

Aaron Zhong - Application for SGA President Position

To whom it may concern,

My name is Aaron Zhong. I am going to be a Howard County Chinese School 10th grade student for the year of 2023-2024. I am running for the President position for SGA.

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I am seeking the SGA President position because I believe this opportunity is the best way for me to contribute to the Howard County Chinese School community. I joined HCCS 10 years ago, and I am a rising 10th grader. I have been with SGA for 3 years, and I currently serve as the Notetaking Secretary. The SGA accomplished a great amount of achievements last year after the pandemic period. Now with the four leading officers graduating from HCCS, I aspire to step out and take leadership to carry the torch of the SGA president. In addition, my experience, skills, capabilities, and enthusiasm are exceptionally well-suited for this position.

As the SGA Notetaking Secretary for 2022-2023, I participated in almost every SGA meeting, in which I took detailed notes for record keeping. As the note-taking secretary, I have learned how to organize and run meetings. Throughout the year, I actively participated and volunteered at various events with SGA team, such as Howard County AAPI Heritage Festival Event, Clarksville Independent Day Parade, National Night Out Kickoff Party, SGA & PTA Open House, HCCS Chinese New Year Gala, Lunar New Year Celebration at Columbia Mall, Chinese New Year Appreciation Party, Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief Fund Raising, Unheard Perspectives Showcare Event, Shopping Bag Making, 7 Day Challenge, Teachers Appreciation and Mother's Day flower sales, Halloween costume and book sale, etc. I have gained valuable experience on communicating with PTA and EC, running preparation meetings, incentivizing ideas, assigning roles and responsibilities, designing event flyers and assisting the events as a team.

I have been leading the HCCS AAPI Youth Ambassadors Environment Group since last year. As the leader of the Road Cleanup project, I contacted the Howard County Public Works Adopt-A-Road office, discussed the requirements, details and plans, to make Environment Group's road cleanup a long-term project. After we clean up the

road four times in one year, the County will put up the “Howard County ADOPT-A-ROAD: HCCS AAPI Youth Ambassadors” sign at the intersection of Freetown Road in recognition of the group’s efforts, which also promotes HCCS in the community.

I joined HCCS Youth Garden in April last year. As the Donation Coordinator, I took the initiative to contact several charitable organizations in Howard County, introducing them to HCCS and the Youth Garden. I participated actively in almost every tasks of the Garden and donated a total of 475 pounds of vegetables to five local charities with our team, which earned HCCS and Youth Garden much recognition. I became one of the co-presidents of Youth Garden this year.

I have also been actively involved in the BranchOut! at HoCo Tutoring program for a whole year, which includes summer, fall, and spring semesters. I volunteered to alternate between classes to help the teachers and make sure everyone was on task. Every time a new assistant arrived, I informed him or her of what to do.

As President, my goal is to building up a vigorous SGA team and work together to:

1. Assemble resources to further enhance the output of SGA; Strengthen collaboration with HCCS PTA/EC/Board, Youth Journalists, AAPI YAP, Youth Garden, BranchOut! at HoCo, and other students’ programs;
2. Organize different and unique SGA activities and fundraisings;
3. Incentivize more students to join SGA and participate in SGA projects and events;
4. Increase connections with various local voluntary organizations and charities;
5. Develop and improve SGA website to upload timely event information and build up SGA history database;
6. Publish more SGA activities on various social media platforms such as HCCS website, Facebook and Twitter, to increase HCCS influence and visibility on the community.

Overall, I would like to run for SGA President and I hope I have the opportunity to contribute to the HCCS community.

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