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Personal Statement:

Hello! My name is Claire Liu and I'm a rising 9th grader. I'm running for the role of vice president.

I've participated in diverse activities that have developed numerous soft skills that are essential in life. Moreover, I am engaged in a variety of activities like environmental groups, robotics, music, and debate. First, in my environmental group, I strive to learn about the different parts of my community that specialize in protecting the environment and visiting a variety of places that represent the beauty of nature. For example, I have participated in a road clean-up that has helped in enhancing my teamwork skills.

Second, I have been participating in robotics for over three years and I have learned a variety of skills throughout those years like problem-solving, communication, and teamwork, which are all critical skills in life. One example of my use of problem-solving skills is when I designed and built a drone launching system for a robot. At that time, I wasn't familiar with building or designing a prototype. So, I referred to my computer and did some research, learning about how a drone launching system worked and brainstorming different ideas that I could use to create the most effective drone launching system.

Third, I have actively engaged in debate and speech for over three years. Through my debate experience, I have learned how to effectively use persuasion techniques when talking to others. As for speech, I was the president of the Middle School Toastmasters Club, where I strived to improve communication among my peers. These experiences not only sharpened my ability to create convincing

arguments but also increased my understanding of diverse perspectives relating to a specific topic.

Finally, I have participated in a variety of volunteer work. For example, I helped to clean up roads multiple times to keep my community clean, created blankets and sent them to the people of Turkey and Syria when an earthquake occurred, causing thousands of people to lose their lives and their homes, and created and distributed teacher and bus driver appreciation kits to show my gratitude in their contributions to my learning experience.

I hope to apply my skills from these experiences to make the Howard County Chinese School a even more welcoming place by building a stronger connection between the students at HCCS and SGA, along with hosting more fundraising activities for everyone to participate in. Thank you for your consideration!

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