

Xavier Gray

**Personal Statement:**

My name is Xavier Gray I am currently a freshman at Chabot College currently majoring in Civil Engineering and I'm interested in running for an At-Large Representative position. As an At-Large Representative I will have the ability to be an active voice during senate and strongly be able to articulate any concerns from the Chabot student population. As an African-American student I understand the importance of making yourself heard because, if you don't do it yourself no one else will. I will make it my mission to be an active participant in any committee I am assigned to not only represent the overall student body but to also help bring up the minority voices of the student body that may not be heard as well. I am more than ready to be a voice of change and action while a part of the Chabot Student Senate. As a Civil Engineer major I have faced many challenges along my educational journey from not being given adequate resources to being the only African-American student in class. As I have gotten older I realized how detrimental it is to one's confidence because you almost feel like you don't belong in the same room as these other students. My love for being outdoors and liking to do things with my hands has driven me to Civil Engineering. I also want to be a figure for young african-american boys and girls that may consider the STEM field but haven't pursued it because they haven't seen anyone that looks like them. Three words I would use to describe myself would be reliable, influential and creative. Each one of these words defines a key aspect of who I am as an individual but they also translate well into a student government role. When looking for reliability you want to be able to count on them when you need them and when you don't because once the going gets tough you do not want to question can they perform. As a voice for the students you need to have someone that can move a large crowd when necessary and won't shy away from being the front and using their influence to help gather a positive following. Finally creativity means a whole lot more when you are able to bring new and creative ideas to the table that not only work inside the room but outside the room for the collective student body. These are the three words I would use to describe myself. One goal I would really love to implement is a mentorship/buddy program this

would pair students up with either a similar major student or a different one so they can build a connection with someone. This program would hopefully help with accountability and each buddy would ensure each person is on top of their work. I believe if given the opportunity to join the student senate as an At-Large Representative I will be an excellent addition to the team.