Hello First Year Dickinsonians!

My name is Madeleine Granda and I, like you, am finishing up my first year at Dickinson. The time has flown by! I am running because I’ve had a wonderful first year here and I want to do my part to protect and encourage this for others as we move into another year. As your current senator, I feel as though I have been able to have a positive impact on this campus. Whether it was through helping new clubs get on their feet, stating my opinion about the sexual misconduct policy or asking President Roseman to evaluate her own work at Dickinson, my voice has been heard and hopefully helped to create change that we, Dickinson students, can be proud of.

I have no illusions that I know everything about Dickinson or understand all of the issues that you feel need to be addressed this coming year. I am, however, excited to hear from all of you about what you feel is important and to communicate this to make campus a positive place for everyone. I personally would like to see more collaboration between the administration and students. I feel that as it is students’ lives that will be impacted by changes, students’ opinions should be a more important part of decision making processes. I also would like to see the housing lottery changed to a more nuanced system which protects the housing of upperclassmen while not punishing those with social groups that span more than one year. In addition, one of my main priorities will be to find new and innovative ways to better the relationship between Dickinson and Carlisle. This often contentious relationship effects all students, whether through housing, day-to-day actions or safety. I believe that we, the students, must understand our responsibility to better this bond while holding our neighbors to the same high standards. I hope to serve as the Student Ambassador to the Carlisle Burrow Council this coming year, and as part of this positon will serve as a liaison between Dickinson and Carlisle. I think that having the person who holds this position also have a voting seat on Senate strengthens our ability to make meaningful, lasting change.

I am ready to continue to embrace the challenge of being your senator and I would love the opportunity to represent your needs, hopes and wishes as a class for another year.