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Serving as the Student Trustee for Chabot College for the 2023-2024 academic year, I have gained invaluable insights not only into our college and district, but also I have learned about myself. Through this position, I found that I enjoy the “back-end” of how things work, whether that is the finances, how things operate, and anything and everything that happens behind the scenes. After coming to this conclusion, for the 2024- 2025 term, I have decided to apply for the Vice President of Administration position, as well as the At-Large Representative position.

I am majoring in Computer Science because it allows me the opportunity to produce solutions to a variety of issues using both my logic and creative thinking. As technology continues its rapid advancement and becomes more deeply intertwined with our daily routines, I've become intrigued by the profound influence that Computer Science has on society. Whether that is how everything we use in our day-to-day lives is based on some sort of code, or how we are constantly developing new technologies to assist with our daily lives, computer science plays an integral role in our developing society. If I were to pick three adjectives to describe myself, they would be: driven, passionate, and curious. I chose the word “driven” because I love to learn new things and take on new responsibilities so that I am constantly learning and growing to benefit myself and the others around me. I chose the word “passionate” because I put all of my effort into any task I am given, big or small, to do the best that I can. Lastly, I chose the word “curious” because I am always eager to explore new ideas, ask questions, and delve deeper into topics that intrigue me.

Within my role, I aim to foster a flourishing and stronger community within our campus. I have a strong desire to improve student life at Chabot College. I want to increase school spirit, and I would also like to improve the quality of events around campus. To do so, I aim to gauge the student perspective on our current events, and see where our areas of improvement are, and how we can improve to most benefit our students. Additionally, I also aim to make more resources accessible to our students, who all come from different backgrounds with different needs. For example, with many students attending Chabot with the goal to transfer to a 4- year university, I would like to streamline transfer resources for these students. To do this, we can maybe host transfer panel's with students who have transferred previously who can provide insight to potential transfers. By addressing diverse needs and ensuring equitable access to resources, we can create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all students to thrive.