

To whom it may concern,

My name is Gavin Perez, and I would like to apply to the Bakersfield College Student Government Association. As part of Bakersfield College, I have gotten the opportunity to meet new people with a diverse array of backgrounds and interests. But more importantly, I understand the significance of recognizing these backgrounds and ensuring that every student feels like they belong. This is because I want to uphold the values and virtues of my fellow Renegades, especially that of respect, accountability, and kindness to one another. Furthermore, I believe that Bakersfield College should be able to progress with the mindset of its students, like that of inclusivity. And more than that, I would like to make a real tangible and visible difference on our campus so that my fellow Renegades are being equipped with every possible opportunity in order to succeed. Things like financial aid would be something that is not only readily available but also being easily accessible. And that is why I wish to join; I want to bring about awareness on our campus and facilitate every process by listening to the needs and issues that may ail my fellow students. One of my core tenets and sayings is, "In order to tackle any problem, you first have to understand it." Failing to even understand the foundation of a problem means every solution to come can prove ineffective. But, such failings can be overcome by thorough adaptation, and that is where student government steps in; it adapts to the needs of *all* students. Each and every Renegade deserves the chance to try and try again, and for me I understand having constant communication with our student body will prove extremely pivotal to provide meaningful change. Such meaningful change is important to me, which is why I want to join BCSGA.