Being involved with my community has always been something that motivated me; it pushed me to be more aware and to speak up for issues that I can help change. The realization of that occurred when I assisted in a #MeToo protest during high school. I decided to steer away from my comfort zone and to speak and socialize more, to bring in everyone as a group. Stepping on campus for the first time, I saw diversity. Yet I noticed how the diversity never really tied in; people weren’t really together. This thought process led me to my decision to apply as the Events Coordinator. I aim to be involved in an environment where people feel spoken for, where people are able to step out of their comfort zone and connect with people they may have never seen before. One main and specific goal I have for the Chabot community is to create various events. To make events that people are able to socialize in, but to create others that make people feel spoken for. I want to create events in which those who feel silent, feel like they’re able to speak up, spread awareness, and welcome themselves into a diverse community. These don’t necessarily have to be such huge events, as huge events aren’t the only path to successful events, but it should have the end result of gathering students around.

When I look at myself in the mirror - and really think, I view myself as determined, hopeful, and growing. Comparing my current version versus the past version of me, I’d say I had a growth. I stepped out of my inner shell. I socialize more and push myself to do more. My determination to become successful student helped me talk more with others, and has helped me with my decision to create a club at Chabot. My determination and growth assisted in my decision to apply for Student Senate. Then comes hopeful. I ensure I never let negative thoughts overcome me. I don't let the ‘what ifs’ or the ‘maybes’ prevent me from receiving a high GPA, or to block me from being more active with my community. Being hopeful shaped me to create more goals for myself.

I’ve learned that majors never define you. I don’t need to make a major of one thing I’m passionate about, because it's ok to feel passionate about multiple things. This led to my decision of majoring in Data Science. Growing up, one subject I always felt like I excelled in was math. In high school, I also took a computer science class. This class was the only one I’d have a genuine passion for in my junior year. I researched various majors- some were Economics, Biology, and Statistics. I noticed that my slight interest in our economy, math, and coding led me to Data Science. It wasn’t something that anyone pushed me towards, it felt like it was my full-on decision. I knew that I could still be involved in my community, whether school, religious or cultural.