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College can be an extremely exciting, yet challenging time for just about any student. Many of us have to deal with being away from home and the stresses that come with academics and athletics. However, the focus of college should be on the upsides, such as meeting new people, expanding your knowledge, and bettering your community. As the Vice President of Operations and Finance, my aim would be to make students more aware of campus events and programs, along with receiving more student feedback on the state of our community. I wholeheartedly believe that the most important job of a student representative is simple: represent the student body. This may seem obvious, but we as a school can do a much better job of listening to you, as the purpose of student government should be to serve you. One suggestion I would make is to set up monthly survey stands across campus to examine what our student body thinks of different events, the amount of awareness being spread, and any new ideas you might have. In regards to my duties as Vice President of Operations and Finance, I believe that there should be more money allocated to informing students on how to deal with college problems. For instance, we could adapt the Isla Vista Tenant Unit, which teaches residents of IV their rights as tenants. This would be an excellent way to improve the quality of home life for students, as housing is one of the main stressors for an incoming student. In conclusion, my main focus as Vice President of Operations and Finances would be to strengthen communication between students and student government by providing more outlets for feedback and utilizing student organizations, clubs, and teams to share helpful campus programs and information.