

## Ramprasad Venkatesa Prabu

**Running For:** President, Vice President, LPC Student Trustee

Major: Computer Science

### Why do you wish to run for an LPCSG Position?:

I wish to run for President because I have been part of the student government environment during my junior and senior year of high-school and I became very fond of that environment. I want to learn about the college experience firsthand of how student government is run. I also want to explore opportunities, and being part of LPCSG is something I am very interested in. I have also been a President previously during my junior year of high school, and I had a perfect time while I was one, as I could meet new people and make connections. This position will also help me learn many skills I can use in the future.

I wish to run for Vice-President because I have been part of the student government environment during my junior and senior year of high-school and I became very fond of that environment. I want to learn about the college experience firsthand of how student government is run. Another reason I would like to be elected as the vice president is because I am very organized with my studies and personal life, and that skill will be important in this position. I was previously president in junior year of high school, and I would like to now be in the shoes of a vice president and see how it goes and is done. I would also try my best to help the president and other members and students with issues or other matters to my fullest. This position will also help me learn many skills I can use in the future, such as knowing how problems and issues are dealt with.

I wish to run for LPC Student Trustee because it's a role that caught my attention when I first came to Las Positas College. This role is crucial since the person who holds that title will represent the whole college community in many significant places and events. As a student trustee, I will help speak out about the problems or issues for students.

Ultimately, I want to make a change for the better and help future students in their lives as either a President, Vice-President, or LPC Student Trustee. I will help to spread the goal and mission of Las-Positas College.

#### Please list your current or past leadership experience.:

11th grade (Junior Year of High-School): I was the Student Pupil Leader in India (SPL) a position that is similar to as president of student leadership here in the U.S. high schools. During my time as SPL I would be managing events and activities for the school and meeting up with the school officials and staff.

12th grade (Senior Year of High-School): I was part of the leadership council as a member and helped out with events.

# What makes you stand out compared to other candidates for the position you are applying for?:

What makes me stand out compared to the other candidates who are also applying for the same position is that I can lead the way for people. I have been given memorable opportunities to teach and help manage people for events and occasions, and I have always been able to share my best under pressure. Another thing that makes me stand out compared to my other candidates is that I don't hesitate to ask for help and assistance when needed. No one is perfect and can possess all the knowledge, skills, and expertise necessary to address every issue or challenge. I am also always ready to help anyone who needs help or assistance with something they are struggling with or need advice on. I am also a person who likes to keep my stuff organized and try my best not to be disorganized.

#### What aspects of student life would you seek to improve? How would you do so?:

A certain aspect of life that I seek to improve for students is that I would like to have more events for students to socialize with clubs and meet new people. I say this because, for me, one of the reasons is that I am trying to socialize more with people and build my communication skills with my peers and others. So I think holding more events would give students more opportunities to meet people with different backgrounds and lifestyles. I will try to do this by having events once every two weeks, where one event would be for clubs and internships, and another event would be for students to explore and learn about other cultural holidays.

Another aspect of student life that I would like to improve is mental health support. Even though we have a very good Mental Health service, I feel like having more or rather improved is not bad. For instance, a way I would like to do this is during finals time; it would be very helpful to have a place where students can help with pets. This will help a certain amount of people, as pets can help lower human stress. If a student's stress level is lowered, they are able to concentrate more on studying for their finals.