

GET TO KNOW

Emily Gao

CANDIDATE FOR STATE PRESIDENT

QUALITIES + STRENGTHS

- Confident Public Speaker
- Creative + Artistic
- Personable
- Open-minded
- Empathetic
- Passionate
- Cooperative
- Proficient in Adobe Creative Cloud
- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- Professional Writing Style
- Proficient in Robert's Rules
- Fluent in English & Mandarin Chinese
- Intermediate Proficiency in Spanish

PERSONAL HOBBIES

Music

I have played piano for 12 years. I play classical and big band jazz, but pit orchestra has a special place in my heart. Additionally, I love curating a good playlist. My favorite genres are classic rock and alternative.

Art + Design

Wherever I end up for post-secondary education, I hope to minor in design. Whether its taking photos for my friends (I ran a photography business last year) or creating designs for posters (I drew my campaign poster), I'm always creating.

GET CONNECTED!

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ACTIVITIES + LEADERSHIP

FBLA

Chapter President + Project Supervisor

My favorite activity! I help my faculty advisor coordinate and lead meetings, recruit members, and promote my chapter. I also manage our chapter community service project. I have won both local and state first place titles. I am constantly in the business classroom developing new ideas with my advisor, leading committees to better the club, and fundraising for club expenses.

Key Club

Public Relations Officer

Community service is incredibly important to me, and I can manifest that importance through Key Club. Key Club keeps me extremely active in my community, so I am blessed to be able to serve as a chapter officer. My main responsibility is keeping general members updated on volunteer opportunities.

Jazz Band + Safe Space Fargo

Pianist and Combo Leader

After playing principle pianist in the All-State 2019 Jazz Band, I fell in love with jazz as an art form. I am the pianist for my school's top jazz band, for which I am an award-winning soloist. I also have plenty of state stars and OPs under my belt. Safe Space Fargo is a jazz combo that I created with two of my bandmates. We play at local restaurants and community events.

Speech

Team Captain

Speech pushes me to become a better speaker every time I step into practice. I have qualified for state every year and have placed at countless meets. Speech allows me to shed light on important topics I believe in, such as poverty relief and mental illness. On top of that, as a team captain, I help younger team members practice and better themselves as speakers.

INITIATIVES

ALL ABOUT CONNECTIVITY!

If elected, I have a number of initiatives to help better North Dakota FBLA as a whole, all based on the idea of **connection!**

The greatest ideas come from collaboration, connection, and communication. If elected president, I will fully embrace this. As a state, I believe that we can make strides toward connecting all FBLA members for a better business experience!



BUSINESS AMBASSADORS

There are many business professionals in ND that utilize the skills we learn in FBLA and apply them in their workspace everyday. We will collaborate with these individuals to educate, converse with, and mentor young aspiring business students with exclusive resources either online or in-person.



FOSTERING TOGETHERNESS

This initiative aims to promote a sense of community between all ND FBLA chapters, fostering wonderful friendships and connections! Through chat rooms, member "blind dates", and other forms of networking, we can connect the talented, capable, and unique people of ND FBLA!



CHAPTER PRESIDENT CONNECTIONS

Every chapter president has unique perspectives and ideas. Through Zoom, Skype, and other video call medias, we will connect chapter presidents in every region through meetings every other month to mingle, discuss FBLA, and share ideas. Each meeting would be led by the region's respective state VP.



SOCIAL MEDIA

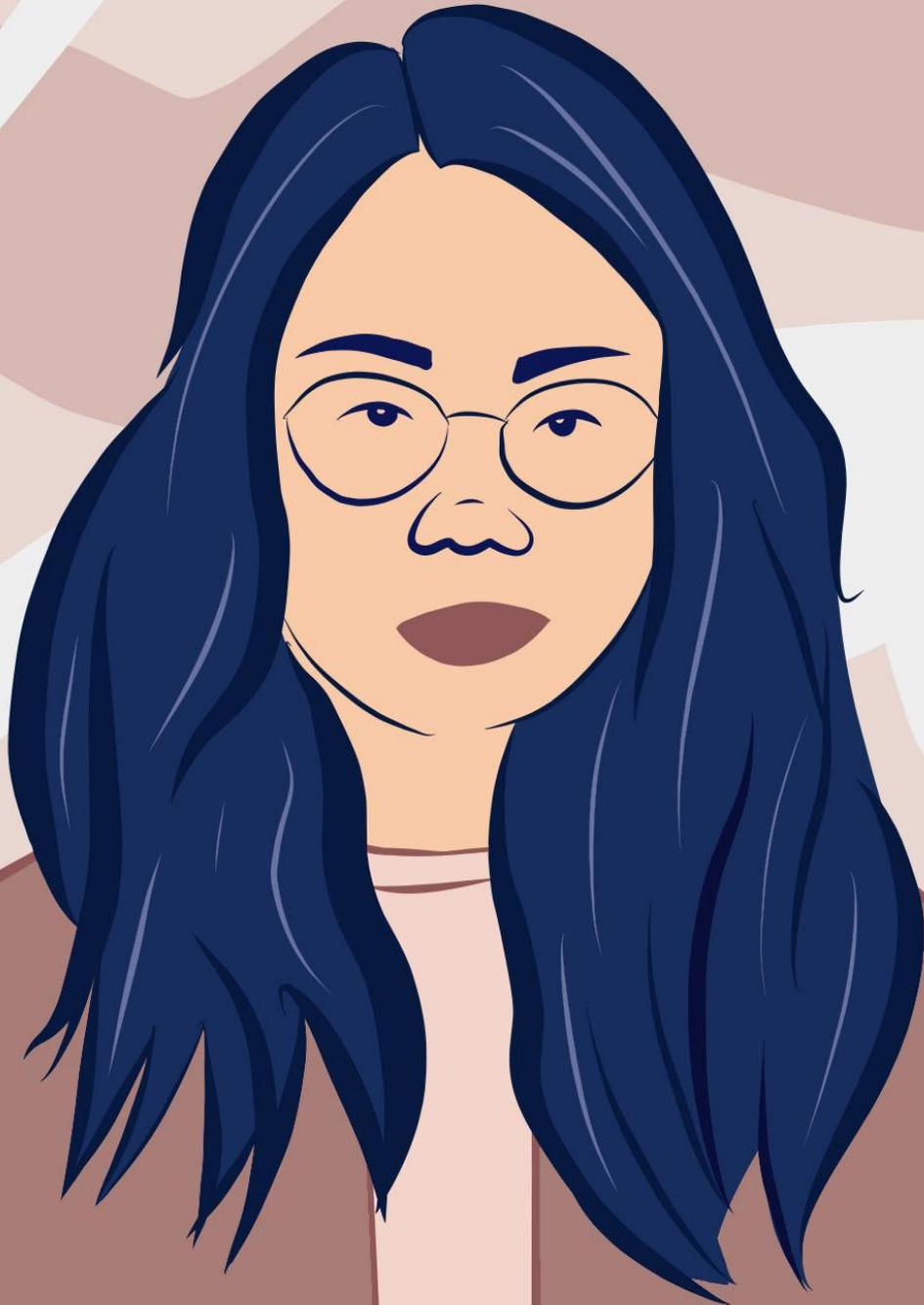
This initiative encourages EVERY chapter to create a regularly updated Instagram page to keep connected with its members and other chapters across the state. Although many chapters already do this, I believe that it would be an incredible networking opportunity if ALL chapters were connected.



FBLA YEARBOOK

I want to create a keepsake that keeps FBLA memories alive! State officers will create a yearbook that features a club picture of every ND FBLA chapter and member submitted "candid" photos. This yearbook would be available for purchase and distributed at SLC. Proceeds would go to state expenses and charity.

THE TIME IS NOW



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