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USA Member Application: Letter of Intent

During my potential tenure in USA I hope to aid in the ongoing effort to better the ESF community. In high school, some of my peers and I founded what is now known as The Young Greens. The club aimed to make a more sustainable and ecofriendly school. As the secretary I was the head of organizing the projects our club developed. For example, I worked closely with the Student Senate to bring biodegradable lunch trays to our cafeteria. I believe the ESF community is already flooded with similar potential projects and ideas. My goal, as a department senator, would be to aid in the organization of these ideas to make them a reality. There is an overwhelming support for green events, and I want to utilize that enthusiasm for the betterment of the campus. USA’s perpetual efforts to connect students to the community, peers, and professionals has had a tremendous impact on me. Speakers covering topics such as diversity and inclusion have made me feel empowered following the recent predicaments at Syracuse University. The events, such as the Valentines Day bagel breakfast, have consistently helped me destress and network with other students who are involved in the community. Most of all, however, the career fairs have broadened my view on potential internships and given me motivation to put myself out there. There is potential for every student to have a positive experience such as I have. I think communicating these programs is crucial. Many students avoid or are unaware of these events and I will help vocalize their importance. As a department senator, I would like to join the Department of Student Affairs and Involvement and the Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. These departments both reflect my goals during my possible tenure. The Department of Student Affairs will help me connect directly with students who may not be as aware of potential opportunities. I want to be available for any student who may want to get more involved. The Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will allow me to connect to my peers but will also provide unique guidance on how to make events more open and accepting. My largest goal within USA would be to make it more open to the students. I have witnessed, firsthand, the difficulties of becoming involved in USA. Many students still are unaware of the importance of the organization. I am excited to explore potential ideas to further incentivize meetings and advertise events. I have always loved organizing and want to use that skill to better the community. I plan to make evident that ENS department meetings are open to all students regardless of their own department. If a student is considering switching majors to ENS or wants to participate in a project we undertook, I want to ensure that they are able to voice their opinions and become a part of our meeting. I’m looking forward to the opportunity to make a direct impact on campus and help increase student participation.