



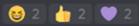
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To that end, 1 I want to continue involving and inviting SAAC + student athletes to present their concerns to DASB. 2 I want an official member of our body, a Senator or even a Chair, to sit on SAAC to keep constantly up to date on student athlete's struggles and challenges. 3 When I created the Bylaw change reserving 5 underrepresented seats for marginalized groups, that definition expanded beyond just ethnicity or even sexual orientation. Foster youth, veterans, and yes, student athletes, who statistically come from marginalized and disadvantaged backgrounds, are included in this. To that end, engaging the student athletic population into formalized systems of leadership will provide student athletes with more formalized advocacy and institutional influence to affect necessary change. 4 I want to formalize and elevate the position of SAAC within De Anza. When I first came across SAAC, I thought they were an advocacy group within the vein of Renter's Rights or PPS. Technically speaking, they are only a club, but in spirit they are so much more and in truth, I want that reflected. 5 I want to expand the advocacy and voice of student athletes by coordinating efforts and initatives with surrounding colleges to amplify each other's voices and expand the network beyond our school. 6 DASB should not represent student athletes for them. They should be listening and not speaking over them. But advocacy doesn't end there. Come to me, tell me what you want so I can fight for you is only moderately better than speaking over the disadvantaged. At its heart its still saviorism.

I want to provide student athletes with the opportunity to engage in advocacy and leadership and not merely see myself as their voice or even DASB as their voice. I want student athletes to feel like they can join in the chorus with me. I don't want to offer saviorism, I want to offer solidarity and use my experience as a student leader for their service. Athletics at De Anza provide so many of our disadvantaged students with community and opportunity and I want to extend that into unity for advocacy as well.

Come to me. Know you can reach out to me. Whatever challenge you face, know I am right there beside you and will do my best to EMPOWER you to lead the change that you are best suited to lead. That is my promise. In terms of addressing the concerns of student athletes, I want them at the table, making change, and do so with all the support the De Anza Associated Student Body can muster.

Thank you for asking such a brilliant and poignant question. I apologize for the essay, but I had a lot to say and frankly not enough room to say it. Please ask me anymore questions if you have any-I'd be more than happy to answer them ...



These screenshots were taken after the election ended. Nathan has since then changed his name back and changed his picture.

