## SGA Application 2020-2021

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My name is Joshua Soong and I am currently an 8th grader at Lime Kiln Middle School and a 9th (going onto 10th) grade HCCS student. As a veteran member of the HCCS SGA, I believe that I am fit for the position of Vice President for the following reasons. I am a problem solver with good communication skills. I am also a caring and responsible person that will contribute greatly towards events beneficial to the HCCS community.

Being a 4-year member of the SGA, I have participated in countless meetings and fundraisers. In the past year, I have participated in events such as the Halloween Costume sale, Mooncake Sale, Annual Hot Chocolate Sale, Winter Coat Drive, and many more. During these events, I was able to help to sell items, communicate in between members and higher board members, and organize money and funds to make these events more efficient and effective. SGA has been an effective way for me to meet new people, try new things, and develop my skills to serve the students and those in need. Last year, serving as treasurer of SGA, I had the opportunity to work with other SGA officers as a team. This will not only add on to my experience in the SGA, but also will enable me to lead others in the coming school year.

Among all the events, one of the most eye-opening experiences was the recent activities of fighting the Covid-19 pandemic. HCCS SGA and PTA have initiated The Little Teachers program starting this March. This program is aimed to teach English to Chinese students whose parents were doctors and nurses fighting the Covid-19 virus first hand. During this program, I was able to help a student named Lucas in China to improve oral English and learn American culture. Waking up at 9:00 am on every Saturday morning for lessons taught me to be responsible and dedicated to what I do. We also made masks for medical personnel to fight the global pandemic. Both of these activities were great experiences for me, as it taught me how to be compassionate and

respectful to others. It reminds us that everyone can contribute to helping others in need and contribute to a better society.

If elected as the Vice president of the SGA, I will be sure to listen to new ideas and suggestions proposed by the SGA members. I will dedicate my effort and time to organize and execute events in the most efficient and professional way. I would like to increase communication among members and the student body, as well as PTA and board members of HCCS. I would also help to increase SGA funding by the coat drive, costume sales, food sales, book sales, etc. We can have partnerships with many other organizations such as the Branch Out Howard County Chapter, and Howard County Chinese Culture Center. Together we can reach out to local communities in need and promote Chinese culture.

I hope that you may consider me for being Vice President of the SGA for the above reasons. I can be contacted by e-mail <a href="mailto:joshuash@comcast.net">joshuash@comcast.net</a>, or by phone number at 202-819-2830. I look forward to working with many of the members SGA in the 2020-2021 HCCS school year!

