

Candidate Statements

ICC Elections 2022-2023

Chair of Finance Candidates (5/4)

Ka Keung (Peter) Lai

I would like to be part of the ICC because I want to serve the student community and build a peaceful atmosphere between clubs. Being an international student from Hong Kong whose first language isn't English has always been a challenge for me, and I understand there may be obstacles for students from different backgrounds to immerse themselves into the De Anza community. I am here to serve these students, and help build a peaceful atmosphere in the campus. I think I am capable enough to be the Chair of Club Affairs as I believe I can meet the obligations, and I have the required skills to help connect different clubs and students at De Anza.

Susang Sijipati

I wish to be part of the ICC because I believe that an integral part of university life is the extracurricular activities that are available to students especially through clubs. I think clubs are a great way for students to explore their interests and meet new people in college and what better way to get involved than being at the center of overseeing club activities? I believe that this is not only a great opportunity to gain leadership and teamwork experience but also a way to help support the many clubs at De Anza which serve as the foundation of this very institution. I think I would be a great fit for the Chair of Finance because I have had previous role working at a bank and dealing with finances. I also have an acute understanding of accounting and I am good with excel. Beyond all this, I have a lot of time to spare for club activities and I can get myself fully devoted to any time and effort that is required of me.

Masaya (Mason) Sonoda

I am an international student from Japan. Since it's already cost a lot to study abroad in the US, I think that I want to challenge my self in any way throughout my college life. One of my goals is to challenge something new in the college or outside the college. Then, I found this officer's chance. I believe this is one of the best opportunities for challenging and to be a part of ICC to manage all clubs and support them. Some clubs have difficulty resuming thier activities due to the covid and some other difficult situations. As an finance officer, I would like to help them with finance aspects and corporate to make De Anza College more enjoyable and energetic, which is like the days before the pandemic. Even though I haven't worked in a finance position, I am sure I can be one of the best officers ever and contribute to every club. I might face some problems, but I will not hesitate to ask questions to improve myself and also the ICC.

Chair of Programs Candidates (5/4 or 5/18 depending on time)

Ruchira Arun Danavadi

Isn't college one of the most memorable times of our lives? The best part of college, as we all agree, is the friends we make and the fun events the college holds! If given the opportunity, I would take on the role of the Chair of Programs and ensure students have an amazing time at De Anza. Recovering from an ongoing pandemic, we are all yearning to socialize and attend fun and educational events. Given the role, I aim to create a good study-life balance, overlooking events and clubs that are the core of a student's happiness. Being an international student, I have experienced how hard it can be to socialize and make new friends, given most classes and events are online. As a member of the ICC, I aim to assist in the planning of such events and activities. I witnessed how enjoyable and vibrant the first in-person Club Day was a few days ago, and found myself observing many individuals interacting and making friends, which is the complete college life experience. I'm excited to organize more of these events and work with some amazing people to make others' and my own stay at De Anza memorable.

Lai (Sabrina) Jiang

I am interested in club staff, and I like to know different clubs so much. My major is communication study, so I hope I can get more chance to know new people and communicate with them. I also want to develop my leadership skill by helping and working at ICC. I have passion to learn and do ICC affairs in the coming quarters.

Aileen Le

As a first year student, I felt that there was a lack of community at De Anza with most of my classes being online. Many of my friends at four years were meeting new people, taking part in university events, and overall enjoying their college experience to the fullest extent. I spent my fall and winter quarters, studying at home with little to no sense of classroom peers. It wasn't until spring quarter, did I realize that clubs at De Anza were active and that there were opportunities to be part of a community. Since joining clubs, I was able to meet other motivated individuals and learn more about career opportunities in my major. I want to be part of ICC so I can be more involved in De Anza, and bring awareness to students of all the opportunities that clubs at De Anza offers. I want to be part of something bigger and meet more people outside of my major, and I believe ICC will give me the opportunity to do so. I believe I would be a good fit for this position because I am a dedicated individual with experience of working on a team to organize and create large events. I've volunteered at numerous hospitals, such as the Santa Clara Medical Valley and Regional Hospital, where I helped guide many events.

Jasmine Putri

I would like to gain some experience, and be more involved with campus activities. I want to have some other responsibility to challenge myself as I have some spare time and broaden my horizons. As an international student, I would like to build and have a community here. I like meeting new people and work in a team. I am very committed and to all my duties.

Susang Sijapati

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Chair of Marketing Candidates (5/18)

Lai (Sabrina) Jiang

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Alena Yuan

I would love to be apart of ICC and serve as an officer to help represent new clubs at De Anza and help make De Anza a more diverse and engaging place. I also love working with others to achieve a goal, which makes me a great team member. Although I'm only a first-year student at De Anza, I think I would be a great fit for the Chair of Club Affairs because I've had numerous club and club council experience at my previous high school. For example, I was the Head of Logistics officer for the "Generation She" chapter at my school. Therefore, I attended weekly club council meetings, created presentations and presented any changes in our club to council members, voted on the passing of other clubs, and filled in for any absent member at club council meetings as well.