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INTRODUCTION

A MESSAGE FROM:

Jessica Chang

HSSC Chairperson 2020-21



Aloha everyone! It is an honor to have been elected as the Hawaii State Student Council Chairperson for this school year. It's always been a passion of mine to help those in my community so I am ecstatic to serve the public schools across the State of Hawaii. I am proud to share that I am a senior from Aiea High School, home of the Na Ali'i. Going into this school year, I know how important the concept of innovation is for each individual. Having to change the way we traditionally go about our everyday lives one day, and then needing to come up with an entire new system the next, is a skill and a necessity that I hope to teach others this year.

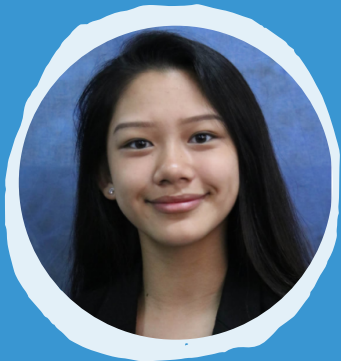
With innovation I know that we will work with our committees to improve school design, provide a platform for students to speak up about concerns or issues, and to maintain the continuity of the Aloha Spirit in Hawai'i. A personal goal I plan on taking action with in HSSC is to have more of our schools become Nationally certified by the National Student Council. All leaders deserve to be recognized for their hard work and tireless efforts that they provide to our peers throughout the year. I have the utmost confidence that the Executive Board and I will do the most to overcome the many obstacles that are inevitably coming our way. Here's to a year full of exciting opportunities and accomplishments.

JESSICA CHANG

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CHAIRPERSON

MEET THE EXECS!

What Student Voice Means to Us



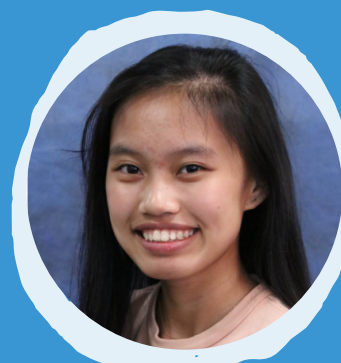
JESSICA CHANG:
CHAIRPERSON

"Student voice does not mean a student must give a motivating speech to make a difference. To me, student voice is the action one takes, to make a change in something they're so unbelievably passionate about. Remember, actions speak louder than words. That is true student voice."



CARLO DAQUIOAG:
VICE CHAIRPERSON

"Student voice is derived from a student's personal struggles and viewpoints regarding the school system and structure. It is important that we advocate for the voices of our students because the school system is made for them and they spend a majority of their life within schools. Each perspective is a step towards bettering the school experience of generations to come and so student leaders are obligated to seek the voice of every student within the student body."



EIREN PHOEBE TAMAYO:
SECRETARY

"Student voice, to me, is a powerful tool that brings change and awareness. When you raise your voice not only are you taking a stance for what you believe in, but bolstering other students and people around you, who has the same interests as you."

What Student Voice Means to Us



HUNTER JAMES HARRIS:
BOE STUDENT MEMBER

"Student voice means standing up for what is right for both you and your peers. It's about being an advocate for the betterment of your community."



ENJL HIMOYA:
HISTORIAN

"Voice is a power that can harness great change within our community. Student voice brings more timely and relevant perspectives on the issues that affect us today, most especially to our youth. It's important that we exercise this freedom of expression to influence our current leaders' decisions on key policy issues."



TRISHA ANNE DAYRIT:
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

"Student voice to me is one of the most important components in moving forward. Students provide a different perspective and is key to making a better tomorrow. It is vital for young minds to speak out on today's problems because we, as students, are responsible for change in the coming generations."

MEETING AGENDA



Hawai'i State Student Council

Open State Student Council Meeting #2

September 19th, 2020

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

11:00 AM	Official Call to Order Jessica Chang
11:00 AM - 11:05 AM	Ice Breaker/Energizer Trisha Dayrit
11:05 AM - 11:15 AM	'Opio & Communication Enjl Himoya
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Secondary Student Council Theme Selection
12:00 PM - 12:15 PM	Break
12:15 PM - 12:30 PM	Children and Youth Summit
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	HSSC Committees
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	BOE Student Rep Report Hunter Harris
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Updates Tiffany Frias
2:00 PM	Adjourned Jessica Chang