

2023-2024 DASG Legislative Affairs Liaison Application

Eddie Nam (he/him)

How did you hear about the Student Election?

Administration Committee

Have you held a DASG Senate, De Anza College Student Trustee, or other Student Leadership position in the past?

No

If you have held a DASG Senate, De Anza College Student Trustee, or other Student Leadership position in the past, what was your position?

N/A

Why do you want to become the DASG Legislative Affairs Liaison and what do you hope to achieve?

During my Freshman year, I ran a business that required extensive research on UI/UX, business regulations, and dozens of other topics. I remember spending most of my day combing through articles and research papers and organizing everything into one diagrammatic document. Instead of thinking of researching as a chore, I found myself enjoying the process. That is why I'm pursuing a field in I/O Psychology, a very research-oriented profession, and why I'm applying to the DASG legislative Affairs Liaison position. Additionally, I enjoy doing work that leaves an impact where I can see it. I imagine every piece of a research paper read or resolution drafted is one step closer to creating a more inclusive and prospering De Anza Community. Given my commitment and passion, I believe I'd be the perfect candidate for the position and I see myself acclimating well into the position and its many responsibilities.

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

As a former business owner and current Behavioral Specialist, I gained several skills that were useful during my time as an Administration Intern at DASG. Reflecting on the past two weeks, I incorporated time management skills in the form of arriving at meetings on time and leaving time available in my schedule to help out where I can. Additionally, my experience initiating conversations with customers, companies, and executives gave me the confidence and negotiation skills that allowed me to contribute as much as I have during my short time as a DASG Administration Intern. As a Behavioral Specialist where I created and implemented behavioral intervention plans for people with autism and provided experience in data collection, data analysis, and communication skills.

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

I work as a Behavioral Specialist and am taking 4 courses this quarter. In total, I'm committing around 20-25 hours a week. Most of my work hours are during the weekend, as of now I don't see any reason my schedule would conflict with DASG activities and even if so, I have the leisure to move my schedule around.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

No comments as of right now.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

One concern I have is the need for more exposure for many De Anza programs. For instance, I took a trip down to Foothill College and every concrete row had a billboard or flyer advertising a program. It seemed there was a program with their doors open on every corner and I could have easily changed my 15-minute stroll to 2 hours just by visiting the programs I found.

While I'm not knowledgeable in how advertisement works, or the workings and internal discussion needed, comparing Foothill's offerings to De Anza made me realize that at the very least, there is room to grow for our college.