

Hello there, Drama Club!

My name is Toni Butka and I will be a senior in the 2020-21 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 everything to me...more than I know how to articulate. And I want to make it the best possible place for everyone involved, especially the younger up and coming generations.

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.

I have learned an immense amount during my time as your 2020-21 Communications officer. There have been so many magical moments, moments that make all the hard work worth it. I have also had several learning curves this past year. Mistakes that I believe have made me a stronger person and leader. It used to frighten me, the thought of undertaking a role such as President. But it doesn't anymore, because I have become certain of my desire to lead this club. I reached this certainty when I realized that I want this position for more than myself: I want this position because I truly believe I will be able to invoke positive change and be a conductor of good. I am ready to be a strong and organized face for the drama club.

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. It's where I made so many important memories and learned to find confidence in myself. It's where I've met so many dear friends. Friends that I would not be the same without. My point is, before I leave, I want to make an impact and ensure that all the wonderful things I got to experience are shared by the younger grades as well as my peers in our final year. If I am elected President, I promise to pour my heart and soul into this position and do everything I can to do the best possible job.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Toni Butka