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Student Government Association

Nominates:

Samar
Rawas

Collin College

Local Involvement in SGA

Fresh out of high school, Samar Rawas joined the Student Government Student Government Association. In 2018 and shortly afterwards, she was appointed as the President of Senate for the 2018-2019 school year. As the President of the Senate, she was always looking for new ways to improve the lives of the students on campus. Her dedication to SGA and desire to push the organization to brand new heights led to her election as SGA President of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Samar worked on the constitution for our SGA with the intention of revision and updating of the document in order to best serve the organization. These revisions provided more students opportunities to seek out leadership positions within the organization as senators. As a result, freshman students then had an opportunity to take on a leadership role which then increased the overall involvement of students and provided opportunities to shape the future leaders of the campuses' SGA. Furthermore, due to her involvement with other student organizations Samar felt that there was a disconnect between the student organizations, as most of them had similar goals and some of the events they were holding were very similar. In order to further aid and enable the organizations to work together, she established the SGA Representative positions for each organization on campus. These revisions also included the establishment of Student Engagement's full-time staff as the advisors for SGA. With these adjustments, our SGA now has advisors with extensive knowledge on campus events and organizations, allowing greater involvement on campus, and greater inter-organizational cooperation.

During her presidency, she established a full executive team, senate team, and aided in the establishment of five sub-committees. These sub-committees consist of: Health and Human

Services, Community Service, Pride and Patriotism, Resolutions, and Awards. She also aided in educating the students about the Marshal Program and Senate Bill 11 through a safety forum after convincing the administration of the importance of educating the students over this sensitive topic. In addition, she supported and aided in the success of the “Free HIV Testing” event, providing free HIV and Hepatitis C testing for all students and faculty. As elected SGA president, Samar had the opportunity to give the invocation at the December 2019 graduation ceremony. The hard work and effort put into our SGA development by Samar Rawas over the last two years has truly allowed this organization an opportunity to flourish and succeed to new heights. She has truly laid the foundation for the future generations of SGA to succeed.

Regional Involvement in TJCSGA

Samar’s involvement with the region and other clubs has been an integral part of her leadership with SGA. Before taking on the role of President of SGA, Samar was very active as the President of the Senate. That year she attended both the Regional Conference as well as the State Conference. The “Love Does Not Hurt” event that Samar worked on and supported went on to win the third place at Region 2 Conference and the first place at the State Conference. During regional events in the 2019-2020 year, as the President of SGA, Samar wanted to increase regional involvement of the organization. Through her active recruitment, encouragement, and dedication to the organization, our SGA was able to reach new levels of involvement. This led to the college having twenty students at the Fall Region 2 Conference, a record-breaking attendance, as the previous year had only three members that attended.

Other Clubs, Organizations, and Civic Involvement

Regardless of the undertaking, Samar's enjoyment of the opportunities afforded by SGA and exhilaration for the prospects of being involved in worthy projects makes others want to follow. Samar is a genuine mentor because she supports and helps those around her, allowing them to be the best leaders they can be. As a true servant leader, she is someone who likes to shine the spotlight on others and is enthused by their success without regard for her own. This makes her an exceptional mentor because the faith she places in others makes the Chapter stronger as a whole. Our college offers leadership development activities under the series called LEAD (Leadership, Empowerment and Development), and Samar served as LEAD camp student committee coordinator. She was chosen as an exemplary student on campus to help new and emerging leaders to find their own leadership qualities, for which she was also awarded the Leader certificate by Student Engagement. Knowing that student success only comes if the student is well-fed and doesn't have to worry about the worries of how to put food on the table, Samar has volunteered with North Texas food bank on campus, a program that provides free fruits and vegetables to college students. She has also presented research about the spread of HIV in the homeless community within the DFW area at the Undergraduate interdisciplinary conference through our campus.

On campus, her involvement is not only limited to SGA. Samar served as the Secretary for "IGNITE- Political Power in Every Young Woman", and is also the current Treasurer for the same organization. In the academic year of 2018-2019, she served as the Secretary for the Muslim Student Association (MSA) and is currently the Student Representative advisor to MSA this year. Samar is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa honors society (PTK) and during her tenure as President of Senate of SGA, she was also involved with one of PTK (Phi Theta Kappa) College Project initiatives, "meeting of the minds." She has also served as the Vice President of

the Political Justice League, and as an active member of the mock trial team, she worked towards forming an award-winning organization.

Academics, Honors, and Internships

Not only is Samar incredibly active within the campuses' many organizations, but she is also an incredibly hardworking student. Her work ethic and desire to succeed is demonstrated by her achievement of making the Dean's list in which requires a 3.5-3.99 GPA. Through her hard work, she is an honor student with drive and passion who is pursuing a future as a lawyer.

Through her involvement with IGNITE, she joined campaigns and volunteered for Plano city council candidates in 2019, and as a result, she was provided an opportunity to speak at an "Elect Her" panel at Texas Women's University. She also got to attend the Women's March, resulting in an opportunity to network with many elected officials in our county. Samar was provided an opportunity to represent future Pre-Law students in a campus themed commercial that was featured in Cinemark all over Texas. She also had the honor to be selected as a Student Marshal at the college's graduation ceremony in May of 2019.

Samar has participated in a number of internships throughout her educational career. She was accepted into the American presidency program DC internship, a Plano City Council internship, and most impressively, Samar was the first student in the history of our college to serve as an intern for the District President's office, working at the Higher Education Center.

Other duties while in college

Samar is the embodiment of passion, one who seeks out opportunities to improve the lives and circumstances of those around her, and because of this, she has taken up other responsibilities

outside of her academic and organization work. She currently sits on the College Administration council and has also served on the alumni advisory council, while also attending all executive leadership team meetings and whole committee meetings. In addition, Samar served as a Campus Ambassador for a year and a half. This position is one that provides new students of their first impression of their new college family. These responsibilities include giving campus tours to prospective students, representing the college at community and campus events, as well as serving as our orientation staff for New Student Orientation sessions. In this position, Samar both flourished and excelled, standing out as a leader amongst leaders by surpassing expectations in all of her tasks and by becoming a role-model for those around her to look up to. According to Stephen Rogers, the Campus Ambassador's primary advisor:

“Samar's positive presence also includes how she rallies the team and helps each of the staff feel important. She provides guidance and mentorship to her fellow staff and you can see the staff not only develop as a team, but as a family.”

In conjunction with serving as a Campus Ambassador, she also served as a Student Engagement Student Assistant. This position's responsibilities allowed her to learn even more about college's organizations on campus, providing insight and knowledge that that further benefitted the many students that she interacted with. Other responsibilities for this position included providing answers to questions students may have, referring students to the appropriate resources and individuals if the Office of Student Engagement did not, providing student IDs and parking permits, and working Student Engagement events that often encouraged students to become involved with campus activities.

Samar is a beacon of encouragement, a leader to look up too, and a member of our college family that everyone is incredibly proud of. While leaders frequently find their way into

the spotlight, few can claim to be as distinguished and admired as she is. Samar's involvement with our SGA has been pivotal to the improvement and overwhelming success that has become of this organization and few could accomplish such incredible strides in such a short time. On behalf of our Student Government Association, there is no member more deserving of the Student of the Year award, than Samar Rawas.

Photographs of Samar's SGA Involvement





Photographs of Samar's Participation in Other Organizations



Photographs of Events Samar has Taken Part In



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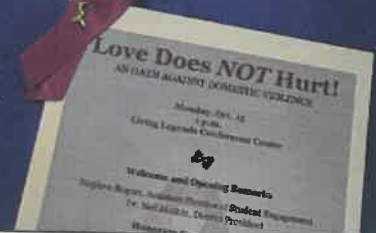
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Photographs of Samar's Involvement with Student Engagement & Campus Ambassadors



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