

Hey DDC!

My name is Joey Hill and I will be a senior in the 2021-22 school year. Over the last five years, I've done a lot in the Drama Club, most notably in acting. I've been part of the cast for 12 out of the 13 productions I have been in, ranging from ensemble characters like the mouse in *The Lion King* to a featured dancer role in *Fiddler on the Roof* and even a few principal roles like Little John in *Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood*. I have also been on a multitude of tech crews like hair, publicity, and props as well as some more specialized crews like puppets and flying. Aside from doing the mainstage shows, I also participate in Thespian and Improv, the latter of which I co-ran this year. So, suffice it to say, I am pretty involved with the Drama Club. Drama has played a major role in my life, even way back before I was in high school. This club means a lot to me, and I want to improve it in any way that I can.

If we take a moment to step back and look around, we can see that this club has gotten a whole lot more separated and spread out into cliques in the past year, which makes sense. We were stuck in lockdown for months on end, only having a few select people in our social bubble that we could be with. The main goal for the Sergeant-At-Arms next year is most certainly to bring everyone back together, and I know that I would be the best person for the job. Bonding events are undoubtedly the best way to get to know each other, so I want to start having more of these not just within the rehearsal process of a show, but in between shows as well. At the start of each drama show, I would send out a survey to see what bonding events people would like to have, that way I can get a sense of what everyone enjoys the most, therefore getting more people to come to the bonding events. I'd also add to the survey what warmup games people enjoy the most, so for the rehearsals, I'd know which warmup games we should play to get people the most energized and, well, warmed up for that rehearsal.

The Sergeant-At-Arms, at their core value, mainly serves as a moral officer. Along with bringing a creative and bright personality to the table, the Sergeant-At-Arms also has to be personable and friendly. If I see anyone having a rough day or they're left out of the group, I will try everything in my power to cheer them up. I'll try my best to bring a sense of joy and positivity to the club because I know what this club has done for me in the past, cheering me up when I most needed it. And I hope that I can return the favor to the club as your Sergeant-At-Arms next year.

Thank you so much for time and consideration,

Joey Hill