

Hello!

My name is Connor Gleespen and I am running for President for the 2023-2024 DDC season! I will be a senior next year and will be entering my sixth year with the club. I first joined the club in seventh grade when I auditioned for *Oliver* and have since been in fourteen shows, witnessing the club and its members grow and change throughout the past five years. This season, I have performed as Mouse in *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*, Frank and Actor Three in *3D*, Carlos in *Descendants*, Austrian Townsperson/Lonely Goatherd in *The Sound of Music*, and I have been in every Improv show!

I also served as your Sergeant at Arms this year and have worked to improve the club's morale, most notably by planning, running, and making posters for every bonding event this year from the Pool Party over the summer to the Starlight Ball in the spring. Being the Sergeant at Arms has taught me essential skills that I will be able to utilize as president. I am now familiar with how to successfully run and organize events, which will come in handy when organizing the Film Festival and Gala! I have also gained confidence in coordinating with my fellow officers and those in charge, so I will successfully do so as President. Above all, being Sergeant has taught me that issues and mistakes will always happen, but they can be easily overcome when handled with maturity, composure, and support from others. Although I faced many challenges this year, such as moving the Starlight Ball inside or baking one hundred cookies in one hour for the Cookie Decorating event, I never gave up and worked hard to ensure that every event would still be successful and enjoyable for everyone. Using the knowledge and skills I have learned throughout my year as Sergeant and my five years with the club, I am confident that I will be able to lead the club and tackle every task and issue as President with maturity, creativity, and optimism!

As President, I will be a positive role model and dedicated leader for the rest of the officers and the entire club. Through weekly check-ins and bonding activities with my fellow officers, I hope to create another close-knit team that is supportive and comfortable with one another. Although I have a few new ideas that I am interested in making happen next year, such as creating a card-making contest for directors gifts and possibly reintroducing the long-dead tradition of the Drama Lock-In, I aim to focus on maintaining and improving upon aspects of the position that already exist! I will run and plan officer meetings with dedication and attention to detail, make sure that issues are resolved quickly and efficiently, closely coordinate with my fellow officers and our advisors, and delegate all tasks to the correct individuals.

It is an honor to have been a part of this club for so long, and as President, I want to give back to the club that has given me so much. I promise to approach the position with the passion, dedication, and hard work that it deserves. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope that you have an amazing day!

Sincerely,
Connor Gleespen :-)