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The most important group that matters to the ASG is the students. It is essential to connect and understand the needs of students and subsequently bring it to light in external meetings outside of the college. Recognizing the needs of students helps the ASG become the collective voice of students on campus. The word inclusivity and accessibility means the world to me. During my time in the student government, I will do my best in upholding this and make the SBCC a more comfortable, safe and enjoyable place for all. As VP of External Affairs, my first task is to communicate with my peers from around the countries. This allows me to recognize our strength and space for improvement as a college. Other than regular monthly meetings with my peers, I will also strive to build relationships with local, state, and federal elected officials to advocate for students' interests.

An issue that has been raised by many is the accessibility of public transport in Santa Barbara. The schedule for college classes ranges from early morning to late evening and sometimes finishes at night. As a student who is currently living in Isla Vista, I find the bus schedule to be insufficient and at times confusing. I will need to make an effort in collaborating with the Santa Barbara Metro Transit Department and provide as much support as they need for this issue to be solved.

I am confident in my interpersonal skills and believe it is the one of the most important qualities to have in someone whose task is to represent the student government as well as the school. I am a good listener and also able to accept criticism. It helps me to improve and be a better person every time I am faced with a conflict.

Accessibility, transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness is key in bringing the best out of the ASG. I would have more students participate in the ASG meeting every Friday. Suggestion boxes can be placed around the school in places that are easy to spot and accessible. Complaints and suggestions are collected biweekly and presented in the meetings for discussion.