

Hello, I'm Lily Peng, a rising 8th grader, and I'm seeking the position of secretary because I want to play a larger role in improving the Chinese school community. Even though I only joined the SGA student body last year, I have been proactively involved in many SGA events, such as the Gala, several Bake Sales, the Flower Sale, and so much more. Not only that, but outside of Chinese School, my friends and I have organized a charity bake sale where we donated to non-profit animal shelters, and are planning to host another one to donate proceeds to a climate change foundation. I'm also a pioneer of our monthly school newsletter, where we cover all sorts of interesting articles and topics. I've also been nominated by my teachers to join a leadership committee at my school, and have been recommended for the Junior National Young Leaders Conference. Finally, I have earned many prestigious awards for debate and public speaking at several national and international level tournaments. This helps me to give voice to my opinions and speak out for things I feel passionately about.

I would be a very good secretary, as I am skilled at organizing and coordinating events. For example, at my debate competitions, I'm typically in charge of a data and logistics spreadsheet. Furthermore, I am part of my school's Student Library Advisory Committee, where we are trying to help coordinate events such as our Enrichment Fair, and possibly some renovations in our library.

As a secretary, I would dutifully assist the president and vice president by helping them organize events and get events off the ground. Meanwhile, I would push for my own advocacies as well. One of the most important parts of any school, is a strong sense of community. So, if I was elected as secretary, I would try to build a communication bond between not only the SGA members, but everybody at HCC Chinese School. To accomplish this, I will introduce a school-wide Chinese newsletter committee. There, Chinese School events will be covered, and some entries submitted by our fellow students may be featured and honored. This will help keep everybody on the same page on what is happening at Chinese School, and will increase engagement in SGA events by raising awareness. Not only that, but the newsletter could become a great creative outlet for kids to exercise their writing and Chinese skills. Another thing I would push for, is more opportunities for service hours, such as volunteer work. This could be a variety of things, ranging anywhere from bake sales to increasing cooperation with non-profit organizations to advocate for issues such as universal education. I believe that this volunteer work is incredibly important, as it teaches students life-long about compassion, and helping others. At the end of the day, I want to be a part of the change brought to our diverse Chinese school, and see my visions come to life.