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Vice President Application Essay

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Simply put, I am running for the Vice President of the Student Government Association because I believe that I can make Bergen Community College a better place, and that this goal will translate to producing a happier, healthier, and more successful student body. Upon joining student government as a senator, a little over a month ago, I have had the pleasure of meeting and learning from some great people in the Senate, as well as the E-board. In this short time, I have already improved my public speaking and through the signature requirement in the application process, I have become acquainted with many students. I know that continuing to be an active participant in SGA is a great opportunity to work outside of my comfort zone, gain experience, form friendships, assist others, and improve our school for the benefit of the student body.

One major aspect of Bergen I will work to improve is academics. For the majority of students at Bergen, the main goal is to transfer to the best four-year university possible, after completing their associate's degree at Bergen. As the Vice President of SGA, I will make it my priority to create an environment that fosters excellence in academics by implementing three major policies- getting more professors on Moodle, work with the Honors Association to get more honors classes, and get free SAT tutoring for students who want to transfer to top universities that require or recommend them.

In addition to improving the academic environment at Bergen, I plan to improve the access to information. I want to make a website for the food services- Dunkin Donuts, the pizza place (gourmet dining), Subway, Nathans, and the cyber café- which will provide a landing area for students to access operational hours, menus, locations, nutritional facts, and daily specials. I also want to make a website for Student Government Association to give students access to their senators, to information about our association, and provide a way for student government to solicit ideas from the student body. Additionally, I think that improvements can be made to Bergen.edu in terms of organization of the information. Students should be able to easily access things like events going at the college and find information pertaining to things (clubs, events, etc.) they are interested in. Improving access to information will result in a better experience for the student body.

Lastly, I want to work to improve Wi-Fi around campus, and to work with the Office of Student Life to get more events going on at the school. When there are more events, students have the opportunity to build comradery among peers, leading to a more happy and cohesive student body. I am the best candidate for the position because I am approachable, creative, hardworking, and have a strong desire to work with my peers to make Bergen and SGA the best it can be. I want to help everyone achieve personal growth and help them get their ideas off the ground and turned into reality.