

I have been volunteering in SGA since four years ago. I started from the very moment I was allowed to participate. In 2020, I was the Vice President of the Saturday campus. This year, I am applying to be the Sunday campus Vice President and will be attending the Sunday 10th grade Chinese class. Throughout the 2020-2021 academic year, I have participated in all of the SGA activities and have volunteered for more than 70 hours at HCCS volunteer events. I will contribute as much as I can for the future Sunday campus if I am selected as the Vice President. Before Covid, I volunteered at almost every sale from SGA. During this year in SGA, I contributed ideas, attended meetings when I could, and participated in the events we planned. I also encouraged more students to join SGA and participate in our events. Some examples are the blanket making drive for the animal shelter and the SGA newsletter. I took the lead to write a section in the February Newsletter about how to use Zoom. At that time, I had felt that a technology guide was needed, especially because everyone in HCCS was attending class on Zoom. I also helped make many cloth masks for the HCCS PTA program and donated them to COAD, BOE, HCPSS teachers, and HCCS teachers. Outside of the SGA, I also volunteered in other community events. One time, I made two videos, one to demonstrate how to make a cloth mask, and another video showing how to cook a traditional Chinese Spring Festival dish, a Glutinous Rice Ball, which is also known as 汤圆. The video has been watched by hundreds of people, which I feel has made a big impact on the community.

In the 2019-2020 academic year, before Covid-19, I was the Secretary of the Saturday Campus (Centennial High School). While I was at CHS, I volunteered at the costume sale, book sale, food sale, Census fun day, and other SGA events. Before the food sales, I always helped to make mooncakes and other foods for the sale. Outside of HCCS, I have co-led an FTC robotics team and outreached for the team, while also successfully applying for grants. After my presentation with another team member at Maryland Space Business Roundtable, we earned a \$500 grant for the team. This year, I also helped apply for a grant, this time for HCCS. It was a collaboration between many members of the SGA and I hope that we can effectively carry out the project next year if we earn the grant.

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. I am looking to be Vice President during the 2021-2022 school year because I want to continue helping the SGA with planning and

ideas. I feel that this year we have worked hard and come up with many new suggestions, such as the newsletter and the blanket drive. However, there is always something to improve upon. One idea is that we could have more variety in our projects. This year, we had limited options because most of our events were organized online and we did not have many in person events. Not only that, we had very few members of the SGA contributing ideas. Our meetings consisted of only the elected positions. I hope that we can hold a brainstorming meeting with everyone relevant to the SGA. After all, we represent the students and need more input. A mere panel of less than ten students can't be enough to represent all the opinions of the students. If we will have class on campus in the fall semester, we can continue to do some bake sales or other in-person events.

Also, the SGA should start advertising more, possibly over WeChat or other student groups. The SGA could make digital posters and send them out on these platforms. Members could remind their classmates after the classes, ask teachers to help spread the word about the events.

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 has been improved this semester by using a digital spreadsheet for signing in and out the detailed service hours. I hope to encourage more students to join SGA and develop leadership. After I graduate from HCCS next year, there will be a strong SGA team that will continue to serve the HCC students.

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