

## **Nebeu Abraha Personal Statement**

I am running for this position because I've seen all of the phenomenal work that the finance committee does as well as the weaknesses in it. Due to my proximity to the Finance VP and the finance committee as a whole through my work as VP of outreach, I understand the position and the job description to the point that I believe I can effectively fill the position. I also have seen the impact that CCSGA and exec committee members in particular can have on the greater campus. I want to make this I apt as positive as possible. I want to make sure to represent the students as much as possible.

My vision for this upcoming year is an emphasis on representation. I hope to genuinely embody our foundation as CCSGA, in part, to be a representative body. I envision much more structured dialogue between the student body and the student government to ensure correlation between CCSGA's governance and the desires of the population. I also envision this year beginning with reflections of last year to try to bring the positive aspects on with us into the new year. As for the new ideas that we implement, they will be initiatives that have been worked through by CCSGA members and the student body together.

My experiences at Colorado College have been transformative. What has contributed to my growth the most has to be my history of permitting various barriers. On CCSGA this year, I was the only black student. CCSGA obviously was not a place that would be able to cater to the black population on campus. My experience becomes valuable because I was at the same time the co-chair of BSU. Having a leadership role in both, but more importantly, being a stakeholder in various groups, allows me to analyze situations from various viewpoints. I have held various positions that have also allowed me to create a network at CC that allows me to be most efficient and comprehensive in my work. Due to my experience as a leader on campus, I have developed an archive of information in my head that will aid me greatly in my work as finance VP. If I don't already have the answer, I know where to go to get it.

Through my formal and informal leadership roles, I have learned valuable lessons, one of which being the ability to admit my shortcomings. I know how to fail in a manner that allows us to bounce back better than before.

One main concern of mine on campus is the current state of collaboration on CC's campus between various groups as well as collocation of students with CCSGA. I plan to encourage more collaboration on campus as my committee this year has started doing. I worry about the level of student government representation that the student body feels. If we can't represent and consider all students and their ideas, then we fail as a student government. I fear that certain voices are not heard as vividly as others are. This correlates with another concern of mine, which has to do with the relationship with diversity initiatives and apathy. It will be our job as the student government to heavily advertise events in which discussions on the future of CCSGA will be conducted. This is to ensure that anyone who wants to have a say can. We will also push to advertise events centered on diversity. To navigate the apathy, I hope to incorporate tougher issues within discussions pertaining to other issues that draw crowds to events.