

Rocco Cartusciello

Hello class of 2020, my name is Rocco Cartusciello and I am running for Class President. Some of you might remember me as just another kid asking for signatures on their petition and some of you may not know me at all. I want to change that. Now. I want to be the Class President that you know and can connect with, not someone that promises parties and other numerous activities. There will be campus events, of course, but to me, connection comes first. Let me explain.

As President of your class, I will not only delegate, but I will also listen. This is something class presidents tend to forget about. People are elected as Class President to represent their class and make decisions based on the best interests of that class. However, more times than not, a Class President will make a decision based on what they believe is the best choice for their class without actually listening to them.

Before I came to Dickinson, I have held positions at my school from representative to team captain of sports. All the time, the most important thing to me was that I maintained an Open-Door Policy. This meant that anyone could come talk to me whether they had a reason or not. As Class President, I would like to maintain that policy. Whether it be personal or political, I will be available to listen. You can stop by my dorm (Drayer 201), talk to me after class, or even shoot me an email (cartuscr@dickinson.edu).

On the other hand, I realize that an open door policy might not be enough. That is why in addition to this policy, I will instill a broadcast policy. Every other Tuesday I will deliver an announcement, be it emails, updates or scheduled meetings about what how your money is being used and how I am representing you. Every month I will set up meetings with you RA's for feedback. Additionally, I would like to visit your dorms, actively interact with you all so as to know each and every one of you better as just another freshman, not as a Class President.

A good president needs to understand how his or her people live and think. A good President must become close to his or her community, for he or she must not **ever** forget where he or she comes from and **who** makes him or her the President. It is his or her responsibility to make the life of his or her people better and make sure that it happens. You will always be informed of what is happening on campus, all the time. A good President is the people's President. You may have heard many things said in past presidential elections such as "I will make your life better", et cetera. However, I need you to put your trust in me and believe that I am going to be different. A man of action! That's how I would like you to **recognize** and **remember** me as.

I am confident in my ability to do all of these things and more. I know that I can do what I promise. I will represent you. I will make your voice heard. I will make sure that our budget is used in the best way possible to enhance **our** experience here at Dickinson. I want to be clear and transparent, and I believe that's also what you are expecting from a good President. I am eager to work with all of you in creating a fantastic first year here. Let your voice be heard by making my voice heard! Thank you and may your first year be an amazing experience.

Sincerely,

Rocco J. Cartusciello