

Dear GPSG Delegates,

With the utmost eagerness, I am interested in the positions of President, Vice President, and Finance Director. As a current professional student and an active student community member, I have a deep passion for improving the graduate and professional student experience on campus. I possess the skills and expertise necessary to effectively serve as a representative of my fellow graduate and professional students.

As a member of the Graduate and Professional Student Government executive board, I would prioritize three key goals: (1) enhancing communication and collaboration between students, faculty, and administration, (2) advocating for the needs of graduate and professional students on campus and the broader community, and (3) providing opportunities for professional and personal development for students. One of my greatest strengths is engaging and empowering others effectively. As an executive board member, I would create an inclusive and supportive environment for all students. It is crucial to actively seek out and listen to the concerns of our student body, and I am committed to ensuring that all voices are heard and represented in our decision-making processes.

Throughout my academic and professional career, I have consistently demonstrated my ability to lead and work collaboratively with others. As an undergraduate, I served as a member of the Grant Allocations Committee, where I was responsible for awarding grants to registered student organizations (RSO) for travel, events, and operations. During this process I worked in a team of four students where we would discuss each application and its merits and would oversee RSO presentations, giving me the opportunity to lead discussions and ensure collaboration among my peers. During my time at Iowa, I have been an active member of the graduate and professional student community. I have had the opportunity to work on various initiatives and projects that have significantly impacted the student body. Through experiences such as my work as the Interim DEI director and as a Graduate Student Ambassador for the College of Public Health, I have gained valuable insight into the needs and concerns of our diverse student population. Additionally, my leadership experience in several campus organizations has given me the skills to collaborate, communicate effectively, and manage multiple tasks and priorities. In my current position as Vice President of the College of Public Health Graduate Student Association, I have gained valuable experience working with a diverse group of individuals to address the needs and concerns of our student body. I have developed strong communication, organizational, and leadership skills through my involvement in various committees and projects, including leading the creation of the College of Public Health Mental Health Fair. To prepare for this event, I have brought together community members, healthcare professionals, and other stakeholders to address mental health's importance and share information about mental health resources on campus.

Furthermore, I am highly organized and detail-oriented, enabling me to manage this position's various tasks and responsibilities effectively. I understand the importance of ensuring that the student government operates smoothly and efficiently, and I am committed to ensuring that all tasks are completed promptly and effectively. It would be my honor to serve as a member of the executive board and work to serve the interest of the 2023-2024 graduate and professional executive board.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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