

To the Dexter Drama Club,

My name is Vivian (Viv) Mergler and I will be a senior for the 2022-2023 season of the drama club.

Although this past drama season was only my first, I have found that the club has become my new home away from home. Coming from a performance background with dance, I knew that I had to become involved with the drama club before I graduated high school. My first show was *The Little Mermaid* where I was on the makeup crew. Although it was a challenging experience with it being my first show *and* having to deal with numerous quick changes, challenging makeup, and a broken airbrush, I still found the show to be an extremely rewarding experience. Then, later in the season, I decided to audition for *Footloose*. After being a dancer for 14 years, I knew that I just had to audition for this show. I was so excited to be cast in ensemble and as cowgirl 1. Although many people don't see ensemble as being a very large or important role, I still had the time of my life throughout the entire show experience. I was able to meet some of my best friends and work with other amazing people in the club. From *Footloose*, a fire was sparked in me to keep performing and to continue to stay involved with the drama club up until I graduate from high school, so I thought the perfect way to do this was to run for an officer position.

As one of your communications officers, I promise to bring effective communication to the Dexter Drama Club. As someone who has been through multiple shows both in and out of the drama club, I understand the stress behind not having the calendars updated or not having resources posted before an audition until a day or two before. As communications officer, I will work to not put actors, crew members, or pit members through that stress. I pride myself on being someone who is organized with due dates and tasks that need to be completed, and I think this will prove to be a huge benefit to the club. By working with whoever my partner is, we will constantly be in communication with each other to keep the calendar updated with any last minute changes that arise in order to take extra stress off of actors and crew members so they are not worrying about trying to find call times or start times. We will also work together when answering any questions from club members in order to provide accurate information from both of us so that you are not hearing different information from each partner. To go along with this, I also have creative plans to help advertise the club on social media. This includes posting more promos for each show in order to get the word out even more about the amazing shows that we put on! I also plan on doing this by introducing some fun ways to get members involved in promo-ing the show as well through instagram takeovers with the cast during show week, behind the scenes, and making connections to the community by making posts dedicated to lead roles and seniors in the club as well to build relationships with our audience and put a personal touch on the drama club. Finally, I plan on working closely with the other drama club officers in order to share any ideas that they have and to pass along any questions or suggestions from club members so that nobody feels unheard.

In conclusion, I am proud to be running for communications officer for the 2022-2023 season, and I hope that I can earn your vote!