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Hello fellow classmates, my name is Valencia Vidrine, and I am here to tell you why I am an ideal candidate for our school’s presidency. You might be wondering about some of the qualities that I could bring to the table. Some qualities I can pinpoint for myself is that I am an honest, attentive, and hard-working person. I will give you firsthand experiences to prove each of these qualities. I will also discuss some options I could incorporate into our school to make sure you receive the full value experience one would expect for the price of such a high tuition.

I believe in the phrase that honesty is the best policy. I take an honest approach to every situation no matter the consequence in order to keep a clear conscience. One good example of my honesty is when I had an interview for an office job. The interviewer told me from the get-go that I would have certain responsibilities and that I would have to work on certain days. As most interview candidates do, I agreed and hyped myself up for everything, but after hanging up I considered for a moment what they said and called them back and told them that due to my limited availability and priority of schooling that I would not be able to commit wholly to a career job just yet but that I would hope they consider me in the future. They thanked me for my honesty and that I did not lead them on or waste their time as so many candidates have done before and that they would certainly consider me in the future if I applied again. Did I want to be paid two times what I have ever made? Yes, who wouldn’t. But I knew in my gut that I could not handle the position at that time so I accepted the consequence of having to continue to search for something that would better fit my needs. As your president, I would not only be honest about what I can or cannot do for certain situations, but I will always strive to find solutions that fit our needs rather than hastily make decisions.

I pay careful attention to detail. I am always striving for perfection. I continuously contemplate how I could make things better for myself or others. The other day I was helping my soon-to-be sister-in-law look at bridal gowns and veils. I took note of remembering that she is not a confrontational person. So, when I noticed that the lady helping us was hesitant about letting her try certain things, I stepped in and kept insisting that she let her try on various things despite her low budget so that she could have better ideas of what she was looking for. I combined two veils, an embroidered floral one and a glittery one, because I paid attention beforehand to her saying she really wished she had both and wanted to give her an idea of how that might look like. As your president, I will welcome students to reach out to me by email and pay attention to how things affect you as students. I will conduct regular surveys around campus and online, and with confidence, persistently ask the schoolboard to correct any policies you find hinders your college experience.

I have stayed up to the crack of dawn to complete assignments and make sure they meet standards. For my scholarship essay I worked over two weeks to make sure that it was acceptable and then again in later months came back to it and reviewed it again to make it even more polished. I also welcomed other adults to review it and give me constructive feedback so that I could incorporate it into my essay. There is always room for growth, so though I may give myself a hard time if I make mistakes, I am always looking for new perspectives on how to approach certain situations. As your president I will work tirelessly to make sure that deadlines are met and that they exceed your expectations.

Theft has been an on-going issue on campus which is cause for concern not only for the protection of personal items but also for the safety of our students. And based on my survey 40% to 60% of you agreed or strongly agreed that we must take action to prevent this from happening. Two students I know got their cars stolen or broken into in the same week. I would propose to the student council that someone from security be posted at each parking lot to be able to check every ID and ensure that those who enter the lots attend the University. The administration would make monthly check-ins to make sure that the security presence is consistent. Not only would I do that, but I would also create a system for walking partners. For those who might be weary or afraid to walk alone to their car at night, they could text an app and have a person meet them at their building to walk them to their cars.

It has also been brought to my attention that students are having unpleasant or unhelpful experiences with their advisors. Advisors should be there to ensure the students they are assigned are on the right track to complete their degrees that will land them in their desired career fields. Each class is very expensive, so Advisors should approach scheduling carefully and considerably. To make sure that Advisors are always on the top of their game, as your president, I would propose to the student council that Supervisors should sit in once a month to review how advisors conduct meetings with students without giving them prior notice in advance. A random student would be selected and emailed by said supervisor before a scheduled meeting so that the student can send them a zoom or teams meeting link to be able to join anonymously if the meeting is online versus in person. For how much tuition costs, you as students deserve the best quality from faculty and staff.

As your president I can promise you that I will consistently exhibit the qualities of honesty, attentiveness, and hard work. As well as always fight for what is in the best interest of us as students. Now I will hand the floor over to you all if you have any further questions.

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