, I have experience organizing events and managing a team as a section leader in my high school marching band, allowing me the foundational experience for managing teams and taking new initiatives for new potential events. Furthermore, as a trainer in Great America, I have plenty of experience in leadership and managing additional tasks along with being a standard worker. I'm highly adaptable to fast environments, so I would be efficient whether events are calm, fun, or chaotic! I hope to make sure everyone who comes to our events is happy when they walk in, while they're at the event, and even when they leave so they can have a great rest of their day! As someone who has had multiple experiences in planning events and

helping behind the scenes, I have a proven track record of running efficient events and adapting under pressure. I will make sure events go smoothly and consistently so as to not create any minor inconveniences that might impact our event and our students.

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

I am currently a social media manager in STEMScope, the club I'm in, as well as working outside of school. However, it is my priority in making sure I manage my time well to make sure I am always on track and always ahead of deadlines. I use a planner and schedule my week accordingly to maximize and effectively work throughout the day to complete my tasks. As an event coordinator, I will efficiently balance this role along with all my other commitments, ensuring my schedules don't cross-align. If there happens to be a point in time where I will not be able to efficiently commit to my role, I communicate with my team to find a way to accommodate any inconveniences.

**Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

Thank you for reading and considering my application for this role. I am passionate about making others happy, and the events committee resonated the most with me in terms of that. If I'm given this opportunity, I am eager and determined to give our students wonderful memories they deserve for their hard work.

I believe that I would be able to represent the Filipino community more, as there are barely any Filipinos in the DASG senate. As someone who goes to the Philippines every year, I believe I can connect with them and represent them best. Whether I make it in or not, I will continue making an impact on the De Anza community.

**What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

I believe that a significant role of DASG is to create a better environment and community for our students during their stay here. The students should feel as less stress and most comfortable here. Some ways I can think of making that more possible is giving them as many resources to ease their stresses. This may include more tutoring centers or sessions, opportunities to meet people who work in different fields of careers that students can ask questions to learn more about their potential career and future. If it is also possible to ease some of their financial stress, that would also significantly impact our students. On top of that, community is also just as important. In short, DASG should prioritize the overall well-being of the students in many ways possible!

## Vincent Galdamez (He/Him/His)



### **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

As a candidate for Events Coordinator, I want to build on a welcoming and supportive environment that made me feel comfortable when I first joined. That first impression showed me how important it is to have a space where students feel included and valued and I want to help create that same experience for others. I am interested in becoming an Internal Officer because I enjoy bringing people together and turning ideas into meaningful events. I believe events are more as I view them as opportunities for students to connect, express, and feel like they belong. Through this role, I hope to contribute to a stronger sense of community within De Anza.

### **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole?**

My experience in Associated Student Body also known as ASB which was a student government during my time in high school, along with my current involvement as a De Anza Art Guild and Game dev club Intern and other involvements in Events Committee, has allowed me to actively plan and take on multiple initiatives before and during events. During my time in ASB, I learned how much effort goes into organizing successful events from coordinating logistics and time management to collaborating with a team and adapting when unexpected challenges come up. These experiences taught me the

importance of utilizing communication, responsibility, and creativity when bringing ideas to life and being part of the Events Committee showed me that reminder.

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

Currently, my main commitments are school, Track and Field practice, and possibly a job at YMCA. I understand that balancing responsibilities is important, especially in a role like this. So to manage my time, I stay organized by planning ahead by marking my calendar of the tasks ahead of time and prioritizing them based on deadlines. When I have multiple responsibilities, I make sure to break them down in handling how important they really need to be worked on based on their deadlines and how big or small the tasks are. From my past experience helping with events like Homecoming, the Mini Flea Market, and Winter Formal, I've learned how to manage my time during busy situations and still follow through on what's expected of me. If I take on this position, I would make sure to balance my academic responsibilities with my role in DASG in staying consistent, communicating with my peers, and being reliable when it comes to meetings, events, and deadlines.

**Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

Being involved in DASG and attending to various events were pretty much the highlights in my experience. Those moments made me feel more connected to the community and helped turned what could have been a long routine college into an experience much more meaningful. Therefore, I hope to become part of the Events Committee at a contributing position. I want to help design and organize events that can create the same sense of connection and belonging for others like it did with me. My goal is to make a positive impact on students' experiences, so that their time here at De Anza feels memorable and meaningful.

**What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

I feel like the Events committee... or at least every other committee in DASG lack active members at both meetings and during events/workshops that they do here. From what I noticed in the last few weeks in my committee regarding Events, I noticed that a good handful of us members have gone absent. Not only that, but it goes the same where there's only a few of us during events that we'd host or help out, especially when I've been seeing the lack of participation in the volunteering hours for Events committee. This is something that DASG should at least advocate and reinforce to encourage more participation in those events, especially on mini flea market days.

## **Arnav Junday (He/Him/His)**



### **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I wish to be elected as the Events Coordinator due to personal experiences that I have been through. Coming to the United States two years ago and joining the college was not easy for me as I attended all kinds of social gatherings alone expecting that these will give me a sense of belonging. It happened a couple of times. Most often than not, I felt more invisible after attending these events. The experiences stayed with me, and they motivate me to hold events where all students will feel acknowledged and welcome.

I want to bring back the sense of community to the community college. As a matter of fact, De Anza College consists of diverse people from different cultures and generations. Hence, my goal is to organize events which represent the student body. Regardless of their background or whether they are a newcomer or first-generation student, all individuals should attend any event organized by DASG and feel that they belong. As a beneficiary myself, I want everyone to experience the same thing.

**What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole?**

My history of organizing events predates DASG as well. In high school, I was involved in organizing community events where money was raised, Dussehra was celebrated, and DJ nights were arranged. All of these helped me learn about planning, coordinating and making people come together for an event.

Here at De Anza, I have been able to continue in these efforts. I organize food distribution events through the World Food Movement. I am associated with ISA, and presently, I am working on bringing the festival of Diwali to De Anza. Apart from this, I help my family operate a makeup platform that has 40,000 subscribers, where I handle brand masterclasses and PR relations with companies. During my internship period as an SRE, I attended all the meetings and events and was able to learn how equity work is done in practice to affect students' lives. Additionally, I was out there during the external elections, where I interacted with more than 250 students one on one. From this experience, I have learned how to relate with all kinds of people and how to make effective outreach. I provide consistency, genuine care for the students, and a willingness to attend to the task at hand.

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

Currently, I am a major in Computer Science in De Anza College and also participate in World Food Movement. Besides, I belong to the group called ISA and assist my family in managing their content-based platform. Moreover, I always volunteer at Gurudwara. I know how to organize myself when working with these responsibilities, as I managed these commitments since the beginning of my studies at De Anza. Also, none of these commitments were ever affected by each other, and I always attend everything I have to be there.

This position would be one of my additional commitments. However, I am ready to take it on, as it is something that I love. It is very important for me and I will find time for this responsibility. In general, I believe that those who really love what they do always find time for it.

**Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

I want the senate to know that I am not here because I've run out of options. I'm here because Events is where I think I can make the biggest difference. As an SRE, I learned which students aren't showing up and why. As a coordinator, as someone who has done outreach, and event planning and community building, I learned how to get them there. These two skills are precisely what I bring to the table. Additionally, I want to be very transparent: I don't have an official position under events at this point. However, that hasn't stopped me before, nor will it stop me now. As a child, I used to plan events without the funding and without a job title, but with only the understanding that getting people together was necessary. This mindset hasn't shifted since then. I'm detailed, consistent, and I truly love creating an atmosphere where everyone feels welcome. It's something I'll put into everything we plan at DASG.

### **What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

The other significant issue is that many students, especially students who are immigrants, first generation, or come from a minority background, do not feel connected to the activities on campus. They are unaware of the facilities available and do not feel that the activities are meant for them and thus end up going through their time on this campus feeling lonely. I speak from experience because I was once such a student.

DASG needs to increase awareness and accessibility of everything that happens on this campus among all students regardless of their background. This could be done by increased outreach efforts through classrooms, programs for students, organizing diverse events, and ensuring that every single student who steps into this campus knows that he or she is coming into a welcoming community. The Events Committee plays a critical role in this and, in my opinion, represents an excellent avenue to bring together the gap between DASG and its most alienated students.

Additional Info:

[Photo](#)

## **Johnson Li (He/Him/His)**



### **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I want to become DASG Internal Officer position as Events Coordinator because I want to be a reliable guide for the people. This would mean organizing and facilitating events that invites new students to their first events and encouraging students to return again. I will work with my other senators to make sure both DASG and the events committee is improving. I hope to achieve an increase in students at the events, having been part of the elections campaigning process I believe we can increase the promotion of events through flyers or simply word of mouth.

### **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole?**

In high school, I have experiences of being a teacher to underprivileged students, teamwork as I climbed to tenth place nationals in FBLA with my team, and leadership as an ex French Honor Society officer. At De Anza I collaborate and do my best to help peers understand topics they don't. Being in the running for

Chair of Programs at De Anza I have a good grasp of issues in the community and ways to address them.

As Event Coordinator at DASG I will continue to bring in my skills of teamwork, leadership, and responsibility in order to support successful events for our community.

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

I currently have no commitments that would stop me from being proactive and present in my role as the Event Coordinator. Furthermore, I am usually at De Anza throughout the day and as of right now my confirmed final schedule does not collide with the times of the event committee meetings. If there was

to be any unforeseen emergencies I would do my best to stay informed on anything and try to contribute in any way.

**Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

I have been a member of the DASG events committee since the start of the school year, so I understand the requirements and logistics needed to have a successful event. I also have a lot of experience in working in a team.

**What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

As a first generation student I understand the struggles with not knowing what I am doing, but where to find a direction. Although De Anza already has a multitude of programs that aid in students, it would be beneficial if resources were just widely present. This is because even when many students do need help they are afraid to ask, simple resources widely accessible would be useful. Furthermore, DASG can address lack of community by simply facilitating interactions through the school. This can be done through simple games around the quad or any activity where the community can participate or watch.

## **Caleb Man (He/Him/His)**



### **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I want to become an internal officer because, after joining DASG as an intern for three quarters, I realized I enjoy working with people to organize and plan things also i had a great experience making new friends during the period working in the committee

### **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole?**

I think I have great collaboration skills and I consider myself a good communicator with people with my multilingual skills. I was part of a few events that was organized this school year and I was involved in planning and executing how things run

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

Obviously, I am involved with other clubs, other programs and classes, with multi commitments they way i manage my time is first of all I dont intentionally make sure I can be part of everything without time clashing and other than that , I also have everything noted on a calendar to make sure i manage my time correctly with many commitments.

**Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

Not much

**What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

I think there could be some fixes in the dasg itself , one issue i found is seems like people in the committee I was in are separated into groups naturally, seems like there could be a better job for welcoming and ice breaking between interns because I believe building a stronger bond make the environment better and make people feel involved.

## Timothy Nguyen (He/Him/His)



### **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I want to become a DASG Events Coordinator to shape the college experience of the entire student body. I want to foster quality events that are innovative and entertaining for our student body of 18,000+ and make sure that our college provides just as many, if not more, memories and community bonding opportunities as any other college. I hope to ensure that DASG continues to speak to its entire student body, and I aim to ensure that the work put into these events is efficient.

### **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole?**

My executive experience across past and current extracurriculars allows me to perform the duties of DASG's Event Coordinator effectively and creatively. As Oak Grove High School's IP ASB President, I understand how to delegate responsibilities, plan creative, large-scale events, and cater to the trending wants of the student body. My experience as a Key Club Division 12S Spirit Coordinator, my Chair of Events "TiMOOOthy" Campaign, and my moments on the dance floor during De Anza Homecoming and Prom are testaments to my ability to rally large crowds of people positively and bring an abundance of energy to whatever events I host. I also understand student government bylaws because of my experience in ASB, running for Chair of Events, and interning for the Events Committee. I understand budget deliberation, fundraiser planning, and financial forms through RPO and RTF forms in high school,

and I have a sense of what that looks like in DASG as well because of my experience as an intern. As a dancer who has choreographed for and led teams such as Oak Grove's Vietnamese Student Union, Kpop Club, project groups, and Syndicate, a professional San Jose-based hip-hop team, I understand how to organize large groups of people, workshop creative visions, and foster fun yet effective working environments that ensure that our finished product is something to behold. Thanks to my energy and experience across various aspects of event coordination, I am excited to bring my skills to an even larger student population to ensure that DASG's resources are used to maximize each student's college experience.

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

I am currently involved in De Anza PBL and plan to be more heavily involved in IMPACT AAPI next quarter. I will ensure that I prioritize urgent deadlines and deliverables by carefully scheduling my meeting times and work times with my peers. If I cannot make certain meetings, I will be sure to communicate that with my peers and advisors and make the effort to catch up on shared information by the next meeting. I aim to carefully allot my work time alone as well, so that I can be on the same page as everybody and ensure that events are carried out along the agreed-upon timeline.

**Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

N/A

**What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

- Confusion for rising first years
- Understanding what resources for academic and mental health support are available and how to access them
- Lack of initiatives with specific demographics in mind
- Understanding what competitive transfer schools are looking for in an application

## **Bryant Vo (He/Him/His)**



**Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I am passionate about about bringing the De Anza community together through well-structured events.

**What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole?**

As a Business Administration major, I bring a strong emphasis on logical flow, structured rubrics, and project management. My experiences include being a nonprofit founder bringing STEM to underprivileged students, being a Boy Scout Senior Patrol Lead successfully planning and executing various events that gathered 25-200+ individuals, and many more.

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

Commitments include two low-commitment jobs only using 15 hours per week, De Anza VSA being a very low social club commitment, and PBL being a higher professional commitment. I will manage by

time since I have already allocated times in my month calendar that would allow Events Coordinator role to fit in perfectly.

**Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

I am highly motivated to leverage my existing network and background in event planning for De Anza.

**What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

The lack of student engagement. A really hard problem to address since being a community college, a majority of students only utilize online classes, among other barriers to better student engagement. I bring to the table the experience of successful event initiatives and a thought process that's out of the box while maintaining realism and utilizing constructive criticism.

**Ella Yang (She/Her/Hers)**



**Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

The Event Coordinator Internal officer position is a vital role in ensuring events are planned, coordinated, and communicated with the student body. I'm very passionate about creating meaningful, engaging, and well organized events that genuinely improve the student experience on our campus. I see events as opportunities to build community, increase student involvement, and make students feel more connected to their college life and community in a way that goes beyond the expectations of a community college experience.

My prior experience as a member of the events committee and former ASB president gave me a strong foundation in how DASG operates, including a working understanding of the bylaws and how decisions are made and events are constructed, scheduled, and planned. I also had the opportunity to help in planning aspects of events such as Destress day, lights out, and participate in the flea market. This experience has taught me how important clear organization, communication, and collaboration are when creating events that impact and benefit students. Throughout the]is school year, I've continued to stay involved by participating in committees, volunteering at events, and helping with planning, which have helped me develop a stronger understanding of event coordination and student engagement. I want to take on this role because I doing work that makes events successful! Whether it's planning, coordinating details, solving problems, or making sure everything runs smoothly. I want to be there for all of it!

I also value inclusivity, and I want to help create events where all students feel welcome, represented, and excited to participate, open to more than previously involved students. In this position, I hope to achieve more consistent, high attendance, and student designed events that reflect the diverse interests of the campus community. I also want to improve communication between student government and students so that events can reflect what students actually want. Ultimately, my goal is to help build a more connected campus where students feel involved, heard, and excited to engage with their community.

**What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole?**

I bring a combination of prior student government experience, organizational skills, and consistent campus involvement that I believe would allow me to contribute effectively to the Event Coordinator position and the DASG Senate. I have stayed actively involved throughout the year from committee participation, volunteering at events, and assisting with event planning and execution. These experiences helped me further develop teamwork, adaptability, and attention to detail, especially in DASG events committee and collaborative environments where coordination is key to a successful event. In terms of skills, I bring strong organization, reliability, and communication. I'm comfortable taking initiative, managing multiple responsibilities, and ensuring that details are followed through. I also have a more hands-on approach to balancing work and fun. I also value inclusivity and student engagement, and I'm mindful of creating events that are accessible and meaningful to a diverse student body. Overall, I would bring both experience and a strong work ethic to the Event Coordinator role and I'm committed to contributing consistently, learning from others, and helping create events and initiatives that genuinely improve student life on campus.

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

I don't have any other leadership commitments at this point but I am a full time student and work part-time. To manage my time effectively, I prioritize planning ahead and staying structured with my schedule. I use calendars and weekly planning to make sure I can allocate enough time for schoolwork, meetings, and event related responsibilities without overcommitting. I also make sure to communicate early if there are any scheduling conflicts so I can stay accountable and dependable to my team. I've learned through experience that staying consistent and organized is key, especially in student government roles where timing and coordination matter. I'm confident in my ability to manage my current commitments while fully dedicating the necessary time and energy to the position and contributing meaningfully.

**Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

I have remained actively involved on campus through volunteering at student events, and assisting with event planning and execution throughout the year. These experiences have allowed me to stay engaged with student government while continuing to develop my organizational, teamwork, and

communication skills. Overall, my background has given me both a strong understanding of DASG events and hands on experience contributing to our events. And I am excited to continue building on in this role.

**What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

I believe DASG should continue to focus on student concerns that directly impact campus life, especially around accessibility to events, communication, and student engagement. One major concern is improving communication between student government and the student body. Many students are not fully aware of the events, and opportunities available to them hosted by student government so I would want to make that system work better for students. DASG can address this by strengthening outreach, making information more accessible, and ensuring students feel informed and heard more consistently. Another important area is event accessibility and inclusivity. Events should be designed to reflect the diversity of the student population, including different schedules, effecting marketing, financial situations, etc. Making events more welcoming and inclusive can help increase participation and build a stronger sense of community on campus. Overall, I believe DASG should prioritize listening to students directly and turning that feedback into action.

Additional Info:

[Link to Canva](#)