

NYDHA Student Delegate Application Essay: Roseanna Torres/District II

What qualities should a Student Member possess to be the Student Delegate for NYDHA?

To be considered for the NYDHA Student Delegate role, a Student Member should possess the following qualities: integrity, confidence, authenticity, passion, empathy, enthusiasm, trustworthiness, extraversion and creativity. As President of my college's SADHA chapter, I am constantly striving to demonstrate and improve upon these qualities as well as to develop them in others. One of my main goals as SADHA President is to increase awareness about the clinical services that we provide within our school community. To achieve this, I've utilized various events that the college has held to promote our department and its students. My fellow students are able to recruit patients needed for their clinical requirements, but most importantly, we are providing education and accessibility to both preventative and therapeutic oral healthcare services. Additionally, I use these opportunities as character building sessions for my classmates. These experiences increase their confidence and hone their leadership skills.

Because of my commitment to personal development, I have also created a mentoring program through my SADHA chapter. Incoming freshmen dental hygiene students can meet privately with a SADHA officer during "Student Office Hours" on a weekly basis within a classroom setting.

I am certain that I will be an invaluable asset to NYDHA. As a highly motivated and dedicated student, I am firmly committed to advancing education, practice and licensure within the profession. If selected, I would be representing an incredibly diverse student population from the largest dental hygiene program in the state, located in the epicenter of the world.