

**Erin Valdecanas**

**How did you hear about the DASB Senate?**

I believe I initially heard about the senate through the De Anza discord and went to Senate and internal meetings to learn more about the work that DASG does.

**If you have held a DASB Senate position in the past, what was your position?**

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

While there isn't much time left in the year, advocacy never ends and there's still a lot that needs to be done and won't stop with the end of this term. I hope to find ways to increase equity and De Anza and make sure that everyone is represented, whether that's in the Senate or outside. Also, while I've seen DASG make strides to close the gap between the Senate and our college community, we still need to focus on accessibility and creating a stronger bond. Especially if we will be online again next year, for students like myself who come to De Anza not knowing anything, we need to be able to reach students and get them involved. Furthermore, as an elected Senator for the next school year, I hope that joining the Senate this year will make the transition into the next year easier. In addition, in the chance that we do end up coming back to campus, being in the Senate will alleviate any stress that might come from transitioning back.

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

In high school, I was involved in student government and service clubs which have taught me very valuable lessons and have left me with skills that I believe are needed as a Senator. Through student government, I learned organization, planning, and how to collaborate efficiently. Within the clubs I was involved in, I gained experience in community work. This last quarter and currently, I have been

an intern for LAC and SRS which has familiarized me with the work that the Senate and the committees do.

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

Outside of school, I work part-time as a tutor, but this should have no effect on my ability to serve within the Senate. I am confident in my ability to plan, and besides the days that I work, my schedule is fairly flexible.

**Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

**What student concerns do you feel the DASB should address?**

As I mentioned before, we need to work on accessibility. Students aren't aware of opportunities and programs that are put in place for them. We need to bridge the gap between DASG and students by creating easy means of communication.