

Hi Dexter Drama Club!!!!

I'm Olivia Fleishans and I will be a sophomore during the 2024-25 school year! I have been involved in both acting and tech roles in the Dexter Drama Club (Little Mermaid as ensemble, Footloose as a Hair Crew member, Murder on the Orient Express as a Costumes Stage One member, Frozen as Young Elsa and ensemble, Pippin as ensemble and Costumes Stage One, and several Improv shows as part of the Drama Club.) I have also been a member of the International Thespian Society since I started in Dexter Drama Club in 7th grade!.

I have several qualities that would make me a good officer. I am a very positive and outgoing person. I love to help, especially at theater! I am always willing to set up anything or do anything, big or small that needs to be done. Putting on such wonderful shows can be a stressful experience and I feel like I can help create a positive space where everyone feels welcome. I can help people who are new or are middle schoolers get into Drama. I was a middle schooler in the Drama Club and I understand what it is like to be new and younger and smaller than everyone else. Therefore, I know how important it is to support the newer people. I have also been in both the technical aspects and the acting aspects of the drama club and can understand what both sides are going through.

I feel like there are several good qualities that make a good Sergeant at Arms that I would strive to implement. One of them is inclusivity, making sure everyone has a part in the club and that they feel accepted and recognized. This lets everyone feel welcome and part of the community. Part of what makes this officer position so special is that the Sergeant organizes bonding events and fun activities outside of the stress of being at theater. A sergeant is an essential part of what makes our club so special from other theater companies. In the Drama Club we build strong friendships and bonds and feeling accepted is a huge part of building that community. Sergeant at arms' should make sure that tech and pit people are able to be involved in community building exercises and not just making and planning events solely based on actors and their opinions. The second quality is positivity. We all know that the drama club is a stressful place and we sometimes need a little light to shine through the darkness that is tech week and show week. Even when the times are hard I believe that a Sergeant should be able to help others and lift them up when they are stressed, angry, sad, or overwhelmed. An effective leader should be able to raise morale when everyone needs it. The third quality is creativity. To plan and organize all of the spirit days and bonding activities it is important that the ideas are unique and fun and beautifully put together.

I hope to keep some of the Sergeant at Arms norms and to continue CPA movie night, tech weekend breakfast, Show shirt day, seasonal bonding events, and the Birthday box. Depending on the shows I would be excited to make show themed bonding events and spirit days that will hopefully be enjoyable for everyone who comes! Past Sergeant at Arms officers have done a great job and it will be hard to follow all of the beautiful things that they did!

As your Sergeant next year I would try to keep the Drama Club a strong community and make sure everyone feels included and to raise morale. All of you are incredibly talented people who have built such a beautiful community here and I would be honored to be an officer if you elect me. We only have 6 years at most in the Drama Club and we need to use that time to make relationships and memories that will hopefully last. Thank you so much for taking the time to read my letter!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Olivia Fleishans