

Hello Dexter Drama Club! My name is Maria DeMerell, I am a rising senior, and I am running for Vice President. As I've carefully analyzed the characteristics that each officer position entails, I find myself aligning most with the vice president.

When in groups, I'm ready to take charge and facilitate. I am constantly on standby to complete the work that a group member fails to do. I have demonstrated my leadership abilities within the club but supporting my other members wherever I can. This could be me teaching my fellow cast members a dance that they missed, helping a tech crew in whatever way I can, or just lending a shoulder or ear to a person in need. The vice president position to me appears to be so apt to change. The opportunity for growth within the role is motivating.

If I were vice president, I would do my best to get as many master classes as possible. I feel that our technicians, musicians, artists and actors can learn so much from those who have lived the professional lifestyle. My personal connections with professional theater staff creates easy access for me to create new masterclasses and access new opportunities for club members.

The Sutton Foster Awards are an awards show for highschool actors, where they are nominated by judges after they are seen in high school productions to compete. I feel that our program should be acknowledged for its well-roundedness, and would be thrilled to facilitate looking into the cost and logistics of these judges, or even talking to club advisors.

I'm a quick learner, and I believe this skill would be a helpful asset to the officer team next year. Since middle schoolers were not allowed to participate in mainstage shows this year, I am prepared to help rising Freshman understand the basics of the drama club, and make sure they feel welcomed within our community. Being a people person, I feel like vice president is a great role for me because I can do outreach and really make sure the club is not only a community, but a family.

As an upcoming senior within the club, I want to make sure everyone got the same welcoming, exciting, and loving experience I got within my time here. Joining the club at the end of my sophomore year for Footloose, I was nervous about coming into the club later in the year without having close friends in the club; however, I was greeted with welcoming faces and open arms. I hope to be that welcoming and knowledgeable face for new members of our club next year.

Thank you for considering me for this position.

Maria DeMerell