

Voter's Guide 2025-2026

DASG Internal Officer Elections
Budget Analyst & Elections Commissioner
05/07/2025

Elections Commissioner

Jared Salazar (He/Him) **DASG Elections Commissioner**



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none

1. **Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?**
I want to establish rules that are more strict especially I want to avoid drama for the next school election.
2. **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Senate?**
I'm good at managing tasks. I'm very organized when it comes to paperwork. I'm also openminded to ideas.
3. **What other commitments do you have and how will you manage your time?**
PBL Lambda, Mentor, Tutoring. I would try to make a calendar for myself
4. **Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**
N/A
5. **What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**
School election for the next school year, avoid the drama that happened this year's school election
6. **Why I Joined the DASG**
I joined the DASG to help my De Anza community even I don't become officer. I would still want to contribute to the society. Like help make rules to be more fair for students. And helping in events as

well. Similar to what I've done helping the dog and cats mental health event. Not only that, it's also for my college resume 🐱🐱.

7. **Program Affiliations: Clubs, Inter Club Council (ICC), Mentors at De Anza, Outreach, Student Success Center (SSC) (Tutoring)**

Harshdeep Singh (He/Him)

DASG Elections Commissioner



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none

1. **Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?**

I would like to be the Elections Commissioner because I have the knowledge and experience that is needed for this position and because I am passionate about leadership. I have the skills and traits needed to fulfill this role, which include honesty, transparency, and useful problem-solving abilities. I enjoy managing with an objective and adding to the growth of a stronger campus community, which is why I'm excited and drawn to the DASG role. I'll put in my effort as Elections Commissioner to make sure the election is fair, inclusive, and interesting. My goals are to boost student involvement, guarantee that each candidate receives fair treatment throughout the process, and make DASG elections more approachable and engaging for the student body.

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

I have had a range of leadership experiences that will help me in this role. I served as President of the Sikh Honors Service Society for four years, organizing events like road clean-ups, tabling, and fundraisers. At De Anza, I'm the current President of the Sikh Student Association, where I'm

working on fundraisers and an educational animation project for schools to spread awareness about Sikhi. I also interned with Sunnyvale Mayor Larry Klein, assisting with his campaign this year. Professionally, I work as a Site Director for a TK/K after-school program, organizing camps and monthly agendas. I'm also a confident public speaker because of my involvement in clubs, the Youth Cadet Program with the Santa Clara Sheriff's office, and regular community outreach. These experiences have strengthened my organizational, communication, and leadership skills—qualities I'll bring to both the Elections Commissioner role and the DASG Senate.

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

I currently serve as President of the Sikh Student Association, volunteer at Sunday School, work part-time twice a week, and participate in the Youth Cadet Program twice a month. Three of the four classes I'm enrolled in are asynchronous this quarter, which allows me the flexibility to efficiently manage my schedule. I stay ahead of my assignments and keep a detailed calendar that I update in advance. Time management is one of my strengths, and I am sure that I can manage all of my obligations while putting in the time and effort required for this role.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

I believe DASG should focus on increasing student engagement, supporting club funding, and ensuring diverse student representation. A lot of students don't know what DASG does or how they can participate. I think the DASG should actively work on making De Anza a more vibrant community. The Senate should work on initiatives to better campus life.

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

N/A

6. Why I Joined the DASG

I joined DASG to be part of the team that actively works to amplify student voices and builds a more connected community.

7. Program Affiliations: Clubs

Francesca Cacchione (She/Her)

DASG Elections Commissioner



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none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

After participating as a candidate in the DASG elections, I developed a strong interest in the election process and quickly became aware of the significant issues that affected this year's elections. It became clear to me that many of these problems stemmed from an outdated and insufficiently detailed elections code. As our campus community evolves and new campaign tools and platforms emerge, our election procedures must also adapt.

I have followed the whole process in detail, attending all related meetings from beginning to end. My engagement grew from initial curiosity to a deep commitment, and I have studied the elections code extensively, to the point where I know it by heart. The recent election cycle has been emotionally exhausting for many: disqualified candidates, complainants, and even the general candidates. Experiencing this firsthand, I feel morally obligated to prevent future candidates from going through the same, because what happened this year should NEVER happen again.

If given the opportunity to serve as Elections Commissioner, my goal is to reform the process to make it fair, clear, stress-free, and supportive for all involved. I believe DASG has a huge potential, but it can only be realized if the elections are structured to ensure that the right people are given the chance to serve.

In critically analyzing what went wrong during this year's election cycle, I identified several issues, both within the elections code and in the overall process, that need to be addressed. I have a lot of ideas that, if elected, I would like to bring to discussion to possibly implement in the code.

One key concept would be to limit campaigning to one week, during which voting would not be permitted. This would give students the chance to hear from all candidates, and ensure students cannot be pressured into voting. Voting would begin only after the campaign period ends, encouraging more informed and intentional decision-making. Additionally, I propose banning official coalitions to reduce confusion, but groups of candidates would still be allowed to informally campaign together.

To maintain fairness, I believe campaigns should be conducted solely by the candidates themselves, without direct assistance from friends or family to ensure a fair campaigning process. I also support having disqualification decisions reviewed and voted on by the full senate, rather than by only the admin committee, to preserve objectivity.

Lastly, I believe the elections code must undergo a comprehensive revision to eliminate loopholes and ensure it reflects the evolving needs of our student body. These are just a few of the many ideas I hope to contribute to strengthening the integrity and transparency of our elections.

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

I have served as student body president in both my Italian high school and American high school, and I bring with me extensive leadership experience. These roles have equipped me with strong organizational, communication, and problem-solving skills that I believe will benefit both the Elections Committee and the Senate as a whole.

I believe DASG should reach a broader portion of our student population, and I plan to use my background in technology and marketing to develop digital tools that encourage greater participation in the voting process. This will help ensure that our elected representatives truly reflect the diverse voices on campus. People often refer to me as a very rational individual, and this would be an important skill if the code needs to be clear and logical.

In addition, I am a very diplomatic person, committed to be as unbiased as humanly possible. Having closely followed and experienced the entire election process this year, I bring not only knowledge but also a deep understanding of the improvements that need to be made.

To the whole Senate, I aim to bring innovation, inclusivity, and renewed energy, along with a sense of collaboration and positivity.

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

As of now, I am involved in several organizations at De Anza, but I do not hold any leadership positions that involve a lot of responsibilities, so DASG would be my priority.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

N/A

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I feel the DASG should reach more students, as a large part of our student body is not involved. I also believe that the Senate MUST address and review the whole election process, to ensure no problems will be encountered next year. DASG should also hold events regularly for the whole student body specifically to give the students an opportunity to express their concerns, and therefore to ensure us Senate can address them promptly.

6. Why I Joined the DASG

I joined DASG because I have a lot of experience in leadership and I am very passionate about it. I wish to implement positive change and ensure De Anza students feel represented.

7. Program Affiliations: Athletics, Clubs, De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s), Honors Program, International Student Programs (ISP), Mentors at De Anza, Student Success Center (SSC) (Tutoring)

Suyash Jevaria (He/Him)

DASG Elections Commissioner



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none

- 1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?**

I want to become a DASG Internal officer as I want to give back to the school that gave me a second chance at my education. Without De Anza, I would have no path forward, and I want to provide the same opportunity to other people out there just like me. My biggest goals will be to streamline the elections process, streamline the bylaws, and ensure DASG functions at a high level so that it can help its constituents.

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

The skills I will bring are communication, leadership, and determination. These are skills that are strongly needed in DASG in order for us to succeed in supporting students in the future. I have utilized these skills in my own life when managing my businesses and my personal life. I look forward to utilizing these skills in the DASG Admin Committee as well as in the Senate as a whole.

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

I have commitments to some other clubs and to my business outside of campus. However, I have a firm belief that if work needs to be done, I will do it. I have managed multiple businesses along with

several other responsibilities that would demand most people's time. I will be able to provide all the time that DASG requires, and I will go above and beyond in my effort.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Looking forward to working
with you!

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

DASG should focus on two major aspects. Reducing bureaucracy and streamlining several processes. As we have seen with the recent election and with the Senate as a whole over the past few years, we are plagued with inaction. This has to change as our responsibility is fundamentally to the Students and De Anza, and we are currently failing them. The Senate and especially the Admin committee should be introspective and dissect the system in order to understand and eventually rebuild it into a well-oiled machine.

6. Why I Joined the DASG

I joined DASG to make a difference and to repay the school that gave me a new lease on life.

7. Program Affiliations: Clubs. De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s), Men of Color Community (MC2), Mentors at De Anza

Budget Analyst

Inky Ganbold (He/Him/His) DASG Budget Analyst



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none

- 1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?**

I want to be in DASG Budget analyst position, I see good chances to bring better opportunities to De Anza College. Since Spring 2023, I have studied here and seen good things, but from my 22 hackathons at top colleges, I think we can have more. When students transfer, they will be better prepared if we have similar experiences.

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

I have a strong background in hardware and software engineering. I have competed over 23 hackathons and won 9x prizes. Which led to a new opportunity at Headstarter as a Software Engineering Fellowship, working on 5 AI projects in 7 weeks. I also founded a platform for coding tutorials and led TTF Robotics, sharing knowledge with many followers (so far around 30k followers across platforms).

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

I have bi-weekly meetings with Hardware hackers club and Computational Neuroscience club, organizing a hackathon will be in spring. I am a full time student. I am participating in hackathons during summer break.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

My high school team competes in Dubai against 190 countries, and we rank 34th. As a college student, I am serving as the Treasurer in the Hardware Hackers Club, organizer at DA Hacks2.5 and DA Hacks3.0, technology officer at Computational Neuroscience Club has honed my leadership skills and my ability to work collaboratively. My involvement in hackathons like DA Hacks2.0, Harvard Hackathon, Columbia University Hackathon, Stanford Hackathon, UCLA hackathon and UC Berkeley CalHacks and many others, where I've won 8 prizes, showcases my enthusiasm for teamwork, innovation, and performing under pressure.

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

DASG should address regulations on generative AI. I foresee generative AI remaining with us indefinitely; we must regulate its use in schools. Workshops on its effective use—beyond simply obtaining answers—are needed. I feel bad for students who use AI without understanding the potential consequences, such as failing the class or lacking academic knowledge even if they pass. We should address this issue by creating workshops on cautious and ethical AI use and maintaining academic integrity.

6. Why I Joined the DASG

Learn leadership skills

7. Program Affiliations: International Student Programs (ISP)

Nikunj More (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

I hope to become a Budget Analyst at DASG because my experiences as an intern on the finance committee have shown me the immense influence that this role can have, I have also seen, however, the limitations that necessarily exist in an intern role. As I step into the role of Budget Analyst, I will have the tools and responsibilities that allow for more efficient support to our clubs and organizations on campus. Perhaps one of the most rewarding experiences I have had thus far is assisting in planning for next year's budget to present to the Board of Trustees that showed the meticulous thought that goes into planning for student life. If given an opportunity, I look forward to reallocated money to clubs and projects that bring to students opportunities more typical at four-year universities, such as professional networking, skill acquisition, and career advancement, and preparing our students for their transition to the workforce. My dedication to making a positive impact to DASG does not waver, and I plan to remain actively committed throughout the summer of 2026.

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

I have a diverse range of team development, financial management, and leadership skills, and I look forward to being an Internal Officer in the DASG and for the Senate overall. In high school, I initiated formation of an economics-based finance club, Fin Teens, that provided fellow students with knowledge about money's central role in one's daily life. As I study at De Anza, I am dedicated to being certified as an accounting tutor, inspired by high praise from tutoring management. Professionally, I interned at an independent wealth management company, where I designed financial models in Excel that facilitated more than 1,000 families in planning for higher education savings in

terms of compound interest. This experience revealed to me the dramatic impact data-driven decision-making can have. In addition, I co-established an affordable student-run academic tutoring company at the university level, a reflection on my belief in the transformative power of peer influence for students as well as educators.

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

My existing responsibilities include three classes at De Anza that tie up 15 hours of my week, in addition to my tutoring business that I manage for about five hours per week. The flexible aspect of tutoring allows me to adjust my agenda in response to my DASG duties, especially at peak periods such as budget reviews. I have effectively handled more demanding schedules, such as my high school's senior year, when I headed two clubs while undertaking four AP classes. That experience instilled in me the value of planning and making use of tools such as notion, which help me to this day. I am confident that I can effectively handle my current workload while giving the DASG budget analyst role my all.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Having gone through a major life event such as my dad's passing last year, I'm able to understand and sympathize with what others within the committee may be going through. Being able to do so will help create a stronger bond within our team and lead us to be more effective and productive throughout the school year, no matter what challenges we face.

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I believe DASG should address any and all concerns students have, no matter how big or small. But with the rapidly changing political landscape today, I think the most pressing issue is ensuring that students feel safe on campus. Every student deserves the ability to focus on their studies without having something weighing on their mind. As the student government, it's our responsibility to make that possible. We need to come together and take action to implement more policies that protect and support our students both physically and emotionally, because without them, who are we?

6. Why I Joined the DASG

I stumbled into a DASG Finance meeting by accident, but by the end of it, I knew I wanted to work my way up in the committee and make a real impact on campus. Being part of DASG makes it so much easier to find people with similar interests/goals, and I'm all in for that!

7. Program Affiliations: Clubs, De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s)

Chan Toe (She/Her/Hers)

DASG Budget Analyst



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none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

I initially joined the committee because I thought it was something to do with numbers. But I soon realized that it's more than that — understanding finance, hearing different perspectives, and realizing that the committee is the root of the students' college life experience. As an internal officer, I would like to contribute to the student body by ensuring that all funds are allocated fairly and responsibly, prioritizing programs that truly need support, even within our limited budget. Moreover, I want to serve as a strong liaison between DASG and the programs. I will try to bring the perspectives of programs to the student government, such as how they think of our application form, and questions about the funding amounts they receive, while also helping them understand our side, such as why certain funding decisions are made and how we try to distribute resources fairly. Not only for programs, I also want to reach out to students, listen to their voices, and make sure their needs are represented. Beyond that, I hope to learn from other committee members, grow together, and build long-lasting friendships through our shared work.

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

I would like to bring my leadership skills, organization, responsibility, and financial literacy to the finance committee. Being one of the representatives of my country in the ASEAN-JAPAN exchange program, I had a chance to develop my leadership skills and my passion for technology while working collaboratively with people from different backgrounds. Whether in leadership roles or as part of a team, I'm someone who takes responsibility seriously and follows through on commitments. Moreover, I volunteered in a nonprofit youth organization for one year before I came to the US, assisting the instructors and managing the schedule for students. With those backgrounds in my time

management skills, I am confident that I could handle any situation. In addition, I also have background experience in finance. I have been working as treasurer in De Anza Music and Volunteering Association, where I managed the budget, reinvestments, and fundraising. I also organized a fundraising campaign for Myanmar with my friend, handling the funds and resources. I am confident that I could be a great contribution to the finance committee and the Senate as a whole.

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

I'm involved in a club at De Anza and volunteering under a program that the committee funds. I am also working as an engineering intern, but it is remote and flexible. I am certain that I can manage my time well to dedicate time and effort to the Finance Committee.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Beyond my academic and serious side, I also have a fun and creative side. I have so many hobbies, but playing guitar is my favorite one. I have been participating in musical performances since high school. I also like playing chess and won the competition at a whole school level. I write poems and short stories, which I believe is a gene from my grandfather. I used to play mobile games a lot during the COVID period. I play pool, draw, and write songs, but at the beginner level. Moreover, I like going to my mom's office, where I can learn the building designs and construction.

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

One concern that I think DASG should address is the support and representation of international students. As international students, we often face challenges, such as limited financial aid options, difficulties accessing jobs and internships, and now the visa issues. Many of them are not aware of the available resources and are disconnected from campus life. I think DASG can play a bigger role in helping international students feel more included, supporting them, and making sure that they are also represented student body.

6. Why I Joined the DASG

I joined DASG because I want to experience a meaningful college life by getting involved in campus activities. I also want to help other students enjoy their time in college and create memories they'll carry with them long after they leave De Anza. I hope to enhance my intellectual and leadership skills while also building lifelong friendships.

7. Program Affiliations: Clubs

Jacob Kao (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

I want to become a DASG Budget Analyst because I'm passionate about finance. I love doing business and I understand finance is the backbone of all successful organizations. I like analyzing numbers and finding out the back stories behind all the numbers. That's why I major in Data Science. On the other hand, I really loved the Budget Deliberation experience. I attended both weekends in January and I learned so much from the experience. I got more familiar with the financial aspect of the school system, as well as the deliberation process. I wish to continue participating in the next year's Budget Deliberation.

If I become a Budget Analyst, I would improve intern preparation by asking them to review this year's budget presentations ahead of deliberations. It will give them a better understanding of Fund 41 and Fund 46.

We were assigned to do a case study for one program as interns before the deliberation this year. However, since there were not many interns who attended the meeting, we couldn't contribute too much in the sense of providing more information to the senators. Therefore, I would assign the future interns to work closely under each assigned officer as a small budget analysis team and have the interns provide a more comprehensive report to the Budget Analysts.

As the information included in these two funds is massive, it would be more efficient to break into small groups and work on each part of the project collectively. I noticed that the senators are currently taking a lot of the workload. If we can let the interns be more involved in this process, the senators can develop their leadership and management skills.

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

I think that the position of Budget Analyst comes with challenges and responsibilities. We will be involved in making significant decisions that will impact the entire student body. As I have 5 years of work experience prior to coming to De Anza, my experience will allow me to provide a more sophisticated perspective to the Senate.

As to my work experience, I was a sailor for 3 years, more than half of the period, I was the operations manager of a private yacht. I was handling all the budgeting for the yacht, including making a budget plan, spending reports, and presentations to the boss. From there, I learned how to handle money for other people and that the key is to focus on the details.

My family has an event holding company. I grew up working for countless events for big companies and organizations. Hence, I have ample experience in making promotional videos. Even though Finance is not an outreach committee like Events or Marketing, our job includes making videos promoting the Finance Committee and introducing Fund 41 and Fund 46 to the interns or students. In the future, we might make more videos to educate programs on how to fill out the budget application. My experience in video making can contribute to creating a more professional outcome.

Lastly, I have experience in making a podcast. I used to have a podcast show when I was in Taiwan. My skills in setting up audio recording equipment, interviewing, and audio editing can contribute to the DASG Senate as a whole if there is any work related to audiovisual content.

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

I work at the Police station on campus as a PSA, which would take about 10 -15 hrs per week. However, I have already managed my shift to avoid Mondays and Wednesdays. Therefore, it won't conflict with the Senate meetings.

Besides that, I am currently taking four classes — two in-person and two online. My time is full but well-managed, and I'm confident that I can fully commit to the tasks that come with this position.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

During the winter quarter, I campaigned for the Chair of Finance, and it was a great learning experience. Overall, I received 161 votes, and I made a lot of new friends during the journey.

Here's a little background about me. The reason why I came to De Anza to study at the age of 26 is that I dropped out of college when I was 19. I went to pursue my dream of traveling around the world. I became a sailor, I sailed across the Indian Ocean, I worked in the Maldives, East Africa, and around the Mediterranean Sea. Over the years, I have traveled to over 35 countries. I can contribute by sharing these experiences with those who perhaps also want to travel the world. I can use my story to encourage the younger students when they feel lost with what they want to do in life. I wish to share my story with the DASG too.

Additionally, I am fluent in Spanish, English, and Mandarin, which allows me to connect with a diverse range of students and communities.

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

One concern that I think DASG should address is the support and representation of international students. As international students, we often face challenges, such as limited financial aid options, difficulties accessing jobs and internships, and now the visa issues. Many of them are not aware of the available resources and are disconnected from campus life. I think DASG can play a bigger role in helping international students feel more included, supporting them, and making sure that they are also represented in the student body.

6. Why I Joined the DASG

I joined the DASG because I visited the booth of the DASG during the club day in the fall quarter. I was immediately attracted by the finance committee as I was told by the finance chair that we get a chance to participate in managing a large budget of over a million dollars. I thought that it would be pretty cool to be involved in such a big organization. That's why I joined. And I stayed because I like the people on the committee.

7. Program Affiliations: De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s), Honors Program, Clubs, International Student Programs (ISP)

Kyle Krawez (He/Him)

DASG Budget Analyst



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none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

I am running for DASG Budget Analyst because I believe I possess the skills, commitment, and enthusiasm to improve De Anza's financial operations. I want to ensure that every program on campus is properly evaluated and reviewed, so it receives proper funding. Finance has been a long-standing passion of mine, from investing in stocks at a young age to managing the finances for my own business. In addition, I was actively involved with student government in high school, where I had the opportunity to create memorable experiences for students. As a member of my high school's community commission, I helped engage students with the local community, such as leading the creation of a webpage to connect students with local volunteer organizations, which in turn helped both students looking for volunteer work and organizations looking for help.

As a current Budget Analyst, I have had the opportunity to implement meaningful changes and create a significant impact on the De Anza community. One of the main initiatives I am currently leading is improving the intern program within the finance committee. Having served as both an intern and a Senator this year, I have noticed a significant disconnect between the two groups. Finance is a unique committee, as our proceedings are mostly formal, with little room for team bonding during meetings. As a result, many interns do not get the opportunity to connect with each other and with senators. In response, I am currently working on implementing a new format. Each month, interns will be placed into randomized groups of four and assigned to analyze a specific program together. In turn, both senators and interns benefit. The interns have the ability to bond and build relationships with each other, while also providing in depth information about specific programs to senators. This will allow DASG to make more informed financial

recommendations during budget deliberations. I believe that making these changes will have a long term, positive effect on the finance committee and the intern process.

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

As described above, I have been passionate about both finance and business throughout my life, and I have spent years developing these skills. To this end, one of my most relevant experiences has been creating and managing a business, which I grew from an initial \$100 investment to over \$40,000 in revenues within nine months. Today, this venture is generating around \$10,000 in monthly revenue which continues to grow. While the financial success of starting a business is rewarding, more importantly, this venture has taught me many invaluable lessons about business, finance, and entrepreneurship. In addition to learning the basics of buying and selling products, I have also gained an understanding of how to manage the business's finances, including managing inventory, tracking the constant flow of thousands of dollars in purchases and sales, and managing income and cash flow balances. Running this business has also taught me accounting skills, as I have learned about the many complications of filing taxes, tracking deductions, and balancing the costs of an employee and overhead. This adventure has taught me an enormous amount about the many complications an entrepreneur faces. My experience in finance will also include a summer internship that I am planning to take, which will teach me skills about managing money.

Another skill which I believe will be helpful for DASG is my public speaking skills. I competed on my high school Varsity Debate team, earning the highest speaker score in some of my tournaments around the Bay Area. As an experienced debater, I have learned about the importance of listening to and considering others' opinions, fairly analyzing the advantages and disadvantages of an issue, and presenting solutions that take into consideration many different viewpoints. Finally, I was a top performing salesman for the local Classic Car Wash chain, where I utilized my speech skills to set records for daily membership sales, surpassing the performance of many long-term employees.

Most importantly, the greatest experience that I bring to this position is the knowledge I have gained over the prior three months on the senate. As a DASG budget analyst, I have developed an understanding of the inner workings of a student government, and the issues that we face. The finance committee can, and will, significantly benefit from having a familiar face on the committee who understands how to achieve our objectives in an efficient manner. Fully understanding the previous financial decisions, and how they affected programs, allows the committee to make smarter, more informed decisions going forward. With this experience, I can confidently help lead both the finance committee and the general senate. If elected, I hope that I can stay committed to the main goal, serving the students' needs.

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

The main commitments that I currently have are classes, my business, and various clubs. I spend around 30 hours a week collectively working on these items. However, the hours of my business are flexible, and I mostly work on it at night, which leaves me open during the day. As a current senator, I have successfully managed my other activities while still devoting a significant portion of my time and energy to DASG. I believe that over the next year, I will be equally as successful in managing my other activities on top of my senate obligations!

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

N/A

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

The most important concern that I feel DASG should address is issues with the elections code. Both the last two elections have had pressing issues, which the elections code does not sufficiently address. The student body, and our voters, must be able to trust the election proceedings. I hope to help lead the modifications to the election code to better define the process and ensure fairness for all candidates.

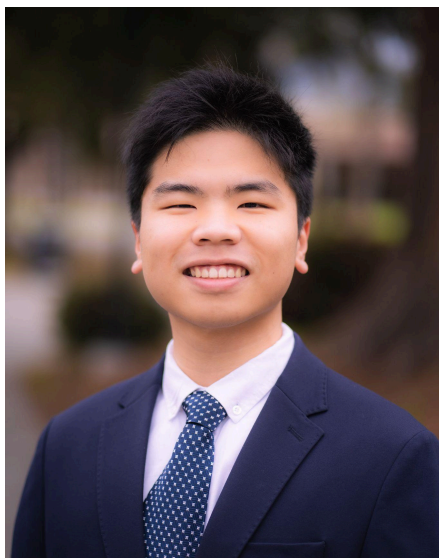
6. Why I Joined the DASG

I chose to join DASG because I believe it is essential for students to have a voice in shaping their campus. DASG provides students with the opportunity to advocate for themselves and promote positive change, which is crucial for any democracy. I see DASG as a chance to improve upon the livelihoods of my fellow students and faculty, and I'm excited to be a part of it.

7. Program Affiliations: De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s), Clubs

Leo Huang (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



**Accommodations Needed (Audio Descriptions or Narration, Sign-Language, Transcription, etc.)*

none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

During my experience as a DASG Finance Committee Intern since fall quarter, I have found the Finance Committee to be a very efficient and helpful committee directly contributing towards students' welfare. By being a DASG Budget Analyst, I will be able to help direct DASG fundings effectively maximizing students' benefits from every penny spent.

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

Both my past education from IB Economics Higher Level and De Anza Economics major have taught me how to think about consequences of financial decisions in the long run. Despite budget deliberations usually tending to be concentrated more towards the short term needs with some exceptions, I will also provide perspectives of the benefits and perhaps unintended consequences from the long term. I also attended a Learn with Learn Leaders Future Global Business Leader's Program learning comprehensive finance and accounting knowledge and finished of top 10% globally reaching a recommendation from NYU Adjunct Professor. This past experience will also help me with making beneficial short term decisions.

While my previously mentioned leadership positions, as well as past leadership positions such as Student Council president, have all taught me how to represent student's needs at our Finance Committee meetings and placing student's perspectives as the priority. As after all, the purpose of DASG is to guarantee student's experiences during their time at De Anza.

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

Next year I will also be the President of Chess Club and Co-president of Debate Society. As an economics major, my major classes are rather minimal, thus I only need to finish my GE requirements mostly next year. Hence, I am confident that I will be able to fulfill all of my duties as a budget analyst and dedicate a significant portion of my time to DASG Finance Committee. If for unforeseen reasons, scheduling problems start to appear, I will resign from my club positions and prioritize DASG duties.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

DASG Finance Committee has been an extremely enjoyable group of people to work with. All senators have taught me a lot and have been very helpful, while the chair has also been more than approachable and warm hearted. It is because of this enthusiastic and efficient environment at the Finance Committee meetings, I am more than looking forward to apply to become a Budget Analyst.

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

How do students want the funds to be distributed. Which programs do students see as bringing the most utilities to them. From the long term, 5 or 10 years later, how can we guarantee sufficient funding for all students. This has been discussed already several times before during our meetings, but because we rely upon previous years left over fundings to fund this and future year programs, I feel like this is a constant consideration. Which programs are essential for students and rely their survival based on DASG funds.

6. Why I Joined the DASG

I wanted to contribute to the student body at De Anza and DASG was a very direct and effective way to do so. At the same time, I got to make new friends and learn more about how college level student government runs.

7. Program Affiliations: De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s), Honors Program, Clubs, International Student Programs (ISP)

Iker Amox Jimenez (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



**Accommodations Needed (Audio Descriptions or Narration, Sign-Language, Transcription, etc.)*

none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

I'm applying for the position of budget analyst as I want to have a say in the decisions that impact De Anza's student body. Managing the budget is a crucial obligation of the Senate, as it plays a huge role in determining the resources available to students. As such, it is vital that the committee takes a holistic view of each program and so seeks out information beyond the numbers that come in from budget requests. By making use of interns to build connections with the program, assessing their impact and needs, as well as "auditing" to aid in financial efficiency, I want to push the committee to take steps to ensure we fund programs effectively. Smoothing out the budget request process is also something I want to target by making sure each program budgeter has a clear understanding of what is required so that deliberations go smoothly without missing information.

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

I have multiple years of leadership and teamwork experience, each of which has strengthened my ability to understand and collaborate with others. I have been involved with UNICEF for around four years now, being tasked with a variety of roles including Outreach Coordinator, Event Coordinator, and Treasurer. Due to the nature of these roles, I developed strong communication skills, team coordination, and adaptability skills. Along with this, I was a part of my high school varsity debate team, participating in parliamentary debate. My time there not only improved my speaking skills but also made me more aware of how to navigate conflicting viewpoints and how to bridge gaps to reach desired goals. Most importantly, I have also been an intern in the finance committee since the fall quarter, and was present during budget deliberations in the committee as well as the senate. This has

given me a strong understanding of the working of the committee and what the role of a budget analyst requires. All this in mind, I am confident I bring the skills necessary to carry out the duties of a Budget Analyst.

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

Alongside classes, I am also involved with two clubs on campus as well as other extracurricular activities. They do not impede my ability to be present for both finance and general senate meetings. Due to the structure of my schedule, I have adequate time to fit in all the time commitments this role would require.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

N/A

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Developing a more comprehensive understanding of the needs of the funded programs. I believe the intern programs can be better utilized to achieve this, providing more sources of insight going into annual budget deliberations.

6. Why I Joined the DASG

I joined DASG to become more involved with the student body and create meaningful memories during my time here.

7. Program Affiliations: De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s), Honors Program, Clubs

Zane Dsouza (He/Him)

DASG Budget Analyst



**Accommodations Needed (Audio Descriptions or Narration, Sign-Language, Transcription, etc.)*

none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

I've always wanted to be involved more at Deanza ever since I joined in the winter and heard through some friends that I could be a DASG Internal Officer, so I was intrigued and found out the role of a budget analyst since it is related to my major I have always been fascinated with accounting, business and marketing ever since i was in high school and I'm trying to pursue a career in finance and accounting as I'm majoring in accounting and plan to continue a degree in accounting and finance at my transfer university i have always had a interest in managing budgets, creating financial models and examining raw data and converting it into meaning charts and graphs. What excites me about this role is that I can make an impact and contribute to Deanza's financial well-being. This role would give me an opportunity to show my skills in analyzing data and resource allocation to the different respective sectors of the DASG. As a Budget Analyst, the goals I would like to achieve are more efficient handling of funds given out to sectors, displaying financial information in an organized manner, and being transparent. In my role, I would strive to do work ethically and find different out-of-the-box ways to reach and achieve our financial goals.

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

I have worked as a volunteer at my church in Dubai for managing events, and that consisted of managing budgets and adhering to them, efficiently handling sponsorship money, and creating spreadsheets to show where the funds have been allocated. I have participated in the mock stock market in my high school, which allowed me to grasp a sense of financial management. I have a lot of experience in accounting and business, acquiring certificates during my high school and even now, as I'm constantly trying to improve some skills that I possess based on my experience, is Forecasting and

Planning, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Financial Analysis and Attention To Detail, Communication, Organization, Time Management and Technical Skills and Proficiency in Microsoft Excel.

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

I am part of the Web Developers De Anza as a Financial Officer. Although the club is still on trial and waiting for approval, I will still be able to meet my time commitments as we will be working through and on campus, and they are happy to work around my schedule.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

I believe that accountability and financial decision making are a very ethical practice, and the way the college allocates its resources carries significant consequences, and it is our duty to make sure these decisions are guided by integrity and prioritize the best interests of all students. I would be committed to always applying transparent and ethical practices in my work. I am very excited to apply for the role of Budget Analyst, as I am confident that I have the necessary skills and drive to excel in this role.

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I believe DASG needs to prioritize financial transparency as well as mental health. A lot of students don't know where students' funding is headed and where the funds are being directed. With greater transparency of information, there would be greater trust. Counseling for financial aid and other helpful resources needs to become more accessible, and a healthy campus life needs to be at the top of the agenda.

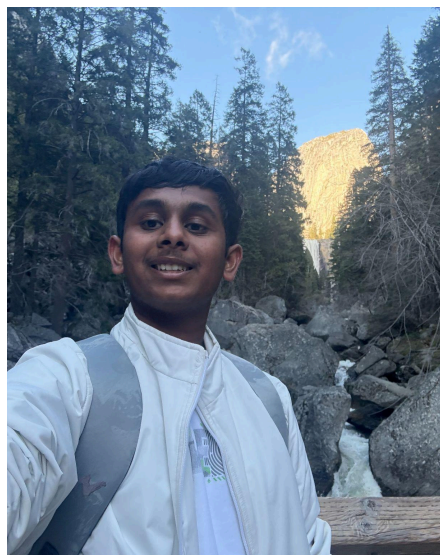
6. Why I Joined the DASG

I joined the DASG as I always wanted to be more involved at De Anza, and the DASG is the perfect place to do that, as there is a big supportive community that is very welcoming and always there to help students no matter what, and are always keeping students as their top priority

7. Program Affiliations: Clubs, International Student Programs (ISP)

Sheel Shah (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



**Accommodations Needed (Audio Descriptions or Narration, Sign-Language, Transcription, etc.)*

none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

I want to be a part of the DASG Finance Committee because I believe that it's central to DASG's goals to speak up for the needs of the students. For many, it is a place of utmost importance, as after rejections from many colleges, De Anza acts as a backup for them to bounce back into the world and achieve amazing things. And I want to add to their experience here by working on the most crucial aspect of any organisation: finance.

My primary goal will be to support vital student programs and services-whether it be academic support, food security, or student payroll, that are not compromised due to the current budget fluctuations. These are issues that directly affect their daily to day lives, and I want to be a part of a team which fights to protect them.

While the budget ups and downs are inevitable, taking into account the student's interest stands above everything else. Programs that help students directly, like PUENTE, UMOJA, and Men of color are important as they help the student to thrive not just academically but also in their everyday lives.

Also, the increasing awareness about DASG, student representation fees, and how they can leverage them to create the most out of their time as a student at De Anza. Helping the programs navigate at every step of budget allocation and otherwise is necessary.

Ultimately, I want to be a part of a student government that advocates for its student population and their beloved programs.

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

I bring a whole cocktail of experiences and a deep understanding of student needs. As an employee of the Guided Pathways Village program, I regularly interact with a whole plethora of students, faculty,

and even counsellors. Many of my agendas from the previous questions stem from it. For example, I have seen students having 2-3 cups of noodles and even taking some with them as their meal. I have seen them feel a different level of comfort when being in a safe space with their specific counsellor and opening up to them. They enjoy the small glass of free boba or the fun little game they played at the resource fair.

In addition to it, a little on the financial side, I have been an accountant for a small business and have even led many ventures on my own. Also, I have been responsible for managing books and logistics for many large scale events that cater to over 3000 people. All those experiences have prepared me to be quick and trustworthy even under extreme deadlines, which will prove essential in DASG budgeting.

With my analytical skills and commitment to student advocacy, I can bring a balanced approach to DASG that combines financial responsibility with a clear focus on meeting the needs of students.

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

In addition to being a full-time student, I work as a student employee in the Guided Pathways program. Doing both simultaneously has helped me with a lot of my time management skills. The work hours in the job are very flexible, and usually, the students are given the freedom of choosing them, which allows much-needed flexibility for a student worker.

I also use many time management tools like time blocking on my calendar app, making sure I provide adequate time to each of my commitments.

As an intern, I am fully aware of the time demands of a budget analyst, and I am committed to dedicating ample time to it, even when it gets difficult.

My previous experiences have made me stable enough to ensure that I stay on top of my tasks and I can contribute to all of my roles competently.

10. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Every dollar spent in a budget tells a story of a student. A student enjoying the facilities at De Anza, a campus job helping someone in need, or a small event that made a student feel they belonged. I want to help write those stories and protect them. I know how a small thing can have a massive impact on the students. If elected, I will make sure that I bring an ear that listens and a mind that acts where it matters the most.

11. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

1. Increasing DASG's awareness among students.
2. Increasing awareness of student representative fees.
3. Building stronger ties among surrounding communities.
4. Ensuring equitable access to resources.
5. Improving communication between DASG and the student body.
6. Engage students more in the decision-making process.

12. Why I Joined the DASG

I want to join DASG just because I think it is the most amazing way one can impact the lives of students like yours and add some meaningful memories to their college experience. Also, it is fun when you meet a like-minded community of people who are just as passionate about making a difference.

13. **Program Affiliations:** Clubs, De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s), Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), LinC (Learning in Communities), Student Success Center (SSC) (Tutoring)

Thin Soe (She/Her/Hers)

DASG Budget Analyst



**Accommodations Needed (Audio Descriptions or Narration, Sign-Language, Transcription, etc.)*

none

1. Why do you want to become the DASG Budget Analyst or DASG Elections Commissioner and what do you hope to achieve?

I aspire to become a budget analyst because I admire the meaningful work they do. After attending several of the finance committee's meetings, I have come to truly appreciate the main purpose of the committee which is directly funding the programs that enrich our college experience. I have had a chance to experience the various programs funded by the finance committee and personally benefited from many of these events, including the clubs, guided pathway villages, Math Performance Success Program (MPSP), the Euphrat Museum and many more. Through these experiences, I have witnessed firsthand how the committee's support enables these programs to thrive and positively impact students across campus. Without the careful funding provided by the DASG Finance Committee, many of these programs wouldn't be able to operate as well as they do now. Even the DASG itself depends on this financial support, which I find incredibly inspiring. This sense of purpose and seeing the difference the committee makes in students' lives has only deepened my desire to be part of it as a budget analyst.

What I hope to achieve is the chance to make a real difference in students' lives by helping support the programs that help them succeed. I want to learn more about the work the senators do, be directly involved in the decisions that shape our college experience, and give back to the community in return for the wonderful experience they have given me.

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

Some of the skills and experiences I bring to the DASG Internal Officer position and the DASG Senate include my strong interest in budgeting and finance, my experience attending committee meetings, and my involvement in campus programs. I have seen how important funding is to student

life, and I am motivated to support programs that help others the way they have helped me. I am also a good listener, a team player, and is someone who cares deeply about doing work that matters. I'm excited to bring that same energy to the DASG.

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

The main commitments I have currently are the classes I take each quarter at De Anza. I manage my time by using Google Calendar and notes to keep track of what assignments and deadlines I have each day. Before doing anything, I like to first list down all the tasks I need to do and categorize them into three groups - Urgent and Important, Important but not Urgent, Not Important and Not Urgent. This way I can see at a glance what tasks need my immediate attention and what other tasks can be postponed to later on. I find this method extremely helpful in managing my time and I have confidence in myself to be able to handle any deadlines through organized planning and efficient working commitment.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Being part of DASG has been a meaningful experience for me. What started as simple curiosity has grown into a strong sense of commitment and connection. Through attending committee meetings, getting involved with student programs, and serving as an intern, I have gained a better understanding of how DASG supports the campus community. I have seen how much work goes behind the scenes into making sure students have access to resources, events, and opportunities, and I want to continue being part of that effort and contribute however I can. I care deeply about this beautiful community and want to be a part of a team that helps make it better for everyone.

5. What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Currently, there have been quite a few concerns surrounding this year's election process. Since this is only my third quarter at De Anza, I am not sure if similar issues have happened in the past, but it's clear that this situation has grown bigger than expected. I truly appreciated that the Senate chose to hold a complaint meeting to address these concerns and give both sides a chance to speak. It showed a willingness to listen and take action, which I really admire. However, while attending the meeting, I did notice some challenges in managing public concerns, which I understand can be very difficult. Still, I believe this experience is a chance for DASG to learn and become even more prepared for similar situations in the future.

6. Why I Joined the DASG

When I first joined DASG, I was mainly just curious to learn more about the kind of work they do. I found out about the program during Club Day when I received a DASG poster and that sparked my interest. After being part of DASG and attending committee meetings for quite some time, I have grown more attached, not just to my own committee, but to DASG as a whole. As an intern, my role was limited, and I wasn't always able to contribute as much as I wanted to. But now, I'm ready and eager to do more, take on more responsibility, and support DASG in a bigger way.

7. Program Affiliations: International Student Programs (ISP), De Anza Student Government (DASG) Senate and/or Committee(s), Student Success Center (SSC) (Tutoring), Clubs