Personal Statement - Sophomore Senator: Ibraheem Khan

Hello, Class of 2018!

As some of you may or may not know, my name is Ibraheem Khan [Advisory 810] and I am interested in running for the position of Sophomore Senator in the upcoming 2015-2016 Northside Student Council!

After having experienced my freshman year at Northside, I have witnessed that our class is simply brimming with countless numbers of brights minds, creative thinkers, artistic talents, skilled athletes, and exceptional individuals [such as yourselves!], and I am aware that along with such uniqueness and talent comes a diverse variety of desires and wishes to bring change for the betterment of the Northside community in many different aspects. I realize that the Sophomore Senator must possess the ability to represent such a dynamic, respectable, intelligent, and creative group of students, and prioritize their concerns and needs above all other duties. And, although this task may seem difficult, I believe I do indeed have the required abilities, skills, and characteristics to effectively represent our class in an optimal manner, and I pledge to put forth my time, dedication, intelligence, creativity, and my very best efforts towards the betterment of the Northside community and, ultimately, our valuable memories, experiences, and moments as Northside Mustangs!

As Northside freshmen, we have experienced an introduction to the accepting and diverse Northside environment and, most notably, a year of an unrelenting course load. However, through my many new experiences and prior knowledge, I believe I have burgeoned into an individual who has both developed and sharpened skills pertaining to organization, time management, efficiency, cooperation, leadership, and academic success. Although placed in several advanced courses [e.g. APUSH] due to previously attending an Academic Center, I have been able to maintain my grades and a weighted 5.0 GPA. At the same Academic Center, I had served as captain of the Science Olympiad, Math team participant, captain [and recognized MVP] of the Latin Certamen team, and president of the National Junior Honor Society, among others. As a Northsider, I have been an active participant in the Math Team, a member of Latin Club, a member of the Latin Honor Society, a key member of Jama'ah Club, and the elected Advisory Representative of Adv. 810! Therefore, I have accumulated a vast amount of experience in dealing with and participating in several different clubs, teams, and leadership positions in both Lane Tech Academic Center and Northside, and I am both prepared and determined to fully utilize and prioritize these acquired skills and talents for representing all of you in the 2015-2016 Student Council as Sophomore Senator. As unique and remarkable individuals, I believe you all need

someone to efficiently and effectively communicate and voice your many ideas and wishes, and I am prepared to do so and represent you to the best of my ability.

A fundamental quality I believe I possess is my immense desire to help our Class. You may have seen me offering my assistance both on social networking sites [e.g. Facebook] and in person in terms of school-related inquiries, issues several people have been experiencing, and, especially, academics. I would like to further accelerate this helpfulness by utilizing my abilities and passions to represent you as Sophomore Senator!

I realize many different people desire changes and reform in several different areas, and I am prepared to voice and facilitate the implementation of these requests. In an effort to ensure I am aware of your best interests and desires, I will be sure to periodically [most probably monthly] send out a survey regarding your opinions on current and past events [constructive feedback, preferences, improvements, etc.], as well as your desired changes so I can effectively and consistently formulate remedial ideas and changes, while communicating your own personal suggestions in your best interest. For instance, some involved in athletic activities have voiced their desires for more frequent open-gyms and athletic opportunities, and if provided with the opportunity, I will do my very best to voice the expansion of opportunities to the athletic department. In addition, I will advocate for more frequent Advisory Competitions and Spirit events to emphasize the "fun" and "socialization" components that are crucial to our lives as teenagers. As Sophomore Senator, I will ensure that everyone is equally and well represented, and that your ideas do not simply remain ideas, but are transformed into progressive action!

Vote me, Ibraheem Khan, for Sophomore Senator of 2015-2016! If elected, I will make sure that the communication of your voices and your collective and individual representation are my utmost and fundamental priority. I will make sure that I am punctual, organized, creative, and determined to help represent you and voice your suggestions and feedback to the best of my ability. I truly care for and admire our Class, and I would love to be presented with an opportunity to prove so. Northside comprises an extremely joyous and euphoric environment, emanating an aura of positivity. However, with your invaluable help, I promise that I will do my absolute best to ensure even more memorable and cherishable memories and experiences as a Sophomore, and I will do my best to plant the seeds of positivity and change so that they may grow into the robust trees of collective growth, improvement, and joy for all of you to cherish even more and enjoy.

Thank you very much!

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