

SGA Presidential Election Statement

Ever since I was little, I've always wanted to make a difference in the world. When I first moved to Howard County, I came to Chinese School and saw all the older kids having fun together in SGA. As soon as I learned what SGA was, I knew that I wanted to be a part of it. Since joining four years ago, being a part of this organization has brought me joy and valuable experiences every year. I am honored to be presented with the opportunity to lead this brilliant team of people. Not only could I have fun with a group of friends while giving back to the community; being the president would allow me to learn important lessons about leadership and communication. Most importantly, I truly believe that my organization skills can help bring SGA to its full potential.

During my four years in SGA, I've taken part in all kinds of volunteering in and out of SGA. I have participated in almost every fundraiser and drive. I also have a lot of experience in each year's Chinese New Year Gala. In the 2018-2019 Gala, I was in charge of the food stand for almost the entire duration of the festival market. Outside of fundraisers, I have participated in a lot of teaching and mentoring, from the 小老师 program to the HCCS Teaching Assistant program. This year, I also joined Branchout! at Howard County and was a teacher for the Bridges to the 21st Century art class at TSES, where I learned how to lead a large class and plan a curriculum. As an executive team member of the SGA, I have gained experience in the leadership and planning side of the club. For the past two school years, I helped prepare the kickoff party as well as several other events. I started a new organization over this year's break with a group of friends called QuarantEEN Tutors, which provides extra learning assistance to local students and collects donations for UNICEF to support hospitals fighting COVID-19. Through my many experiences in community service, I have learned to be a leader, a teacher, a planner, and a teammate. Now, I want to put my experiences and skills to use to make reasonable and much-needed changes to help the SGA.

Our community is full of resources and eager volunteers. We could be more organized, efficient, and effective. To achieve this goal, there are three changes to make: more communication, wider audience bases, and better planning systems. Our first goal to achieve is

to create a better communication system, which increases effectiveness in many ways. This can be reached by streamlining communication into certain platforms for certain uses or groups. The plan could also include the use of more planning, training, preparation meetings. Another pressing issue with every project is not having an audience base, which leads to a lack of donated money and/or materials. By coming up with a better way to announce and advertise our events, we can generate more support from the community. To ensure that events will be free of last-minute problems, we should also establish a structure for the planning process. For example, a rule should be made for timeframes and event notices so volunteers can sign up in advance. Instituting guidelines for planning makes the process easier for the organizer to follow and increases the likelihood of the event running smoothly. A better, organized communication system, announcement system, and planning system can allow for SGA to be as impactful and efficient as it can be.

Being president of the HCCS SGA has been my dream ever since I came to this school. Leading this team would be beneficial to both the SGA and me. With more organization and structure, I am sure that the proposed improvements will be able to help the SGA for years to come. If I am elected as president, I promise that I will continue SGA's success and lead us to change our community for the better.