

Hello, my name is Hiu Ching Tong, but I would prefer Emily. I was born in Hong Kong. I came to the state a year and a half ago with my family and earned my high school diploma here. I am a freshman and this is my second semester at Chabot College. The position that I am interested in is Finance Coordinator at Large Representative.

I am majoring in business. To be honest, majoring in business was not my childhood dream. However, sometimes it is just lucky that I have the opportunity to try out. Back in the day when I was in 9th grade, we were required to study 4 core subjects, 3 science classes, 2 history classes, and 3 other classes throughout the year to prepare for choosing the electives we will be studying from 10th to 12th grade. The sooner the due date for handing in our "elective wish list" comes, the more frustrated I am. I did not know what to choose because I was not good at any science or history classes. On the list of electives, other than the subjects we learned in 9th grade, there were two new subjects, Business, and Economics. So I thought to myself: Instead of sticking with the subjects I am familiar with yet not interested in, why don't I try something new? Fortunately, it was a sound decision. I was able to maintain satisfactory grades on my electives and enjoy studying at the same time. It might be a bit chaotic, but that is how I made up my mind to study deeper in business.

Honest, efficient, and positive are the three adjectives that I would use to describe myself. First, honesty is what I always value the most. I see it as a foundation between people's connections because honest people tend to be trustworthy. I do not like to lie, nor work with liars because I understand how tired it is to guess if others are lying or not. As an efficient person, I always like to seek the right way to do my tasks which is spending the least amount of time or effort and having the greatest outcome. Being positive is what supported me to overcome difficulties. No matter what happens, life goes on. The only thing we can control is attitude. If we choose to face everything positively, life can be so much easier.

Being a part of the Student Senate for almost two semesters, instead of participating in the activities, I have also observed things that can support students. And one goal to achieve would be having signs about where bathrooms are located because it could be very helpful to new students or people who have never been to Chabot. I chose Finance Coordinator at Large Representative because I hope to use my skills and knowledge to serve the Chabot community. On top of that, to learn and improve myself as I am serving the SSCC.