

My name is Chandini Chen, and I will be applying for the student senate 2023 to 2024 term, for the President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Community Relations, Chabot Student Trustee positions, as well as an at large representative. These positions, I believe, will ensure my goal in creating the largest positive impact that I can create here at Chabot College. Especially with how Chabot has strived to create such a positive transition from high school to college with its amazing staff and facilities, I hope to give back that kindness through powerful activism. Similarly, I am currently majoring in business administration due to the change that I can implement through managerial positions and clear activism. As well as the creative room to pursue the generational concerns that I face, with climate change, access to health, and food security to name a few. Business administration as a whole is a special pathway that allows for a multitude of careers that will leverage my passions.

To describe myself, I would use "creative", "curious", and "determined" as the three major components of my identity. My creativity is endless because of my background in visual arts, performing arts, and the culinary arts. I had been deeply rooted within these conversation topics, from learning piano at a young age, to the love my family showed me through their cooking. Even from a young age, I found that experimentation, and thus creativity, yielded excellent results and endless possibilities even if mistakes were imminent. Curiosity is also a leading trait of my personality, as those close to me know me for my tendency to question everything. In such a bright and interesting world, I couldn't help but wonder about the mechanisms at work. The ability to ask questions, and that innocent dreaming, has led to a powerful thought process. One that questions the injustices of our world, and wonders how to right our wrongs. And finally, "determination". I was taught to never give up, which may have resulted in stubbornness as well, but has ultimately cultivated a fiery passion for everything I create and do. In my art pieces, in practicing the violin, and especially so in overcoming my obstacles. I am compelled to always try my best, and to accept the challenges I face until I overcome them.

As a student here at Chabot College, I have personally witnessed struggles in our students educational careers. With various classmates notably stating the difficult transition from high school to community college, and the initial workload being thrust upon their hands. This is just one of the goals I have as a member of SSCC, that I hope to achieve by implementing transitional programs, marketing the colleges tutoring resources, and promoting community involvement.