

Hello! My name is Becca Altman and I am writing to tell you a bit about myself and my interest in being our First Year ESLC Senator. I know it can be hard to vote when we are all still mostly strangers to each other, but I hope that this letter of intent will help you when you to vote on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>!

My interest in student government was sparked in 5<sup>th</sup> grade when I was selected as Treasurer, where I spent time counting money. Although this began as not the most exciting position, I soon grew to love the occasional meeting with our Principal to discuss a variety of positive and negative aspects of our everyday lives. As Class President during junior and senior year, I have had the responsibility to be an administration soundboard and event organizer. Our district, Lawrenceville, draws from two contrasting cities – Princeton and Trenton – forming a diverse student body of 300. Beyond our school campus, as a former New Jersey Model Congress member, I have become acquainted with state legislation. I wrote and debated mock bills on immigration and education, and when elected Party Whip, helped build consensus. Growing up with three older brothers, I struggled to speak up as a kid, and will always remember those unnoticed. As a three-season athlete in high school, whether it was lacrosse, field hockey, soccer, basketball, or winter track, I will continue to value the importance of team unity and respect. I have learned so much by pursuing my passions and can't wait to get involved on campus to help leave the class of 2020's mark on the world.

I have always had a curiosity for the relationship between life and art, and an appreciation for the world's diverse interpretations. Our perception of the world has evolved through the use of the media art form to enhance cultural understanding and bring us closer to world peace. As an intended International Studies major with a focus on globalization and sustainability, I hope to become engaged in efforts to help create a global atmosphere here at Dickinson, while also preserving the liberal arts education system.

I have begun to find my place within myself, community, state, country, and world-recognizing my civic and moral responsibility to each along the way. With the honor of being elected as First Year ESLC Senator, I would be compassionately engaged in building the Dickinson education system where the student body's input is most important for the progression of the institution.

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