

Officer Letter: Sergeant at Arms

Hello! My name is Connor Gleespen and I will be a junior next year. I first joined this club when I was in seventh grade and have been involved in ten productions. Next year will be my fifth year in the club! This season, I have performed as Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid*, Paris in *Romeo and Juliet*, and Bickle in *Footloose*.

If elected as your sergeant at arms for the 2022-2023 school year, I will create an environment where people feel included and can enjoy themselves! Although drama can be a stressful activity, I want to ensure that everyone can find stress-free moments where they can just have fun. In this position, I will bring not just enthusiasm, but also dedication and preparedness. I always plan ahead and ensure that all details are ironed out as soon as possible; if elected, bonding events will run smoothly and will be prepared well in advance. I am a very careful planner and my actions as sergeant will reflect that! Additionally, I have a lot of experience in making flyers and will make eye-catching and creative flyers to advertise bonding events. On top of being organized, I will also be able to bring the enthusiasm and friendliness necessary to uplift our club's morale! I always do my best to learn everyone's names and try to talk to as many new people as I can. As sergeant, I will continue to do these things to create a positive environment! I know how scary it can be when you first join this club and I will strive to help each and every new member feel comfortable and welcome. To uplift the morale, the sergeant must be a good role model, and I believe I can fulfill that role. I do my best to remain optimistic and enthusiastic and I encourage others to do the same! I am also very people-oriented and would love the opportunity to help those who may be having a bad day and need someone to talk to. I will bring the necessary maturity and knowledge to be a good resource for those who need help, whether it be for personal problems, peer issues, or if they just need a friend. Furthermore, I am aware that this job can be very strenuous and I am prepared to give it my all!

I have a variety of ideas that would be beneficial to the club that I aim to accomplish next year. Firstly, I would like to create welcome cards for new members. These would be distributed towards the beginning of production and would include a welcome message and tips and tricks for first-time members. These cards would be a more personalized edition to the papers distributed at company meetings and would help new members feel welcomed on a personal level! Secondly, I would like to establish a google form where people can rate their experience with previous bonding events and submit ideas for future bonding events. With this form, members would feel like they have a say in bonding events and may be more inclined to attend. I would also like to introduce more warm-up games! Although we have a great selection of warm-up games already, introducing new ones would help keep things fresh and increase energy before rehearsal. Additionally, I want to continue recent additions such as birthday shoutouts and tech/show week competitions, as they have been very successful this year!

I am so proud of what we have accomplished this year as a club; I hope to make next year even better as your sergeant at arms and I will work tirelessly to do so. Thank you for reading!

Sincerely,
Connor Gleespen :)