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Dear all,

My journey as a student council member started in 2018. The past 4 years of my life have been very special to me. Student council has played a big role in my life as a student. As its member, I have experienced many things that one can't normally experience. Whether it's handling difficult situations, managing academics with responsibilities of student council or develop as a leader.

At first, I used to think that being part of student council was an achievement - the investiture ceremony, being bestowed with badges and posts and then names written on boards at circles – all these things fascinated me. Probably was not mature enough to know it's true meaning. Not until I first became a Student Council member in 2018 as Special Duty in-Charge, which was an important step to start with.

I explored more about the working of the council when I became the Cultural Secretary. That was when I realised the true meaning of Student Council, what it is meant to be its member and to be a leader. My opinion about the council got completely changed.

These years, new opportunities of learning and growing in areas other than academics as a member of student council have been very fun filled and exciting. Even during the lockdown, when everything was shut down, our school tried its best to continue academics with parallel events of the council; both in online mode. This time period taught me that it's not the designation, not the situation but the hardwork and the determination that makes a true leader. Some of the most important things I learnt as a student council member are time management, handling complex situations, art of decision making, managing interpersonal relations, and much more.

To me, probably every student has some or the other qualities of a leader. They just need to explore themselves and there no better place than the Student Council. If I can do it, then each one of us here too can do it. What keep us going is our own determination and the support from mentors.

So, today, May I ask you to come forward and explore the leadership abilities in yourself. Everybody has that potential; just have confidence in yourself. If you are still hesitant, you can still begin by supporting your fellow student council members, learning from their qualities, maybe teaching them some of your good qualities and sharing with them innovative ideas. The council will always be waiting eagerly to listen to your thoughts and act accordingly.

Thank You

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