

Dear Students of Case Western Reserve,

Hello! My name is Max Berky and I am seeking to serve as the Class President for the Class of 2021. I am currently a second-year biomedical engineering student and I play a role in a multitude of different organizations and groups around campus. I am running in order to establish a greater presence of camaraderie, energy, and integration on campus. I believe that if we can successfully execute these three key concepts, then Case Western Reserve will be a better place for you and for me.

I have served in various leadership positions dating back to high school. In college I have worn many hats, specifically in USG and in my fraternity. In USG, I have been a representative for two years, working with student life to better improve the food on campus, as well as working to get a pharmacy as well as more variety of restaurants in Uptown. In my fraternity I served as social chair and recruitment chair on the administrative and executive boards, respectively. As social chair I planned around six events, including a date party and formal. As recruitment chair, I successfully planned two weeks of recruitment events and had a 100% success rate with bid-giving. I am also a very active member in both organizations, voicing my opinion- whether that be on my own committees, another's committee, or in general board meetings. The most important thing about both of these organizations is that I care greatly about the people within, and I am passionate about the work we do for others.

To be able to be the President of the Class of 2021 would be such a great honor. Running for this position has been an idea that I have had ever since stepping onto campus. Something I hold dear to my heart is this idea of a certain kind of camaraderie. After going to an all-boys high school for four years, the word "brotherhood" has been tossed around at me for a long time now; being in my fraternity only prolongs how much I hear it. For almost six years now, I have seen how bonding works first-hand, and when people are engaged with each other and care for the person next to them, organizations work so much better together. Increasing class camaraderie is something that I am looking forward to working on, as I believe that we have work to do in this area and with my experience we can definitely improve how our class interacts. In order to do this, discussion, understanding, and experiential learning are all imperative to implement through our various programming and work.

Energy is also something that fascinates me, and is something that I will bring to COC and the student body if elected. I consider myself a highly energetic person, (especially for someone who rarely drinks caffeine), and I believe that when you throw a lot of energy into any situation, people respond mostly well. This is a tactic I used during recruitment for my fraternity, and I believe that people were more excited to do things and honestly more motivated overall. Motivating people is also something I am very keen on, as everyone needs a little bit of motivation, and I will surely bring that to the table. Along with my energy, I think I also bring a unique outside perspective that would be tough for a more incumbent officer to have. Obviously, lacking the experience that a veteran COC member has is something that I wouldn't have, but I learn quickly in social situations. I believe that the energy that I would bring to the table would in-turn motivate my internal officers and would motivate the class.

Integration is also a key factor in order to holistically involve our students in the University. Working on USG gives me a unique perspective, where I believe that COC can work with USG and other large scale organizations in order to integrate the activities we do. For example, USG could be having a town hall and we could also be there, giving away food and talking to students to better PR ourselves and what we're about. Bringing students together in order to learn more about COC, while simultaneously voicing concerns to USG is a vision that I have and would love to see pan out.

Camaraderie, Energy, and Integration. If executed well, along with other initiatives and events, our class will have a great year. I really would appreciate your vote, and I am so grateful to be running for such a storied position.

Thank you,



Max Berky