

Student Government Association – Secretary Letter of Intent

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Touro COM-Middletown, Class of 2021

Dear all,

My name is Trieu Ton and I would like to be considered for the position of Secretary of the Student Government Association.

I am running for student government because I want to contribute to making our experience at Touro Middletown both memorable and meaningful.

Throughout these 4 years of medical school, our main priorities are to study and excel in exams. Equally important is to feel connected to our school, form friendships, make memories, get out of our comfort zones, and go through experiences that make us look back on these 4 years as not only educationally challenging but also some of the best moments of our lives.

Each class has a different personality and brings a new set of recommendations to consider. As part of the SGA, I would like to continue the tradition of listening to the student body's needs and working together to develop an appropriate solution. Before medical school, I worked as a product manager for a small technology company. This role entailed working with everyone, from executive stakeholders to part-time employees, to understand their problems, devise a solution plan, and put together the appropriate team to execute that plan. There are three lessons I learned from my job, which I think will be relevant to fulfilling the role of secretary:

1. Simplify documentation so that anyone can understand it
2. Distinguish between what people really mean from what they say
3. Set the appropriate expectations

Medical school is difficult, that is a given. We need the community around us to keep us afloat during hard times. I hope to take part in SGA to keep improving our student experience at Touro Middletown, making each year better than the last.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Trieu Ton