

Hello! My name is Maddie Leach. I joined the drama club when I was in 7th grade, this year being my 4th as a DDC member! In the 2023 - 2024 season I will be a junior.

Thinking back to when I first joined the club, I remember feeling super welcomed, despite not knowing anyone. The sergeant, Maggie, was always a friendly face I could talk to. I decided to run for sergeant because I want to be that friendly face for members, like Maggie was to me. I want people to feel like drama is a safe community for everyone, because drama has always been a big part of my life and I know how impactful the club can be.

Being the sergeant doesn't require you to only make actors feel welcome. As sergeant, I would work to make sure that everyone, including pit and tech members, feel like they are welcome at bonding or other drama events, and that they can always talk to me if they have questions or need a friend.

I'd like to propose a before and after show feedback form I could send out to DDC members to ask about their experience in drama. If a drama member is feeling unwelcome, stressed, or worried they can have a way to express their feelings without having to talk to someone face to face. If there is an issue with someone thinking the community is unwelcoming, I can talk to the officers and we can address the issue right away to make sure drama is the fun experience for everyone that it has always been for me. This form can also include feedback on bonding events, spirit days, etc.

Summer bonding events have always been a fun way to reunite with your drama family! I want to make sure that middle schoolers and other new members feel welcomed to attend summer bonding events. As sergeant, I would work to make sure information about summer events is spread to people interested in drama, not just current members.

Thank you for considering me for this position!

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