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DIMITRI HENRY
AKAASH PREETHAM

SA Co-President Elections for HBS Class of 2027 (A)

“... the only thing we have to fear is fear itself” – Franklin D. Roosevelt (A.B. 1903)

“Clearly, he’s never had to apply for an internship” – Anonymous

Akaash Preetham (Section B, MBA’27) waited by Aldrich for a coffee chat with Dimitri Henry (Section J, MBA’27). Separately, they had both been reflecting on the RC Year thus far and about the various issues facing their class. Over the course of the next three hours, they realized that the duo shared a common vision to deliver HBS an experience that matched --even surpassed-- their class’ original expectations. Dangerously late to RCHQ, they decided to run together on the following platform :

a) Opportunity: HBS students hadn’t been impervious to the global phenomenon of MBA’s struggling to land top-flight jobs within and outside structured recruiting, such as consulting and IB. The problem was even more acute for international students with fewer jobs offering visa sponsorship. While CPD undertook tremendous efforts to help students, the duo felt the need for new avenues to source jobs and greater academic flexibility for recruiting, or risk devolving into GSB.

b) Connection: People lie at the center of the MBA experience. While HBS boasted a strong section culture, there were very few ways the Class of 2027 came together as one HBS. The duo strongly believed that building this feeling of oneness, through class-wide happy hours and Community Days that included families and partners at Klarman, was pivotal for forging meaningful professional and personal connections (**Exhibit 3**). Moreover, Dimitri, as a dual degree student, felt passionate that the MBAs would benefit from bringing the greater Harvard ecosystem and other universities directly to the HBS campus.

c) Experience: Though HBS as a place was all about dreams (or nightmares), the duo felt that what they will remember most about the school after they graduate was how it made them feel. Getting the little things right – from making social events and Patagonias more affordable through sponsorships to streamlining communications and making partners feel more included on campus. All were as critical as showing up to LCA on time. HBS could be all-consuming but it didn’t have to be.

Dimitri and Akaash intended to work with a rotating council of section reps and campus leaders across various areas (such as women’s representation, veteran’s affairs, & community inclusion). Together, they knew that teamwork would make the dream work. *cue the music*

About the Candidates

Akaash grew up in Chennai, India, and was the first in his family to cross an ocean. He cared deeply about representing diverse voices, having served as the editor of his college magazine and having raised and managed funds for a wide range of nonprofits through his social impact roles.

Dimitri grew up in Flemington, NJ, and was the first in his family to visit Felipe’s. He was driven by his desire to advance positive systemic changes and uplift marginalized communities as an investor.

Both of them serve as the presidents of their respective sections and both agree that the hardest thing they ever had to do was write about themselves in third person unironically.

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Exhibit 2

Learn more about our platform



Exhibit 3

Power of Friendship

Exhibit 1

Contact Details