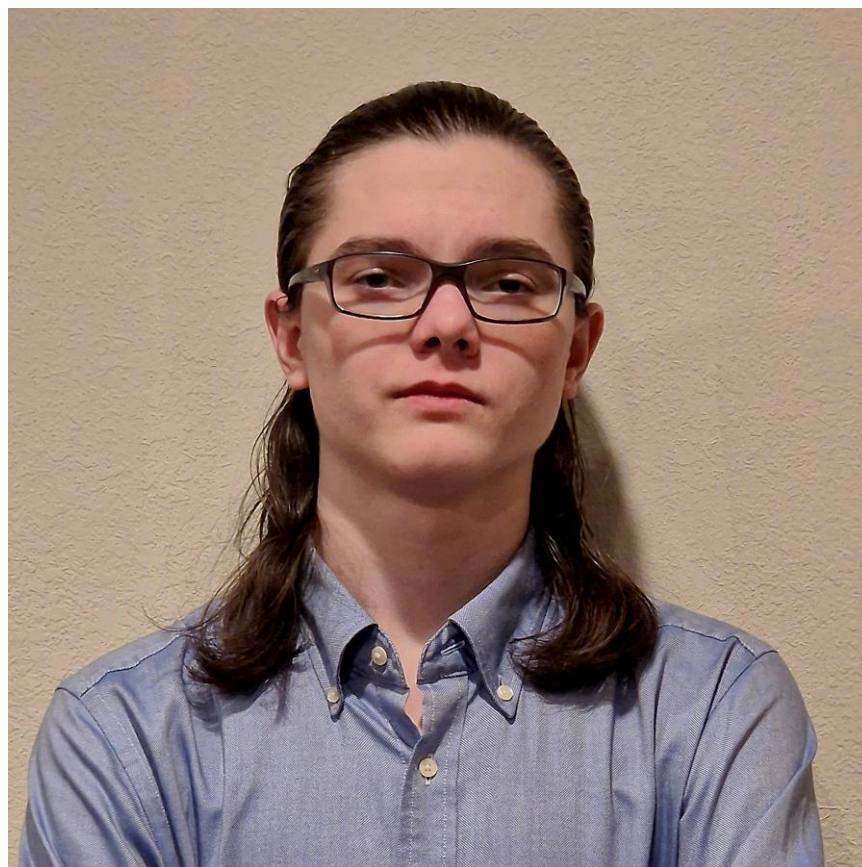


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DASG Internal Officers Environmental Sustainability

Roman Averin (HE/HIM/HIS)

DASG Bike Program Coordinator



- **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I'm willing to take the DASG Bike Coordinator Position because it aligns most with what I'm experienced and interested in, which leads me to commit more time to the work since I just enjoy it and can do it better because of that, as well as providing an additional expertise and firsthand view to our Student Government. The Bike Program, provided by the DASG, is already in a quite good position and provides a great alternative way of transportation for students who can't or don't want to commute by a bus / car, or can't afford a bike themselves. However, since I'm running for this position and also experienced many of the issues related to transportation as an international student, I have some concerns regarding it that I'm planning to work on after getting the position.

First of all, I want to mention the fact of how poorly this program is advertised. To be honest, I found out that this program even exists only closer to the end of my second quarter, and that

was because I got involved in the DASG Elections, rather than hearing about it somewhere else. It's really disappointing because as an international student, I was actually trying to utilize as much of De Anza's resources as I could, which only supports the fact that it's quite difficult to find out this program even exists. I feel like I'd definitely benefit from getting an E-bike and not worrying about transportation to the campus, rather than having to buy it with my own money which I could invest in books or something. Thus, I believe that the Bike Program should be heavily advertised, especially for first-year and international students, for them to hear about it and decide whether to use it. As an example, the Clipper Card Program is very accessible and many students know about it, and my goal would be to get it as close to that kind of outreach for the Bike Program.

Secondly, I know firsthand that many students, including me, are really worried about their bikes' safety - there are definitely problems with that right now, and in some parts of the campus it's just dangerous to leave your bike there even for a short period of time as it can get stolen very quickly. I want to address this issue as well, advocating for more convenient placing of bike racks and their security: I know that the students who use this program are already provided with bike locks, as an example; however, I believe this is not enough and we should continue to address this issue.

Lastly, I think we should not forget about the positive factor of this program for our environment, which is the primary concern of the Environmental Sustainability Committee. Utilizing bikes, whether normal or E-bike versions, is generally much better for the environment and the image of the campus: increasing its popularity among students would only benefit De Anza, and that's what I'm also going to focus on.

- **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole**

Cycling, specifically Road Biking, is a major part of my life, and is more than just a hobby; I do it almost every day as a workout, a way to commute to the college or anywhere else, and a way to travel, and reset my brain / relax from hard-working days as a student. I'm very experienced with different types of bikes, have a strong background knowledge, and am also quite familiar with the repairing process and can even do it completely by myself. I believe that this experience is the most important for quite a few responsibilities of the Bike Coordinator, specifically ensuring that the bike program runs efficiently and that the bikes are well-maintained and in a proper condition before distribution, which is hard to achieve for a normal person if they aren't really into cycling tech. In addition, I believe that I can provide some great

professional communication and political experience; running for an Executive Position during the Primary Student Elections definitely provided me with a lot of firsthand experience, allowing me to get more involved and learn more about DASG. Even though I got second, I still believe I gained a lot from that; I had to communicate a lot with all kinds of professors in-person or via email, to formally arrange our meetings and when I would present in their class, promoting the elections and myself as a candidate. I believe these kinds of skills are especially useful for maintaining contact with the Rotary Club, reviewing and approving any new applications, and delegating tasks to interns. And I can't skip the fact that I just really enjoy cycling and am very into it; this kind of perception would allow me to enjoy the work more and commit more time toward the program's goals.

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

Among other commitments, I'm currently taking three classes during the Spring Quarter: ACCT1A, MATH1B, and POLS1000H. I also volunteer for the FA-PAC Internship Program for about 12 hours, which is a requirement for my Politics class. However, I don't work right now, focusing purely on my academic goals, and I'm currently in the process of getting involved with a few other De Anza organizations and clubs, which allows me to have some flexibility in my schedule right now. I'm quite an organized person and often use Google Calendar and Notion as digital tools to help me, and I spend as much time in the library as I can, usually 8+ hours a day. Because of these habits, I believe I have more than enough time to fully commit myself to these internal elections and the DASG Bike Program Coordinator position if I get it.

- **Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

Originally, I was running for the DASG Chair of Finance Position during the primary Executive Officer Elections. I got second place among five, which I'm more than satisfied with considering the competition, and feel that it provided some real experience for me of how to participate in elections. However, I decided not to run for the Finance Committee Budget Analyst Position because I feel like the Bike Program Coordinator Position would align with my skills and what I'd like to do for the De Anza community much more, and that I could be of greater use if I get this position and join the DASG Environmental Sustainability Committee.

- **What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

I've already listed my major concerns regarding the Bike Program, and what I'm planning to work on if I get the Bike Coordinator Position. Specifically, these include the fact that the program is poorly advertised and few students know or have heard about it, especially in comparison to other programs. Additionally, the safety concern regarding bike theft is still a major one for many students on our campus, and there are few places where it's safe to leave

your bike. Lastly, the program would serve the primary purpose of the DASG Environmental Sustainability Committee to support our campus's environment, and would also create a better image for our college in that sense, which means that we should advertise it even more.

Zarah Bapoo (She/Her/Hers)

DASG Environmental Sustainability Coordinator



- **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

Growing up with a love for the environment and my experiences in Girl Scouts have shaped my concern for the environment. By being the DASG Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, I would love to turn my passion into a real-life impact. In my 13 years as a Girl Scout, the issue of climate change was brought up consistently, which sparked my interest in environmental issues. I have been part of the ES committee since I started here at De Anza, and I have genuinely enjoyed being involved. It has been rewarding to see how student-led efforts can make a difference, and it has made me want to take on a larger role. I hope to be an officer that makes a difference, takes feedback well, and uses all available resources to implement programs regarding environmental sustainability. I also hope to gain valuable experiences in a

student-led environment. I am a civil engineering major, and I want to focus on environmentally responsible projects and design in the future, and this role helps set the pathway towards that. I am also a big community person, and I would love to join the DASG community!

- **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole**

As a DASG ES Intern, I have already had experience in planning and supporting sustainability initiatives on campus. I have helped organize events focused on environmental and campus sustainability. I also have experience working with the EcoFund, as I helped the current ES Coordinator with creating the EcoFund forms. I bring strong organization, attention to detail, and the ability to manage multiple responsibilities. I worked as a summer camp counselor, which brought communication and problem-solving skills, as I had to resolve many issues between children as well as parents. I am also willing to take initiative in any places where it is needed, like coordinating events or filling in for other coordinators. I am genuinely passionate about this role as well as the environment on our campus. I am excited about the opportunity to take on a larger role than my intern role, help our campus, and contribute positively to the DASG.

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

I'm serving as the Career Programs Director for the WiSTEM club, and I will manage my time effectively to focus on both roles. I currently effectively manage my time with my coursework. I will manage my time by setting deadlines for my work and making sure I complete everything on time, which works for me. When I feel overwhelmed, I make sure to go a bit slower to focus on myself, but I still make sure everything is completed on time and doesn't pile up.

- **Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

I am motivated to become an ES Coordinator because I have already seen how everything works, and I want to get involved in actually making an impact environmentally on campus. If selected, I would love to focus on making the DASG ES Committee more recognized, as many students don't know about it, and make it more accessible for students. I also hope to make more sustainability initiatives and learn more about creating a more sustainable campus here at De Anza.

- **What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

More should be done by the DASG to advertise ES events and resources. I have many friends at De Anza that have never heard of our resources, like the EcoFund, or ways they can get involved in sustainability initiatives. The only reason I know about them is because I stay involved with the DASG and other clubs. Regarding the ES Committee, I was thinking there

should be a faster way to voice concerns with our campus environment. The DASG could create a simple form for people to voice problems, and the DASG could decide how to address them.

Elena Burgos (She/Her/Hers)

DASG Environmental Sustainability Coordinator



- **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I want to become the DASG Environmental Sustainability Coordinator because I have always been passionate about environmental sustainability, and paired with my concern for our planet I would be excellent in coming up with and implementing ideas on how to make De Anza a more sustainable and "green" campus.

- **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole**

I am hard working, determined, and work well in teams. I'm very communicative and am good at problem solving. I am currently working with De Anza Phi Beta Lamda on a community service project in collaboration with the non profit, Our City Forest, in planting trees in urban areas. I have volunteered in the past for environmental causes, participating in a Save Our Shores event, and even attending a school board meeting in high school to get solar panels approved.

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

I am an internal member of Phi Beta Lambda. I plan on managing this by planning out my time and keeping track of important deadlines in both positions, making sure I have time to complete and balance both. In the event of an overlap, I will be transparent with both parties in order to resolve the issue and cater to all of my responsibilities.

- **Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

n/a

- **What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

I feel the DASG should address more sustainable options in the school cafeteria, such as getting rid of disposable utensils, cups, and tupperware, and moving towards compostable ones. We should also implement more compost and recycling around the school campus, to encourage students to dispose of their waste properly.

Stacey Capio (She/Her/Hers)

DASG Environmental Sustainability Coordinator



- **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I want to become an Internal Officer for the Environmental Sustainability Committee because I genuinely care about environmental issues and have been involved in similar work before. Back in high school, I took AP environmental Science, which helped me understand the impact of human actions on the environment. I also volunteered in activities focused on environmental sustainability (specifically with OurCityForest, which is a nonprofit organization that plants and takes care of trees, and Humane Society Silicon Valley, an animal shelter where I could ensure the environmental well-being of animals), which taught me in the process how important it is to take action, and that every little thing matters.

- **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole**

Some of the skills and experiences I would bring to this position include my background in environmental work and my ability to collaborate with others! Through my history of

volunteering and barista job since 2022, I also bring leadership and teamwork skills from training new baristas at my job to being able to multi-task and work under pressure. Which have taught me how to communicate clearly and support others. In high school, I was also a board officer member of the Red Cross Club, which helped me gain experience in organizing and participating in community service.

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

Aside from my academics, my main commitment is my job, and I will manage my time by consistently updating my calendar, which ensures that I can stay on top of all of my work. I am a strong multitasker who has successfully balanced both work and school since my sophomore year of high school.

- **Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

I was not able to fully participate in ES meeting before due to class and work schedule conflicts, so I'm really interested in this position as a way to be more involved and contribute more directly. I also want to continue building my leadership skills, especially in communication and teamwork, while supporting events that promote sustainability on campus.

- **What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

Student concerns I feel the DASG should address are the recycling systems at De Anza. Walking around the campus, I have noticed the lack of recycling bins and heard that De Anza College does not try to utilize them. Recycling is an important part of sustaining our planet, hence I believe it is essential to address this concern.

Henry Stallard Fnu (He/Him/His)

DASG Environmental Sustainability Coordinator



- **Why do you want to become the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and what do you hope to achieve?**

I come from the country of Myanmar, a society that suffers from its unsustainable ways. It's obvious when you look at its starving population, or its fuel crisis, or its frequent daily power outages. I have seen first hand the consequences derived from the lack of environmental sustainability, and therefore the importance of it. In short, as coordinator, I will make sure that sustainability is a factor considered in every action, and I will engage in negotiations with other internal officers to achieve outcomes favorable to the environment we live in.

- **What are some of the skills and experiences that you will bring to the DASG Internal Officer position you applied for and the DASG Senate as a whole**

I was president of chess + debate club back in my school in Myanmar, so I think it's fair to say I have experience leading and speaking publicly. I'm an engineering student, and I will approach environmental sustainability with an engineering mindset. I see it as a formula, tweak and optimize its functions and you will achieve an optimal outcome.

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

I am fully committed to serving as environmental sustainability coordinator.

- **Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)**

N/A

- **What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?**

DASG officers should engage more with the community, through ways such as polls, surveys and etc. DASG is established to be the voice of De Anza's students, to drive favorable change, yet many students aren't actively engaged. This needs to change.