

Lianna Vaughan

1. Why do you want to join the DASB Senate, and what do you hope to achieve?

I want to join the DASB Senate because I think it is a great opportunity to get involved on campus. It also is a great way to form lasting relationships with my peers, faculty, and staff of De Anza College. With my vast experience in student government and leadership positions, I can effectively serve as a liaison between my peers and our school's administration, actualize ideas into events and programs, and maintain an open line of professional communication. I hope to partake in budget deliberations, host events, and create programs students want to see.

2. What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASB Senate?

Throughout my academic career, I have served on multiple student governments in various positions. My most recent experiences are as a member of the Senior Cabinet for Fremont High class of 2018, and as a Floor Representative and the Environmental Awareness Chair in my residence hall at my previous university. As a member on Senior Cabinet, I shared the responsibility of planning, hosting, and advertising all senior class events, such as the first annual senior sunrise and senior prom. I was also tasked with, and succeeded in, turning our senior class debt of about \$20,000 into a profit of at least \$10,000.

As the Environmental Awareness Chair (EAC), I planned, hosted, and advertised events for my fellow residents to learn more about climate change, its impact on our planet, and what we could do to reduce our carbon footprints; all while remaining within the bounds of my 5% of the residence hall budget. I also held the responsibility of enforcing the new Green Code for all events hosted by other board members and resident assistants. The Green Code was a code of conduct to make all residence hall events more inclusive and more environmentally friendly. Part of being the EAC was also serving on my residence hall's executive board. As an executive board member, I partook in decision making for the whole 600-student residence hall budget.

My position as Floor Representative was largely based on student advocacy. My floormates in my residence hall would meet a couple times a quarter to share any needs they felt weren't being met, and I would address them during Hall Council meetings. Some of the things me and my fellow Floor Rep accomplished were providing free tampons and pads in the women's and gender-neutral bathrooms of our residence hall and providing free testing materials during midterms and finals week. Through all of these experiences, I have further developed my communication skills and became a better liaison for my peers, forged lasting relationships with contemporaries as well as my superiors, and learned what it truly means to represent a population to an organization and effectively advocate their needs.

3. What other commitments do you have and how will you manage your time?

I am a very visual person, so I manage my time by writing every event or meeting I need to attend and every deadline I need to meet on a whiteboard calendar that is always in my view. I set reminders and alarms on my phone close to the time of the event or deadline to ensure I attend or that it is met. Finally, I use a daily planner to track all assignments and tasks that I need to complete. I hope to join any of the following internal committees: Diversity and Events Committee, Environmental Sustainability Committee, or Flea Market Committee; and to join either of the following shared governance committees: Campus Facilities team and the Student Services PBT.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)