

2026-2027
DASG
Student Rights
Officer
Voter's Guide

Ray Singam (He/Him/His)



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

Having been involved in upholding student rights in my home country Malaysia, I believe I have both the experience and the passion to ensure that all students, from all walks of life and all demographics, to feel safe and welcome at De Anza College. I will do this through feedback and through events held by DASG.

2. 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?

Having been the president of the Student Council, as well as the president of the interact club, in my high school, I have strong leadership and communication skills that allows me to plan and execute tasks while steering my team in the right direction. I also am a great listener, and I take into consideration what others around me have to say; reflecting my ability to analyze and solve problems that students may be facing.

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

I am the logistics lead for the DA Hacks 5.0 hackathon, set to be held on Oct 16-17 this Fall. I am also a member of the Phi Beta Lambda club. I plan to manage my time through rigorous planning and time-blocking, and having held multiple

commitments in the past has allowed me to be efficient in how I spend my time, leading me to believe that I am more than capable of taking over this position.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Having known the previous Officer of Student Rights, I know I'll be a great replacement as I have the interest in making sure the interests and expectations of students on campus are being met through every way possible.

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

No comment.

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Ella Yang (She/Her/Hers)



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

I believe that students should be able to access what they need to further their success in their academic career and knowing their needs as a student government would be the best way to help create something meaningful. A listening to feedback and understanding what resources and event we can put on are foundational parts of SRE. Every student should be able to have fair representation in the government that serves them and that's what I want to bring to DASG. It's very important that students feel that they are included and part of our activities and different committees. If I were to be selected as an SRE officer, I would create a bridge for marginalized communities to be a part of student government, hear and support the needs of students who have concerns and new ideas for DASG, and collaborate with campus organizations such as VIDA, HEFAS, etc. to bring more innovative and inclusive events to reach out to more students. An important part of SRE is the liaison senators and I would organize and coordinate with them to have their ideas shared and heard among the senate as they are also important in representing the broader communities at De Anza. I hope to make DASG a better place and make meaningful contributions to the impact DASG has on the student community.

2. 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 want to bring new ideas, organization, and inclusivity as an equity and diversity officer. I believe that these are the fundamental principles and values of representing student rights and equity in DASG. Some of the experiences I have under my belt include being an intern of the SRE committee for 2024-2025 school year from fall, winter and spring quarter. Through interning I participated in an intern lead project in collaboration with the previous student rights officer. I also volunteered in the organization and tabling in several resource fairs. I also want to foster and develop new events and opportunities for the next year's students through SRE. I think it's important to provide and serve the students I represent by bringing as much value as I can provide in such a meaningful role of student government. As for the senate as a whole I want to be fair and consistent senator. It's important to hear all sides before making important decisions. It's important to do research and understand the needs of the students we represent and give a fair assessment to all groups and organizations. I also am an incoming outreach coordinator for UndocuStem where I will be doing outreach and helping with events!

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

I am a full time student and I also work part-time.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Some things I hope to accomplish in this school year would be having a resource fair, partnering with clubs and orgs on campus for equity and student rights centered events, doing some survey research for student demographics on what students need (free printing, food, school supplies, etc.).

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

I think it's important to address internal conflicts such as equity and student representation in student government affairs, and improving communication and speaking up for students needs. I think it's crucial that we also address conflicts and how to handle and respond to sensitive topics properly, professionally, responsibly, and respectfully. It's important that student government is aware of how we are representing students and interacting with the public members. I want to help improve how students feel towards our current system and improve our reputation and relationships with campus organizations.

Henry Stallard (He/Him/His)



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

I hope to support campus safety, disadvantaged student groups and expand resource availability. One specific area I would like to target is De Anza's cheating policies. During an online class, the professor has the right to give a student a 0 if they suspect cheating, without due process. I believe this is wrong and that both sides should be heard first, just like the legal system. If a professor suspects cheating, they should write a formal report, and the student should be contacted for an explanation, instead of an automatic 0. AI detection tools are fairly reliable, but false positives do happen, and when they do, innocent students are affected.

2. 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 the president of ACM at De Anza, this taught me leadership. I listen to all sides and evaluate fairly, which is important for DASG meetings and decisions. I am the founder of the De Anza Food Pantry Tracker, I built this because I recognized a genuine student need. This tracker allows students to check available food pantry items from their phones.

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

I have great time management and I can fully commit to this role.

4. Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

n/a

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

DASG should have a an online portal where students can formally share their concerns. This is especially relevant for the SRE committee and the student rights officer. An option for anonymous tips, requests, or complains should be available. If we truly want to listen to students, we need a dedicated platform.