

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 (Sherwood, 3D, Tarzan, Little Mermaid, Romeo and Juliet, and Footloose) that we have done as both cast and crew! As I mentioned in my Presidential letter (go read it if you have not) this club is family to me, a group that I never would have thought I would end up in yet I cannot imagine my high school life any other way now. I would love to be the Vice President of the drama club because it allows me to support every other officer within the club. The Vice President is the role that I think is most overlooked, yet is one of the most fundamental pieces of the puzzle. This role is there to support not only the officers but the club as a whole. The Vice President is there to support the President in any way possible and lend a helping hand to all in need. This role to me is about support and leading by example, as Vice President my job would be to help anyone who needs assistance and show them what I did so we both come out more confident than before.

As Vice President I would love to build on the Masterclasses that Jackson Helmholtz established during his time as Vice President. At the beginning of each show I would like to make a workshop of character building, this would be student led. This workshop is designed to allow, especially ensemble members, a chance to figure out their character and how they act, move, sit, and what motivates them. By having time built in to discover our characters the show is made stronger and comes to life because we respond the way our character does, not how we would. I would also like to work with Communications to create a Senior Spotlight that allows the future audience to connect with the people behind the characters in the show. By having this spotlight the community sees the people who work so hard for these shows whether on, behind, below, or above stage and connect with them instead of solely seeing the leads and heads. The Senior Spotlight allows everyone to step out of the shadows and shows how big our productions truly are.

I feel that I am ready for this role because of my past leadership experience both inside and outside this club including being a head of tech, a link crew leader, and the President of another club. All of these roles have taught me the importance of teamwork and humility. Leadership is more than simply telling people what to do, but a true leader comes beside them to work beside them because that is what is expected rather than an amazing thing they are doing.

Through my experiences I have seen what characteristics a leader has and feel like I am ready to embody them for our club. The role of the Vice President is truly one designed to serve both the officers and the club as a whole. I would be honored to hold this role, to humbly serve the club that has given so much to me and hopefully I will be able to give something back. I am an organized person who is always willing to lend a helping hand and someone who does not back away from a challenge. I feel ready to take on this role and become a person in the club that others feel safe coming to with any needs or desires for the club's future. I am ready to make a positive difference for our club this year and the years to come. Thank you!