



Hey everyone! My name is Sanjana Ramaswamy and I would love to continue as your school president:) I'm a third-year Financial Economics student from New York. Some of my hobbies include dancing, reading, spending time with my friends, and talking a lot!

I would like to begin by thanking you for allowing me to serve as your School President this past year (and a special thank you to my wonderful class reps). Unfortunately (due to Covid-19) I was not able to meet all of you, but I can't tell you how much I appreciate your ~virtual~ engagement and enthusiasm.

Since my first semester at St Andrews, I have dedicated myself to the School of Economics and Finance. I have served as School President, Second Year Class Representative, First Year Class Representative, Library Representative, Careers Representative, and Mentorship Scheme Co-ordinator.

In the past year, I have delivered a collection of social, academic, and careers events that have (hopefully) enhanced your experience at our school. I have tried my hardest to follow through on all my campaign promises. Despite the pandemic, I organised 30+ events (3x the events we had previously).

Firstly, I have focused a great deal on organising careers events and introduced a "Careers Reform" this semester. For the first time in our school's history, I accessed our alumni network to organise the Weekly Coffee Chats. After I came to the realisation that we had no platform to connect with recent graduates, I used my personal network for your benefit. Guests included alumni at JP Morgan, Deloitte, Oliver Wyman, Amex, and Deutsche Bank.

The Weekly Coffee Chats led to our first ever direct partnership with a firm- Citibank!! I personally reached out to Citi and invited them to host Coffee Chats. We heard from 10 alumni working there, as well as the recruitment team:)

Additionally, I organised a set of Skill Building Workshops to ensure we're all well-prepared for interviews. I have developed two more partnerships (with the assistance of the Career Centre) with EY and BDO. I also partnered with the heads of Castlecliffe, GIG, and the Investment Society to run workshops.

Secondly, I held various academic events such as the Module Fair and the Postgraduate Panel. These events included professors and alumni giving their valuable insights into different courses and the benefits of further studies.

Lastly, I held social events to develop the inter-school bond. I organised a revision week quiz with Luca and have been holding weekly Boozy Book Club meetings with Erven. At the start of the year, I held multiple highly attended Bring Your Own Wine Bring Your Own Cheese events. I am also in the process of organising a virtual Bull and Bear Ball with the School of Management.

During my first and second years, I worked with Eleanor, the fourth year rep, to set up the Mentorship Scheme. We worked through the summer to make sure the program would run smoothly (setting up the form, recruiting mentors and mentees, and pairing). As library class representative, I attended universitywide meetings to ensure that there were enough resources in the library to aid you during revision. As careers representative, I coordinated with Joe, the fourth year financial economics rep, to discuss careers initiatives. I also ran an 'Economics Book Club' with Nicolo Bandera, a PhD student, so that students could stay up to date with current news relating to the markets.

You may recall having seen me run the Economics Pub Quiz at the Whey Pat Tavern, or putting my incredibly awful bartending skills to use at Cocktails and Consumption. The School of Economics and Finance has been and will continue to be my priority. I have tried my best to make sure you all feel included and informed!

I have a few goals I will accomplish if re-elected school president. I am determined to continue strengthening our connections with firms. I have created a list of firms that the Careers Centre and I have been reaching out to- I plan to organise a Careers Fair in September. My aim is to have at least 5 firms recruit directly from our school. Additionally, I plan to create a platform, similar to Handshake, on which we can maintain a direct connection with recent graduates. I would also like to host talks by lecturers and PhD students, so that we can learn more about research opportunities. Lastly, I will make sure that we strengthen the bond between students in the school through the continuation of the mentorship scheme and more socials. Lastly, I would like to seek out more opportunities for professional development of the student body, which will allow us to enhance our skills.

I believe I would continue to make a great president because I am diligent and outgoing, and I make your concerns my priority. I have attended to every concern personally and made sure they are addressed; through the help of my class representatives, I have consistently sought feedback. I would love to serve as your liaison and coordinate events to enhance our time at the university. I'm very excited to get to know even more of you and gain a better sense of what our priorities are as a school. A vote for me is a vote for a FUN TIME :)))