

I am Emma Ockerman and I will be a senior next year. I have been in the drama club for two years and have been in all six shows that we have done as both cast and crew! Over these past two years, this club has become my family. We have faced so many challenges and come out stronger than ever. When I reflect on the past few years and think of all of the hardships I have faced, I do it with the knowledge that no matter what the drama club was always there for me and I was there for others when they needed it most. I cannot begin to express the love and passion I have for this club because what we have is so special. Drama brings some of the least likely people together and allows us to form a family.

The role of President is not one that is taken lightly in this club. They are the person to lead this family and appear as the face of the club. The President champions the club at all times and has to be prepared for the administrative side of this role including paperwork, organization, and coordination with all of the adults that make our shows possible. I believe I am prepared to take on this role and lead the drama club in another spectacular year.

This year I had the opportunity to be a co-founder and the President of the World Cultures Club. In this role I took on the responsibilities of coordinating the other officers, delegating tasks, planning events (including the Ukrainian Fundraiser with the help of Emmy), running officer meetings, and helping our club meetings run smoothly. This role has helped prepare me to understand the weight and responsibility that comes with the role of the President in our club. I have learned the importance of communication, especially amongst the officers, and it will be one of the top priorities as President to ensure that everyone in the club is hearing the same information from the officers. Within the drama club, I have held several leadership positions including serving as a last-minute head of hair. This role reminded me of the importance of building each other up in order to succeed as a collective. It reminded me that the club only functions when every aspect is working well. This sudden change allowed me to practice adapting to new circumstances and help me feel prepared for more situations like this in the future. I could not be more grateful for the team I got the privilege to lead during *Romeo and Juliet* despite the constant rush.

As the President of the drama club, I plan on continuing the Film Festival and hopefully adding some more fun activities for the end of the year. I would love to establish a Dexter Drama Club showcase that allows anyone in the club to show off their talents and have a night of fun! The vlog is something I am very passionate about because it allows the world to see what goes into our process, even if they do miss many, many hours. The vlog channel has been something that pioneered our program and I would love to work with the Communications officers to help them.

I believe that I am prepared to take on this role because I am an organized and effective coordinator, and I have a passion for this club that is truly family. I would be honored if you gave me the opportunity to lead this club and show the world how much the Dexter Drama Club truly means to everyone involved. Thank you!