

# DT STUDENT COUNCIL CANDIDATES

2020-2021

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## GRADE 9 REPRESENTATIVE



### ***Naveen Ramalingam***

*My name is Naveen Ramalingam. I'm a fellow grade 9 student and am running for the grade 9 rep position. Why? You may ask... Well, to answer that question, I'm going to have to take you back to grade 7. Winter was around the corner, and we were handing out blankets to homeless people along East Hastings. It was moments like these that genuinely warmed my heart. I want to do more of these kinds of things, be a part of my community, and make D.T. a better place. Something I admire about David Thompson is the passion everyone has for their own personal interests. All that enthusiasm and talent unified in the form of sports teams, groups, and clubs is valued and is a significant part of our school. I want to keep this fire alive in these tough times. An idea for a virtual event we could have is a Kahoot tournament on topics like Halloween trivia, Christmas movie trivia, and holiday tunes. Another event I think would be cool to have at D.T. is an online scavenger hunt in which a set of clues would lead you across the internet for a chance to win a prize!*



### **Susan Kiconco**

*I have experience as a leader in many aspects of my life. I'm the firstborn out of three siblings. Quite often, I'm used to constantly solving problems and following my obligations. Besides that, I was a Class Representative in Grade 5. Since then, I've learnt a lot about what it takes to be a leader. I love the safe learning environment at David Thompson. Both students and staff are respectful and helpful. I chose to run for Student Council because I felt the need to help and represent my peers. This year has been strange and it has affected us in various ways. I want to bring hope and encouragement to fellow students so that we can still make this year epic despite all that's happening. This opportunity will also help me to understand your needs and try to implement them. During my term of office, I will be conducting online surveys to gather opinions. Students will be able to add suggestions and give feedback. I also want to create a tutoring program where students can get a quick reference, seek online resources, help with homework, exam/test review.*



### **Sajjid Barcelona**

*Hello, Grade 9's of David Thompson! My name is Sajjid Barcelona, and I am running for Grade 9 Representative in the Student Council. I want to run for Student Council because I would like the chance to help the school community. Running for Student Council gives me a chance to make a change. Student Council presents a lot of opportunities that I want to utilize. I want to be your Grade Representative. What I like about David Thompson are the diverse community and the people. The people at David Thompson are very supportive and respectful toward each other, and I want to give back to the school. Because of the pandemic, there are restrictions on school events; however, there are ways to go around this obstacle. Events online can include Grade Game Nights, Kahoots, Photobooks, Collages, etc. Thank you for taking the time to read my blurb. I hope that you can consider electing me to be your Grade Representative!*



### **Lucie Li**

*My name is Lucie Li, and I am running for grade 9 representative in the Student Council. Last year I similarly ran for council, but unfortunately was not elected. This, however, didn't discourage me. I am once again running for the council this year because I want to be able to give back to school community. Additionally, Student Council offers valuable experiences in leadership and cooperation. Although inexperienced, I am motivated, focused, and will do my best in whatever task is given to me. Something I like about DT is all the amazing people I have met since starting high school. The support and encouragement I've received from teachers, counsellors, staff and peers are what really makes DT special. With COVID-19, the council must approach events in a different way in order to organize exciting events that students could participate in. An idea for a possible event I'd like to see implemented at DT is a virtual clubs day, perhaps through Zoom, or simply in text, where club executives could pitch their clubs to students. Another event idea is a virtual pumpkin carving contest, where students can submit a photo of a pumpkin they carved to be judged by volunteers.*