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Personal Statement

Chabot College has allowed me to become the person I am today. Being immersed in the community has given me an increased sense of what the community needs. With my philosophy in life of love in action. I do everything whether it be big or small, for myself or the community with love. If given the opportunity to serve again as a Representative, I will use my position to be an advocate for the students and the community. It is not only timely and relevant to be an advocate for the student population given the circumstances we have been in, to have students' best interests in mind as we slowly reopen and adapt to the new normal.

I am majoring in Political Science and Economics as I am interested in learning how politics and the choices made by those in power affect the community and even the world. Learning about how to become financially responsible, how to make decisions that are equitable and sustainable for everyone in the community. These two majors aid in becoming a responsible and fierce advocate for the Chabot community and its students. If three adjectives could describe me, it would be goal-oriented, empathetic, and motivated. I chose these words because I set goals and targets for myself which help me be accountable and ensure that I do what needs to be done especially when it concerns the senate, empathetic because I tend to draw people and become a listening ear which also helps with my work as a peer guide for Movement API in knowing what the needs of the students are and how to guide them, and motivated as I am eager to serve and improve the wellbeing of the community as I see it as my own way of giving back to the community that has welcomed me with open arms and with overwhelming support.

One goal that I aim to achieve as a representative in the Senate would be helping students acclimate to returning on campus by prioritizing their safety and wellbeing, and also by meeting their needs and helping them maximize their potential during their stay at Chabot. I would like to work closely with the student body and senate, and actively incorporating the views and opinions of the student body, pushing their best interests, and allowing them to participate in the decision-making process. I want the student body to know that their voices is and will be heard and that it matters. Serving as a representative will broaden my perspective in many ways and will teach me leadership skills and lessons that I will be able to say that I learned from being a part of the Student Senate of Chabot College.