Student Government Association- Parliamentarian Letter of Intent

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Dear Touro Family,

I am writing this letter to announce my candidacy for Parliamentarian.  The role of the Parliamentarian is to ensure the integrity of Touro’s Constitution within SGA decisions, run student elections and facilitate Student of the Year. I strongly believe that my experiences have shaped me to serve as advocate for our student body.

I am in awe of all the students at Touro. Each individual plays an important role in making our school feel like home, like a family. We are supportive, compassionate, look out for one another and are passionate about improving healthcare. I would not be able to go through this journey without all of you, and I would love to give back to our community at Touro. I hope to continue to nurture the kind of community we have already created.

During my undergraduate career, I had the pleasure of serving as a Resident Advisor to Freshmen, the most influential leadership role on campus. Through my role, I have had to mitigate conflict and challenging situations, hold students responsible for their actions and foster an inclusive and loving community where everyone felt valued and supported. I tried my best to lead by example to create a foundation for that kind of community. When students I cared for made mistakes, they were more upset in disappointing me than getting in trouble because I treated them with respect and kindness. I connected with them as a human being and I learned that is what is most important. I am currently a Crisis Counselor for Crisis Text Line. Serving in this organization has allowed me strengthen my skills and learn new skills to help those who are suffering. The skills I have gained have allowed me to be a better friend, sister, daughter, fellow student doctor, overall human being and to strengthen my relationships with people.

While at Touro, I serve on the Wellness Committee. I believe that in order for us to heal and care for others, we must heal and care for ourselves first. We do an amazing job caring for each other, but not as good of a job caring for ourselves. I want to continue to encourage and promote wellness in our community. It is one of my visions to make Wellness Committee more active on a weekly basis to provide us with opportunities to prioritize our own wellness.

There are a few ideas I would like to present and work towards making them a reality if elected. Open and honest communication between students, faculty and administration is critical for shaping our medical education. I hope to continue to encourage open channels of communication so that all concerns can be heard and attended to. I feel that the mentor-mentee program could be improved by having an application process and selecting students who are genuinely passionate about mentoring. I also believe that training mentors would help us serve as better mentors for incoming students.

I put my heart and soul into everything I do and I will not take this position lightly. I am open to ideas and any concerns and I welcome feedback and constructive criticism. I will do my absolute best to advocate and foster a community where students, faculty and administration are able to converse about various ideas and listen to one another. My vision is to make this community more inclusive and fair for all.  I believe in doing what is right even if it may not be popular. I will always do what is in the best interest of the students and our community.

With Appreciation,

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