

Dear Marianopolites,

My name is Andrew Jiabin Chen, and I am a 1st year student in Arts & Sciences. You might remember me from the cultural activities, such as the International Food Tasting, organized by my Cultural Affairs Committee. Having the opportunity to collaborate with clubs through my role in Congress made me discover my enthusiasm in giving back to Marianopolis's student life; hence my decision to run for Vice-President for this following year. I truly wish to enhance our unique club culture through reinforcing club-congress collaboration to ensure a smoothly running system of diverse clubs and student initiatives.

My interest in giving back to student life started in highschool. Being Co-President of the student council of an International School, I still remember our biggest event of the year: *Semaine Interculturelle*. Cooperating with like-minded people to coordinate a plethora of events made me learn a skill set useful for the position of Vice-President. For me, the switch between a smaller highschool and larger college would only allow me to explore more expansive ideas and apply my pre-existing experience to the Marianopolis student body.

Throughout my first semester as Coordinator of Cultural Affairs, I've learned that organizing activities for student life truly brings me satisfaction. Collaborating with clubs to make the cultural activities of Dia de los Muertos, Diwali, Dumpling Workshop, and international week happen were less of a task but rather a personal project that I looked forward to. For every project completed, I thought on how to facilitate the process of planning for the next one. For my personal understanding, it would be building strong networks between club executives – my role as Vice-President would be responsible for exactly that.

With that said, I'm also aware of the ease in which I would adopt my new position because I have been a first-year congress member. With all these prior experiences and the good intentions I take with me to this role, I believe I am the ideal candidate for the Vice-President of Congress.

Warmly,

Andrew Jiabin Chen