

Jordan Ross
Finance Coordinator

I'm interested in the position of Finance Coordinator in the Chabot Student Senate Representative Council. Because of its systematic, procedural, and numbers-based nature, I enjoy dealing with the accounting and finance side of an organization. I am a Business major, and this is the area of business I plan to pursue as a career. It took me a long time to discover my interest in business and realize that it could provide all of the traits I want in a career field. I see business as analytical, strategic, continually evolving, and relationship focused. These are all important factors to me, factors I felt missing but unable to describe in other majors I explored before stumbling into business.

In the last ten years I have been repeatedly challenged by events in my life but have always been optimistic and worked to find positive solutions. I am detail-oriented and have specific intentions with my words and actions. Additionally, it is important to me to always improve and better myself, through gaining knowledge, understanding the experiences and struggles of others, and developing my emotional intelligence and mental health. I think all of these are great characteristics for any individual in student government or any leadership position to have. I've been to several colleges and I think both the student body and quality of classes at Chabot are outstanding. It would make me very happy to give back to Chabot by working within the Student Senate to help improve the student experience and represent the interests of my peers.

As a member of the Student Senate I would be eager to promote, gain support for, and provide more personal and hands-on career services for underprivileged and underrepresented students. I started community college at age 16 and am still in community college at 26 largely because it has taken me many years to really understand the variety of career opportunities available. Growing up I only knew adults with a very small sample of careers. No one I knew had a career in STEM or traditionally professional fields, so I never really understood that these were things I could do. I believe an overwhelming number of kids from working class families are only meaningfully exposed to working class jobs and never consider careers that require professional or advanced degrees. Meanwhile, parents with high-education, high-paying careers expose their kids to other high-education, high-paying opportunities

and perpetuate the cycle of wealth. For underprivileged and underrepresented kids, these unfamiliar careers expand the available opportunities to pursue in life and increase the chance for socioeconomic mobility. Developing familiarity with these unfamiliar opportunities is one step toward leveling the playing field against those with more advantages. It would be very meaningful to me to help provide some type of accessible, professional career exposure to underprivileged Chabot students and possibly to students from nearby high schools, who could then use Chabot as a path to achieve their career interests. I imagine that being in Student Senate would help me gain access to the appropriate committees or meetings to get these valuable services on the campus calendar.