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During the 2019-2020 semester, I was the Secretary of the Saturday Campus (Centennial High School). I love volunteering at HCCS and contributed a lot. In the past, I have regularly volunteered in the SGA and was previously the secretary of the CHS campus. While I was there, I volunteered at the costume sale, book sale, food sale, Census fun day, and was going to volunteer at the Lunar New Year party, but it was canceled. Outside of HCCS, I have co-led an FTC robotics team and outreached for the team, while also successfully applying for grants. Another instance was when I volunteered to make face shields with the Clarksville Youth Care Group. In order to raise funding, I wrote a proposal for monetary support to a company called SSAI and managed to raise 250 dollars for the group. After writing the proposal, I realized that the group should have a website to reach out to potential hospitals in need and to recruit potential volunteers. Then, I contacted the Clarksville Youth Care group and led the effort in making a website.

I am looking to be Secretary during the 2020-2021 school year because I want to help the SGA with planning and ideas. I feel that this year we have worked hard, however, there is always something we can improve. One idea is that we could have more variety in our fundraisers. This year, we had limited options because all we did were food sales. During the book drive and book sale, we always had to have food nearby to sell, otherwise, no one would come. Most people only bought food and didn't take the costumes or books, which lead to a lot of stuff and nowhere to put it. Donating the costumes and books is good, but I want to sell more so we could donate money which would help more. In addition, we can do a survey at the beginning of the semester to ask the HCCS community for what they want in terms of sales.

Also, the SGA should start advertising more, possibly over WeChat. The SGA could make digital posters and send them out. Members could remind their classmates after the classes, ask teachers to help spread the word about the different kinds of sales, and where the money goes.

I want to make SGA more interactive and inclusive. Some members of SGA don't volunteer much and I want to motivate them to volunteer. We could make some fun activities for members who volunteer to encourage this. One activity at the beginning of the year to show the new members how fun SGA is and one at the end to celebrate their hard work. Also, I think that recording service hours is a small problem that needs fixing. During this year, the SGA volunteers had to sign in and out on a random piece of paper. This paper could easily be lost, so I think we should make a spreadsheet for signing in and out. After the volunteering is over, the remaining members would take a picture and send it to a group chat to prevent a miscalculation.

Signed, Jessica Li

Signed, Xuexia Chen