

Hello there, Drama Club!

My name is Toni Butka and I will be a senior in the 2021-22 school year. I have been a member of the club since 9th grade and have participated in 8 shows throughout my high school career. I started simply with being a Fagin's Gang member in *Oliver!* then, somehow being pulled into publicity during 3D, serving as head of the same crew in our production of *Sherwood*, and most recently as the Leopard in *Tarzan*. I am so grateful to have had such an amazing experience with every single show I've been a part of. I also attend improv meetings and am a part of Thespian Society. This club means so much to me and I know I am ready to lead it as president next year.

Throughout this past year I have helped make a lot of changes in the drama club, the start of the Dexter Drama Club Youtube Channel and the first DDC Film Festival being the two biggest. I started the youtube channel completely on my own and want to continue helping this platform become a drama club staple. I would like to do the same with the film festival. I helped run and operate the Film Festival this year, so I understand what went well and what didn't. Therefore, I can expand and build upon this idea to make something even better next year. Now that we are back in person and hopefully will be next year as well, I want to bring back the tutoring sessions that were created last year and make more opportunities for members of the club to truly be student performers, technicians, and musicians.

I have learned an immense amount during my time as your 2020-21 Communications officer. I have learned how to be an organized, responsible, leader of this club. I have learned how to communicate with our community in the best way to make everyone feel informed and included. But most importantly, I have learned how to be a better person. Being around the people in this club have taught me that we are all human and we all make mistakes and not to judge other people for those mistakes. I know that I will be a kind, compassionate leader of this club who understands that mistakes come with the title and I will be there to support any officer if they are down.

This year has been hard on all of us, but I have learned how to be an organized, responsible, leader of this club. Not only as an officer but also as a dance captain and a head of tech. To get sappy for a moment, drama is my happy place. The friends that I have made in this club have made me into a better person and for that I will be eternally grateful. Not only that but it has also given me many experiences that I will remember and cherish for the rest of my life. This club has given me so much and it would be my greatest honor to represent it as a president. I would make sure everyone in the club felt guided and included, and I will always be a friendly face to talk to anyone who needs help or just needs someone to talk to. If I am elected President, I promise to be a strong face for our club and represent every person involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Toni Butka