

Voter's Guide 2026-2027

**DASG Internal Officer
Elections Budget Analyst
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Andrew Ordonez (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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 a DASG budget analyst because after finding out that our budget does not get used entirely, I seek to make sure that every dollar is maximized to make this the best school it can be. As a first year student and someone who has grown up in Silicon Valley, I want our school to thrive and take advantage of the fact we are in a place full of opportunity and innovation. As a business administration major seeking to transfer into economics in Fall 2027, I know that this position will give me valuable experience as I continue my journey as well as helping the communities I am apart of. I have been very civically engaged. I was a member of my social justice organization in high school where I helped organize a period product donations campaign and help students pre-register/register to vote. Additionally, I made sure

my local communities have the resources they deserve: when VTA took away the bench at my local bus stop, I made sure they not only reinstate it but upgrade it to current standards, and I called on the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters to put a ballot box at my local library to increase voter access.

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 skills and experience I will bring to the DASG budget analyst position and the DASG senate as a whole are that I have experience working for a multi-million dollar tech corporation as a Human Resources Intern, where I used my Microsoft Office 365 skills regarding excel spreadsheets to verify that employees were receiving the correct amount of benefits each month. Furthermore, I am personally interested in finance, where I manage my own portfolio currently, look at San Jose's budget frequently to see how money is being allocated, and then call on my representatives to act accordingly to spend the budget as I see fit.

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

Other commitments I have are of course, being a full time student, and working part-time for the San Jose Public Library. I will know I will manage this workload as I already consider the finances of the community I am apart of like De Anza on the daily; I truly have the passion to make the decisions this position calls for.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Thank you for your consideration regarding this application.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Student concerns DASG should address are making sure that our WiFi is working properly all throughout campus, that students are able to be at school without going hungry (continuing to fund food vouchers and the hub), have more mutual aid events (advertise Roary's closet more, have trinket/art trade events, sewing/repair events), as well as making De Anza a greener place.

For example, we could make Ecosia the default search engine on all of De Anza's computers, helping us plant trees for the planet while having no cost as students and faculty alike will use search engines regardless.

Arman Alasvandian (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

I am running for Budget Analyst because, after 2.5 quarters as a Finance Intern, I have seen firsthand how impactful this role is. I want to use my analytical and technical background to recommend budget requests and help to support disadvantaged students here at De Anza, while also ensuring there is a strong sense of community at this school, as I understand how

important clubs and villages are to the identity of students. I hope to bring an empirical process to deliberations and use my technical skills to improve how the committee records and assesses funding.

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 I mentioned before, I ran my detailing business and have now exited. As the cofounder of Vanta Detailing, I focused much of my work on aligning with the skills required for a budget analyst role. Building the entire business from the ground up with my cofounder, I oversaw all financial goals, allocated our budget for reinvestments and expenses, and managed critical documents. I handled all of our accounting and expense tracking in Google Sheets, and I developed business and pricing models to scale our business, raise revenue, and retain clients. As for my technical background. From 2023-2025, I was a programming member of the Iron Claw 972 robotics team at Los Gatos High School. During our meetings, we would ideate, design, and allocate time and budget to build a perfect robot for the annual FIRST game. I have worked with industry professionals, including the ex-VP of VMware and many engineers, including one from Neuralink. While collaborating with these professionals in a high-pressure environment, I greatly expanded my skills and developed a highly analytical, critical approach to problem-solving. I helped develop the drivetrain and autonomous code for the robot and served as the driver in both years. Furthermore, as a finance intern, I made great contributions to the budget deliberations through the La Voz intern project. As a potential budget analyst, the technical and problem-solving skills gained from robotics and financial management, budget allocation, expense tracking, and record keeping are directly applicable to the budget analyst role and will be highly effective during budget requests and budget deliberations to help make recommendations that serve the students, programs, and community at De Anza.

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

Time management for me has been one of my strongest skills. While I am very busy, in the past I've had significantly more on my plate. During high school, I was juggling multiple AP classes, spending hundreds of hours beyond official class time to help perfect our robot for our robotics team (Iron Claw 972) spanning 2 years, building multiple coding projects and spending time working with AI agents, tutoring many students in physics and calculus AB, and also being active members of 2 clubs, all while excelling academically. I have successfully exited my detailing business, Vanta Detailing, and am now focusing on building quantitative finance projects, such as a Monte Carlo simulator. I also aim to become an MPS tutor at De Anza. In terms of academics, I currently have 3 classes and, on average, take 3 classes a quarter, which I did excellently with a tighter schedule in the past and effectively allocated my time. My current method has not changed, and my life is very structured. I utilize my calendar app and always

ensure to have time slots for my activities, classes, and projects. Furthermore, as a current finance intern, I have consistently attended nearly every meeting throughout my first couple of quarters at De Anza. I am fully aware of and understand the demanding workload as a budget analyst, including reviewing budget requests, researching program histories, mentoring interns, participating in budget deliberations in January, and presenting the budget to the FHDA Board of Trustees.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

None

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

One of my main concerns is that the school feels slightly disconnected, mainly because it lacks a unifying event that brings its students together. Many people have different schedules, drive to school, and therefore, it's significantly more difficult to create meaningful connections and friendships. I believe that DASG should prioritize funding events and programs that bring students together, regardless of schedule, and help to inform disadvantaged students of the resources available to them on campus.

Brandon Serrano (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

I know well what the job role entails and think I could be of benefit to next years senate.

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?

Previous finance committee work.

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

I am a full-time student taking about four classes each quarter, along with regular homework and study. I manage my time by planning my schedule in advance and staying organized.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

None

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think one important concern is that many students are not fully aware of the resources available on campus or how to access them. This is especially true for international and ESL students, who may face additional challenges in understanding and using these services. Improving communication and making information more accessible could help more students benefit from the support available.

Caeden Pa Espiritu (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

Learning how to manage finances is a skill that everyone needs to learn. As a Business Administration major at De Anza that's looking to branch out in finance, learning how to manage money is an experience I'm looking forward to. I started working at my current job as a restaurant host last summer and learning how to make a budget and manage my finances as an individual is something that I found an essential skill. My first couple paychecks were spent carelessly and going through that experience prompted me to find interest in being efficient with my finances. Over time I've found it quite interesting in how money is spent as an individual. Becoming a budget analyst at De Anza would furthermore invest in this interest on a

bigger scale. Not only managing my own finances, but holding a position and managing the finances of an entire student body would help me grow to new height in understanding finance. The budget analyst position will provide new insights in my major and would allow me to learn with a hands-on approach.

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 I previously mentioned, I work a part-time job working 20 hours per week. I not only manage my own finances, but I also help my parents manage theirs. As I continue adulting, my parents want me to be more involved in learning how to become an independent young man. They taught me everything I know about budgeting and even gave me applicable responsibilities and challenges to manage the family's whole budget plan. Constantly being in a bi-weekly schedule where I budget and understand the efficiency of money spending allows me to have experience in this area. Becoming the De Anza budget analyst would allow me to use this skillset that I'm already using in my household and for myself.

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

My other commitments outside of taking 14 units at De Anza are work and clubs. I have a set schedule on a week-to-week basis for work. I work from 4:00pm-9:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday, and Saturday from 2:30pm-10:00pm. For this quarter I have my Calculus 1B class from 11:30am-1:30pm Monday- Thursday and my Microeconomics class every Wednesday from 4:30pm-6:30pm. I am also taking Intro to Business asynchronously. Outside of school and work, I run an unofficial club on campus where I meet with other students to have Bible studies and open-ended discussions. I will manage my time by doing following my schedule on Google calendar which I update on weekly basis every Sunday. Strictly following my schedule and being prudent in what's ahead of me will keep me consistent in managing my time effectively.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Joining the De Anza student government team would be a great honor -- especially partaking in an activity I'm familiar and interested in. I believe that spending money efficiently will open up more opportunities for finances to be invested in other programs, clubs, etc.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I believe that the De Anza student government should be transparent with finances even outside the De Anza student government team. As a current student, I do wonder how money is spent within the school. Making a report that breaks down how De Anza uses money should be a resource available to students curious about it.

Dianjun Zhang (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

I'm running for internal office because I've been in your shoes. Only a few months ago, I was a newcomer struggling with campus life and financial uncertainty. saw firsthand how much this organization cares for us and fights for our needs. Today,after some quarter in de anza I am a leader ready to give back. I want to use my growth and my voice to make informed decisions that support every student's success. I aim to ensure that DASG funds are allocated with the highest level of transparency while also equity so that every student can access the resources they need,by data drive approach to directly allocate the resources to people in needed.

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?

My journey at De Anza began just a quarter ago as a student facing financial challenges and navigating a confusing new environment. This made me do whatever oriented student first. As I am a math and CS major, I think I will excel the role by being in my expertise. I am able to optimize the system using coding. In addition to that, I have the ability to analyze dense financial reports and translate them into clear, accessible recommendations. I want to ensure that budget decisions are transparent and equitable, helping the Senate make decisions based on clear evidence and student need. This ensures the money will be spent on the point.

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

I am planning to join a club in this spring, so I will have a lot of spare time to serve back the community.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

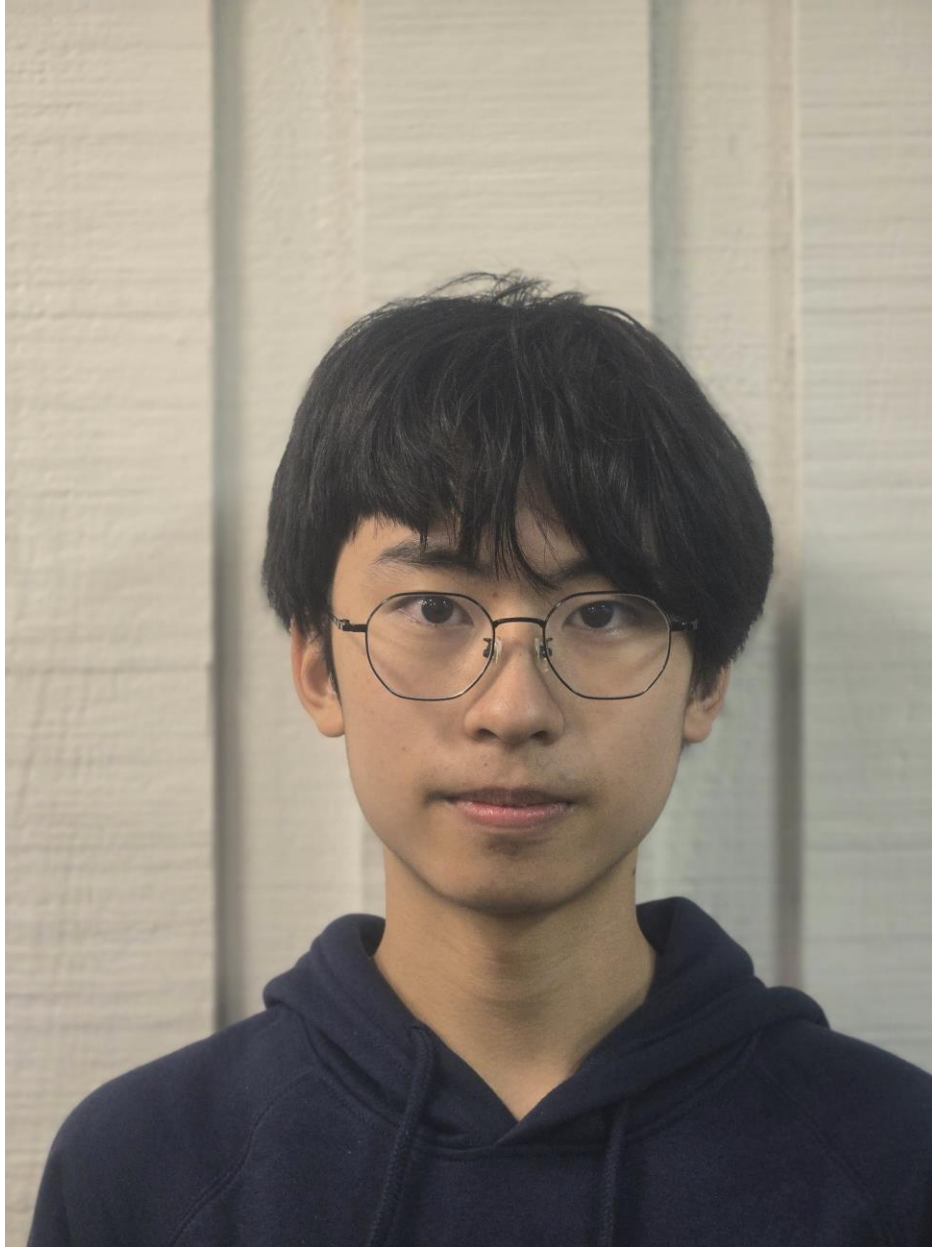
I am an open-minded person with good communication skills, when having me in the group will help to bridge together, and work with higher efficiency.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think so far the welfare from the DSAG is pretty good, but the problem is I realize a lot of people student and the campus have kind of informational gap. I think we can fill this more resource navigation to them or even peer to peer mentorship.

Ka Chun Wong (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

Being a budget analyst in DASG has always been a dream for me. It is my best place to gain finance experience as I am going to manage both fund 41 and 46 while working. By working as a budget analyst, I can gain a deeper insight of the whole analysis process by applying what I learnt in business-related courses. This would help me develop strong finance foundation and make me competent when it comes to the finance field.

I hope to give back to the De Anza community. Judging fund requests impartially can benefit students as a whole. We can let different programs extend their service or reach out more

students, students have more resources available when they need help. Ultimately, the college will introduce more service and benefits for future students, which can solve their problems more effectively.

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 can bring several skills into the DASG Finance Committee. First, joining the finance committee for 2 quarters helped me familiarize with how the committee functions. I can quickly pick up the responsibilities of a budget analyst.

Additionally, taking accounting courses equipped me with soft skills such as critical thinking and being detail-oriented. I can apply these skills to make accurate decisions on accepting or rejecting fund requests.

Besides, my experience from a recent PBL competition made me realize how important communication in a team is. By communicating with others, members the committee can cooperate with each other so that things will be finished efficiently.

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

I am a PBL internal member and secretary at De Anza Startup Society. Since being a senator in DASG requires huge commitment, I will divide large projects into small tasks and finish tasks step by step to ensure the main objective is completed on time. This can create adequate time for me to complete my homework and revision. Besides, I use about 8 hours per week for PBL. DASS is not demanding so it only requires around 1 hour per week. I will still have rest and buffer time at night in case workload for the week is heavy.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

I am dedicated to the finance committee. I have attended every meeting of the committee in-person or through zoom, as well as participating budget deliberations. Through this process, I understood the importance of accuracy in terms of approving funding requests and gain insights on how to achieve that. Besides, attending classes like accounting made me detail-oriented and developed my critical thinking skills. As an intern in the committee for almost 2 quarters and being a business major, I think that I am capable of the position.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

To start, housing at De Anza is a pressing issue for DASG to address. Students found it hard to rent rooms near campus as rent is exorbitant in this area and this lowered students living standards. For example, I can only rent a living room as my budget is limited. Therefore, we

should strive for measures like subsidy for DA students to improve their overall De Anza experience.

Besides, school facilities could also be improved. One major concern is school wifi. Students raised concern about its coverage in places like the school library. From my experience of using the library's studying rooms, I would sometimes get disconnected from Zoom meetings in those rooms as the wifi signal is weak. This can adversely affect students' learning progress when all class resources are posted online. DASG can help by advocating the need to improve wifi services.

Another concern is opening hours of school buildings. Given students are required to revise everything taught previously, they usually need more time to prepare for their midterms and finals. However, main studying facilities like the library closes at 7 pm. Students without ideal studying environment at home need to spend time traveling to other institutions to continue studying. Since there are no places to study around Cupertino, DASG can also help by advocating the extend of the opening hours of its study facilities or building covers on top of outdoor sitting areas.

Although DASG may not have the power to implement every measure (as these problems will be solved in previous years if the student government have it), we could emphasize the need to improve student life.

Kanykei Burkhanova (She/Her/Hers)

DASG Budget Analyst



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 a DASG Budget Analyst because I am already an intern in the finance committee, which has given me a strong understanding of how student funds are allocated and reviewed. This experience has made me interested in taking on a more active role where I can contribute directly to financial decisions. I hope to help ensure that funding is distributed fairly, transparently, and in ways that benefit the greatest number of students. Additionally, I want to strengthen accountability in the budgeting process and support student organizations in accessing the resources they need to succeed.

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 an intern, I have developed familiarity with budget requests, funding guidelines, and evaluation processes. Additionally, during my internship at the MUSD in the Business and Finance Department, I worked with end-of-year teacher budget and fund documents, which strengthened my understanding of financial organization, accountability, and accuracy. I bring strong attention to detail, organization, and the ability to carefully analyze financial information. My background in business-related coursework further supports my ability to manage resources responsibly, and I am confident in my ability to collaborate and contribute effectively.

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

Outside of school, I have a part-time job and personal/family responsibilities. I use planning tools such as calendars and have a daily tasks list to stay organized and meet deadlines.

Additionally, I am flexible and adaptable, which allows me to adjust my schedule when unexpected situations arise. If selected as a Budget Analyst, I will continue to manage my time effectively to actively participate and contribute to the finance committee.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Serving as a Finance Committee intern has already shown me how impactful DASG decisions can be on the student body. This opportunity has motivated me to become more involved and take on greater responsibility. I am eager to continue learning, contribute my perspective, and support the goals of DASG. I would value the opportunity to serve as a Budget Analyst and further contribute to creating a positive and supportive environment for students at De Anza College.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think one of the concerns DASG should address is the lack of awareness among students about available resources, events, and support systems on campus. Many students are not fully informed about opportunities that could benefit them, whether academic, social, or personal. Improving outreach, communication, and transparency is essential to ensure students know what is available and how to access it. By increasing awareness and engagement, DASG can help students feel more connected, supported, and involved in the campus community.

Kayla Khangaldy (She/Her/Hers)
DASG Budget Analyst



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

I'm very passionate about and thoroughly enjoy economics, finance, and budgeting- I hope to bring that passion to DASG so that I may help the students and staff at De Anza flourish. I'm a massive believer in budget efficiency, financial equity, and transparency. As a budget analyst, I hope to assist in the complete review of the De Anza budget, and (re)allocate budgeting to where is needed most. I also hope to allot a portion of our budget for tutoring, as it's an incredibly valuable resource and opportunity for students. I also hope to help find ways to allocate our budget equitably amongst departments facing budget cuts as a way of supporting them through challenging times.

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've had the privilege to serve in a handful of leadership positions which have given me experience in balancing budgets. I served as class president in high school where I worked extensively with our treasurer to manage our class finances. I was also the president of my high school's equity council, where I took on the responsibility of fundraising and managing our grants and budget (as we didn't have a designated treasurer). On a larger level, I was my class's school site council representative, where I played an active role in allocating our school budget to infrastructure and activities which would benefit the student and staff bodies. Furthermore, I'm an economics student, and am being educated specifically in the allocation of (scarce) resources, including money.

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

I do have a couple of other commitments, if I'm honest. I do have a job, and I'm a research and teacher's assistant for the political science department (Dr. Druehl). Despite those commitments, I'm extremely confident in my ability to manage the work of being a DASG budget analyst. I have a strong work ethic and I'm good at time management (as I've expressed managing several classes with my commitments college, as well as academics and extracurriculars in high school). I would say that I actually thrive in busy schedules and under pressure!

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

I'm so honored and so grateful for the opportunity to apply to be a DASG internal officer, and a budget analyst. I appreciate and respect any decision made, and if the opportunity comes, to work with my fellow students to make our campus as amazing as possible for our school's population!

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

As I mentioned previously, I feel as though more of our budget should be allocated to student mentorship and tutoring, as it's an incredible opportunity and general resource for our students looking for academic help for volunteering/paid opportunities! Furthermore, there are issues with budget cuts which are challenging our athletic department and student centers- it would be ideal to rework our budget to support these departments and ease the worry amongst students.

Moon Khan (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

I am applying to be a DASG Budget Analyst, because I would love to get involved in the internal affairs of our Student Government and support our campus in a meaningful way. I hope to succeed in fulfilling the responsibilities of my role (e.g., managing the budget and modifying it) and become a trustworthy delegate for my peers and fellow students who want to voice their opinions and see change made.

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?

For the position I am applying for (budget analyst), I believe my exceptional mathematical, logical, and organizational skills will aid me in ensuring that our budget is up-to-date, accounted for, and utilized in an efficient, productive manner. In addition, I am known to work very well in groups, and my cooperative and communicative skills will definitely help me discuss plans and ideas with my fellow budget analysts, as well as with the rest of the Senate.

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

Aside from regular coursework, I have a few clubs I attend during the work-week and during the weekend, I typically work, and on Sundays, I volunteer in the morning for the local Sunday School. While all these commitments are important to me, I find I can easily fulfill my responsibilities to the Senate, since they mostly do not conflict. I will, however, ensure that my schedule is open to the best of my ability so that I can complete my tasks as a member of the Senate.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

I wholeheartedly believe that my involvement with the Senate could be a huge benefit for both our student government and student body. I've got the expertise and the skills to carry out my duties, aid others in theirs, and make our campus a better place.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Some student concerns I have been made aware of are that the Senate could be more communicative about their meetings, specifically timing, agenda, and location. I think this is a fair criticism, as we are obligated to share this information and be forthcoming about our work as delegates. If elected, I will also aid in addressing this concern and make sure that the student body is aware of our events.

Michael Katsnelson (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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 a Budget Analyst because it is the intersection of two things I value: working closely with people and managing financial resources carefully. As the Jewish Student Union club Treasurer, I see how much clubs depend on a well-functioning financial system, and I want to be part of building it on a larger scale. I feel eager to collaborate with fellow Analysts and the Chair of Finance to ensure DASG funds are allocated transparently and equitably. I will contribute to budget deliberations, present them to the Board of Trustees, and mentor interns to help them learn the system. I have experience coordinating large groups and thinking analytically. From experience working on Engineering projects, I developed my analytical skills,

and I am driven to communicate gaps and loops I find, regardless if it is a circuit or in De Anza's government.

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 have experience serving as the Treasurer of the Jewish Student Union and managing the club's budget for a year. I make sure to track our spending, communicate with our officers about what can be reimbursed, and research cheaper alternatives for items we've purchased. Through the Cyber Security Club I was in, I saw how inadequate funding can potentially limit what a club can offer students, i.e, fewer hackathons and competitions. This drove me to take budgeting seriously and reinforced my commitment to fair and transparent budget allocation. As Treasurer of JSU, I worked to secure external sponsorship for a JSU event by communicating directly with a sponsor. This sponsoring organization helped me bring in a Rabbi as a speaker to teach students lessons about a Jewish holiday called Purim. In this event, the Jewish Student Union collaborated with the Iranian Student Association. This taught me that when working diligently to get a sponsorship from an outside organization, we fed twenty-four people and spread a message of unity and purpose.

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

Although I understand that I will have to reallocate some time from my personal endeavours, such as Judo and music, I am more than happy to be involved with my community and help make De Anza a better environment for students and senators alike. I prioritize my commitments based on what matters most, and DASG responsibilities will come first. I have three classes each quarter up to spring 2028. Being able to divide my workload evenly for the rest of my year and a half at De Anza allows me to devote the necessary time to my responsibilities as a Budget Analyst. I am fully available for the budget deliberation period from October through March, including the Friday and Saturday sessions in January, and I'm planning my personal schedule around these commitments in advance.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Spending the past three quarters as the Treasurer of the Jewish Student Union has taught me that financial confusion quickly prevents clubs from creating events and other activities, thereby hindering growth. During events like Club Day and Culture Day, clubs often request budgets for food and cultural items, and clearer communication from the Finance Committee can help them navigate the request forms. When I was organizing a club event in the banquet hall for the Jewish Student Union, I had times of confusion and uncertainty about the "Kind Gift Form" and other forms. By reaching out to one of the Budget Analysts, I made sense of these complications, which showed me how easily club leaders can fall through the cracks without

guidance from the Finance Committee. I want to contribute to building a system of trust in De Anza by helping club leaders and club advisors understand the financial systems, such as Fund 41. I want to bring a standard of accountability and precision to the DASG Finance Committee to ensure every club has the logistical support they need to succeed.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

The newly elected DASG should focus on addressing concerns regarding financial transparency and accessibility for student organizations relating to Fund 41 and 46. I noticed my club struggled to understand how to fill out the “Kind Gift Form” or navigate the reimbursement process, which can stifle campus life. The DASG needs to communicate clearly by working more closely with student leaders so that students can focus on building community instead of struggling with logistics.

Minahil Kizilbash (She/Her/Hers)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

I want to be a financial officer for the DASG because it will push me to think creatively and strategically. As a business major with a strong interest in finance, this role is the perfect opportunity for me to gain real, hands-on exposure into how financial systems work and will allow me to contribute to a community that gives back to De Anza. I'm especially excited to oversee budgets and ensure income and spending commitments are met because it'll give me a chance to analyze, brainstorm, and build strong financial models with a team of like-minded people.

During my time as a financial officer, I want to focus on maintaining organized budget plans. As representatives of the student body, our work is a direct reflection of how people will perceive us. Having organized, well-developed budget plans will not only help strengthen DASG work but also help present more professionally and impactfully to the FHDA board of trustees. I also want to increase De Anza revenue and have several ideas on how to do so. Hosting events such as Eid festivals, increasing donor outreach, and creating new partnership services to benefit the students are all ways that we can increase total income. By making students feel seen and supported, they will engage more and their engagement will naturally increase our revenue. Moreover, these events will unite the community and help build financial support for De Anza.

Overall, I want to leave the DASG with a lasting impact. I hope to build strong, genuine relationships with my team and be remembered as someone who helped others, through major or small acts. My goal is to contribute, grow, and work my hardest to benefit everyone apart of the De Anza 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 financial officer, I will bring creativity, critical thinking, and the willingness to take initiative.

I am constantly coming up with new ideas to solve problems. I am also not afraid to take the first step, speak up, or push for what I believe will benefit De Anza. I know that my confidence will help make decisions without hesitation, and that I'll be able to provide multiple perspectives to situations. I'm also committed to finding new ways to generate revenue, like I mentioned earlier, and I aim to create opportunities which will benefit all of De Anza. Whether its presentations or discussions, I am able to communicate clearly and concisely, and I never hesitate to ask questions. I believe that strong communication is essential in preventing misunderstandings, resolving issues, and maintaining a healthy environment.

Being part of the DASG community as a whole, I bring my confidence and extroverted personality. I enjoy building connective relationships, and I believe my personality will be something that others look to for ideas, support, and encouragement. Moreover, I'm always willing to help, and I want to contribute to creating a space in DASG where everyone feels included and valued.

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

During the De Anza school year, I plan to participate in clubs such as DECA, FBLA, Women in Business, and Debate. While these clubs are important, my number one priority will remain my role as the DASG finance officer. I am fully committed to giving this position the time and work it requires.

Moreover, to ensure this, I will schedule my out-of-school/club activities based around my DASG responsibilities. My Mondays will be completely club/activity-free so I can attend all of the DASG meetings. Throughout the week, I will also dedicate 4-5 hours specifically to my officer duties, and around 1-2 for other things.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

I believe that I am a great candidate for this position because I am willing to put in the hard work and bring creative ideas.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

Textbook affordability: Many students struggle to afford required textbooks which can cost between \$70-\$100 each. This can cause students to fall behind academically, and they may feel too ashamed to ask for help in purchasing needed materials. DASG should advocate for free, or

low-cost textbooks by utilizing partnerships and donation programs. Supporting student success strengthens community and can increase donations.

Scholarship opportunities for all students: 4-year college has become increasingly unaffordable, even for middle-class families that do not qualify for traditional financial aid. Hardworking students across De Anza who get in to good schools may not be able to attend due to the cost. The DASG should work with donors, partners, and education foundations (such as Bay Ed Fund) to increase scholarship funding so all students can have a fair chance at pursuing their education.

Hosting events to increase revenue: Organizing community events are a great way to raise money for De Anza, while also bringing the community together. Events such as art auctions, charity drives, and banquets can bring in revenue and while highlighting the DASG's commitment to students. Hosting more specific events such as textbook drives, clothing donations, and supply collections can also directly support students and staff in need. These events are great for community building.

Expand disability awareness and accessibility: The DASG should promote campus-wide education on disabilities and advocate for making students with special needs feel welcomed. This includes working to create smoother pathways for the visually impaired, and safer walking routes for people with physical disabilities. Many areas on campus are uneven and rough which can make it difficult to travel across. Improving all types of accessibility ensures that all students feel represented and supported in this community.

Work to identify needs: Students are the largest part of the DASG, and their voices should take part in decisions that we make. The DASG should implement online forms, physical booths, and send out surveys to gather community input on their needs and concerns. This ensures that decisions are based on the students, rather than assumptions, and allows the DASG to find budget-friendly solutions that support the community as a whole.

Become more student-business friendly: The DASG should collaborate with businesses to provide workshops on entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and business development. Helping students interact with mentors and connect with one another will help them learn essential business skills, and network. Supporting student-run businesses not only benefits students, but it also contributes to a more community-based campus that can benefit from each other.

Khanh Le (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

As my interest in the Finance Committee ever since the Fall quarter when I first started at De Anza. I have noticed the importance of allocate and deliberate funding to the entire student's program as they all held a certain important role fostering student development skills. I am confident with my technical skills as I have participated in every meetings of Committee (including budget deliberations and budget stipulation) to have deeper understanding of how does the procedure actually works.

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 of right now I've noticed the Finance Committee has a lot of unique perspectives inside debates during the budget deliberations. All of the 3 budget analysts, head of HEFAS and the Chair of Finance all have their own perspective towards certain programs which sometime persuade me into developing more logical thinking of obtaining information and insights before deducing certain budget suggestions. I really want to preserve that essence to help the Committee have a more holistic view about certain programs and to be accountable and to be able to defend while persuade other Senates to understand what is our decisions behind that funding amount.

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

Currently I am a club officer for only a single club of which I have carefully rescheduled our meeting times to avoid the Finance Committee meeting times which is every Monday from 4pm to 6pm, the first 2 weeks of budget deliberations in the winter quarter and finally budget stipulations happening in Wednesday during Senates' meeting.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

Overall my efforts attending budget deliberations further harden my knowledge in the actual Committee core focus is to help allocate funding money using answering that got sent back by each individual programs explaining their budget request. I've noticed that the Finance Committee needs a lot of time to actually need a lot of time to analyze thoroughly all of the programs we are assigned hence why I try to participate by giving my findings that I found in one of my assigned project such as the Flea Market.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

For the Finance Committee, I have been impressed by the ability of Senates to encourage certain institutionalize for some programs as they are really important to the students as it send a strong messages to the student's community that us Finance Committee has the ability to make an impactful change for the community. Which is why I thought the public should have further understanding of what does the Finance Committee have the capabilities and tools to actually do. Be accountable, be reliable.

Ravi Purnama (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

One of my biggest passions is making a tangible impact on my community. This passion of mine began in middle school as student council Treasurer and continued in high school as vice president, where I saw how student leadership can help improve the general student experience.

Therefore, through my role as Budget Analyst I aim to bring change to the De Anza Student government by advocating for increasing student job opportunities on campus, increasing

student participation in the DASG Flea Market and fully institutionalizing funding for essential programs like Guided Pathways.

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?

Through my time as a DASG Finance intern, I diligently carried out my work as an Intern reviewing one of DASG's biggest programs the Flea Market and participated in the Winter Budget Deliberations. Through these experiences I believe I have developed an understanding of the Budget allocations process and the overall DASG budget.

Seeking to further understand DASG I applied and became a Flea Market Employee, where through this experience I gained significant understanding from an employee perspective of one of DASG's biggest programs, the Flea Market.

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

My other commitments include being the current Events Coordinator of DevelopersGuild, Vice President of De Anza Startup Society, Secretary of Permias De Anza, Intern of PTK, Flea Market Employee, CS Lab TA, Stanford SSG and doing an Internship at a startup. Despite these responsibilities I have managed to balance my time dealing with these commitments, my classes and my time as Finance Intern through a combination of scheduling and effective time management.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

None

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

With my experience as a Finance Intern, one of the biggest concerns I have as an Intern of DASG is the lack of participation of Interns especially ones in the Finance Committee due to not understanding the Finance Committee. I propose that there should be more workshops or tutorials where senators can train interns on the processes of the Finance Committee, which I believe will lead to greater Intern participation in these meetings.

Shao Jiayi (She/Her/Hers)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

I am interested in this position because it relates to my major in statistics. I enjoy organizing and planning, and I think working with budgeting can improve my numerical awareness and support my data analysis skills. In addition, I have used campus support services like the food assistance program, which helped me understand how important resource distribution is for students. Through this role, I hope to better understand how resources are managed and help make them more effective for students.

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 an organized and responsible person, and I pay attention to details. I am interested in analyzing information, which relates to my studies in statistics. As an international student, I also understand different student needs and challenges.

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

I am a full-time student taking about four classes each quarter, along with regular homework and study. I manage my time by planning my schedule in advance and staying organized.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

None

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I think one important concern is that many students are not fully aware of the resources available on campus or how to access them. This is especially true for international and ESL students, who may face additional challenges in understanding and using these services. Improving communication and making information more accessible could help more students benefit from the support available.

Zeal Lee (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

I would like to become a DASG Budget Analyst, because I have experience in planning out business operations, and am interested in handling finances. Becoming an Internal Officer for being a Budget Analyst would be beneficial towards my future, giving me real world experience handling finances, and I would be able to benefit DASG with my experience in planning.

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?

Transferable skills that I have gained from my past experiences include, data tracking using excel and google sheets, time management, teamwork, and market research. My past experiences include an internship at Xponent Power, a company that develops solar panels for RV's. I mainly spent time in Excel, and researched sales leads and created a sales tracker. I also have experience as a swim instructor at American Swim Academy and as a barista at Chicha San Chen.

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

I have a part time job, am part of Phi Beta Lambda here at De Anza, I am joining Deca, and have to manage my full time class schedule. In order to manage my time, I utilize my calendar app to make sure I can fit everything in my schedule and keep me accountable with my time. Although it is a lot of work, I am sure that I can manage my time efficiently.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

I would be a good fit for becoming an officer for the DASG Budget Analyst role because I have experiences in planning and organizing within business operations. I am a hard worker, and am very determined to learn and provide my transferable skills towards the DASG.

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I feel like student government should address the concern of there not being enough support and access to support for students who are looking to transfer. I feel like events and operations that can support students in transferring should be more accessible and advertised by DASG throughout the school.

Zhen Chen Lin (He/Him/His)

DASG Budget Analyst



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

I would want to become a DASG Budget Analyst from the Finance committee because I enjoy helping and contributing to the greater good and making a great impact for the college and students, and as a student who is majoring in Business Administration, this is an amazing opportunity to gain valuable experiences and aligns with my career goals. I hope to achieve more valuable insights that will improve my skills when making financial decisions, and to make sure money is spent effectively, which will support both the college and benefit the students at the same time.

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 will definitely bring my great responsibility, patience, communication, and teamwork skills to the DASG Budget Analyst position and the Senate as a whole. Since I am a Business Administration student, I am always developing my Business and Finance skills every single day, and they can be of great use in this situation. I always listen to everyone's perspectives and point of view first and make decisions as a team. I am also learning and gaining experience as the days go by, and I believe that I can contribute a lot to the DASG Senate overall.

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

As of right now, I only have classes, and I always manage my time by being organized and having a to-do list of deadlines, and I always do work in advance so I never fall behind.

Additional Comments (maximum 200 words)

I hope to get the chance to work with others by being a part of DASG and supporting the overall student life at De Anza College!

What student concerns do you feel the DASG should address?

I feel like DASG should focus on expanding job opportunities on campus for students, especially for international students, since they are not allowed to work part-time off-campus. It is also a great idea to make a separate page for any job positions that are hiring, so students don't miss out on the opportunities.