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Personal Statement

One of the objectives, apart from better academic & career opportunities, that many Indian graduate students wish to achieve, is a global perspective. A diverse global community makes the United States one of the best places to get such a worldly view. However, one rarely puts this resource to good use. At our university, I have often observed that people, in general, tend to stick to their own cultural groups and circles. It is a tendency that promotes stereotypes and prevents us from expanding our point of view. By presenting my candidature for Vice President of Multicultural Affairs, I offer my services towards addressing this issue.

I base my eligibility for this role, on my experience as an event coordinator for various cultural events organized at my undergraduate school. I have an eye for the details involved in the organization and planning of such events. I also have the people skills necessary to manage teams and direct their efforts towards achieving short term and long-term goals. Given the opportunity I would like to apply these skills in a constructive manner, making the differences in cultural background a means to form a more connected and cohesive student community.