## PR Platform

Hi! My name is Anisha Khosla and I would like to be MERT's next Public Relations Officer for the upcoming academic year. I am incredibly proud to be a part of this organization, and would love the opportunity to contribute more to it. Although I only recently joined MERT, I am committed to the organization, and I feel that the leadership positions that I held both in high school, and college thus far, have provided me with the skills necessary to excel in this role.

Having held positions such as Editor and Chief of my high school newspaper and captain of my high school math team, I am aware of how large groups function, and would work to put on at least a few group bonding activities over the course of each semester, similar to the Distillery dinner that was put on a few weeks ago. As a community service executive in my high school chapter of the National Honor Society, I became familiarized with how to motivate and encourage students to participate in events around campus. In the case of MERT, I would hope to promote further cosponsoring between us and various other campus groups, as well as continue the trend of outreach to the community, such as the Scout outreach that is currently being done. I also hope to do more outreach into schools, which could serve as a bonding experience for MERT members. With potentially one visit a month, we could gather a few members and go to a local middle school and do a small after school program with them to introduce them to the world of medicine. In college, I've had the opportunity to sit on the e-board of the Biomedical Engineering society for the past semester, and that experience has taught me a lot about both learning from those older and more experienced than me, as well as how to bring my ideas to the table.

As a freshman and a new member, I have also had the opportunity to participate in the preceptor program, and I hope to continue this program if elected. However, many of my peers have mentioned that they found it hard to connect with their preceptor early on in the school year. As a way of remedying that, I would like to propose a small kickoff event at the start of the school year, maybe with snacks like froyo or pizza, to allow the new NMOP-ers and the new 802s to meet their preceptors in an informal setting.

Another project I hope to continue if elected is that of getting informal t-shirts for MERT members to wear around campus. I know that Sarah has been working on this project for quite some time, and I agree that it would be a good idea to have some kind of shirt that you can wear on campus, that isn't your uniform, to display pride in your membership with MERT, and to show MERTs support at co-sponsored events.

While I may be new to the organization, I have a lot of ideas for how we can improve both the group dynamic, as well as MERT's participation in the community, and I am eager to hear any and all ideas that others might have. I'm thrilled to be a part of MERT, and I would love the opportunity become a member of e-board and contribute even further in strengthening the organization. Thank you for your consideration!