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At-Large Representative

Vision: I think that at a school as established as Colorado College, the best thing student government can do is not to try to radically change our campus but to continue to define our school's culture and relationship with the community. That isn't to say that we shouldn't change some policies for the better, especially when students or other groups bring a concern or idea that could benefit our campus.

First off, I want to make sure our campus continues some of the great policies already in place: giving students freedom in their personal decisions, sponsoring campus events and social functions, and promoting unique opportunities to study abroad, take FOOT trips, and use grants to promote their learning. I hope that I will be able to promote more opportunities to guarantee that nothing should come in the way of a driven student with a great idea or someone wanting to explore. I also hope to integrate the wider community of Colorado Springs in our events, for example, by bringing more attention to the productions and displays of our art and drama departments, and more involvement in our sporting competitions.

Second, I think its important to continue the policies proposed by Student Body President Nathan Lee at convocation. We should continue to promote sexual safety and help foster groups that help those suffering from depression, anxiety, eating disorders, and those who turn to drugs as an escape from other problems. It hurts everyone where someone suffers and has no place to seek treatment or a safe environment to discuss problems. Also, continuing to promote a green and accepting campus is something that defines who we are as a student body.

Finally, one of the biggest things I would like to do in student government is to define the CC brand and spread the word about our campus. I've heard people say that when they told their friends they were attending Colorado College, some thought they were going to a community college. We are a high-caliber, fun-loving and adventurous school, and I want to make sure we as a campus get that message across. I would love to integrate a wide variety of departments and creative people in showing just how cool it is to be at CC, and to help build better partnerships with the Springs community while strengthening our own image.

Experience:

Leadership Positions:

- Colorado Delegate, United States Senate Youth Program
- Colorado Delegate, National Youth Science Camp
- President, National Honor Society, Castle View High School

- Captain, Speech and Debate Team, Castle View High School
- Cabinet Member, Technology Students Association, Castle View High School

Clubs in High School:

- National Honor Society
- Speech and Debate Team
- Larkspur Elementary School Garden
- Unicef
- Castle View High School Environmental Club
- World Language National Honor Society
- Technology Students Association

Time Commitments: During first block, I am part of the play Comings and Goings, which holds rehearsals a few times a week. I am also taking piano and voice lessons for about an hour each on Mondays. I also plan to have Speech and Debate Practice a few times a week. Besides these commitments, I do not know of any other activities that have the potential to interfere with CCSGA. I intend to commit myself to making sure Student Government makes CC the best school possible, and will work hard to attend meetings and fulfill my elected duties.