

Catherine

for IR School President

Hello!

I am Catherine Schrubbs and I'm running for International Relations School president. For those of you I haven't yet met, I am currently a second year studying International Relations and Philosophy. My decision to study IR at St. Andrews was the best decision I have ever made for myself. I feel so fortunate to be part of such a beautiful, historic, University and be part of such a prestigious School. I have loved every second of studying IR and hope to share my passion for this school with all of you!

Why choose me?

I am extremely hard working, and make it my mission to give 110% to everything I do. I also consider organisation and meticulously planning a necessity. However my nerdiness is not the only reason I would make a good School President.

I also have a fair amount of prior experience initiating community and event planning, organising groups of people and acting as a representative. While I have not had the pleasure of working with the St. Andrews body yet, my prior experience in working for my Upper

School, my county's supervisor of elections, State Attorney's office, clerk of court and for my Local Congressman has taught me how to work with others to accomplish a variety of tasks.

I also have the personality for this position, as I have been described as "relentlessly friendly", and pride myself on being able to get along with anyone. I also have years of experience on stage and can talk to any group without issue.

School of International relations

Transitioning from COVID-19

- Establishing the usefulness of 'Teams' moving forward
- Working to have recorded lectures and posted lecture slides online even after the transition to in-person teaching
- Continuing the use of teams for office hours

- If wanted, I will work to keep an online option for events and guest speaker lectures
- Reworking/ recreating an IR student facebook group and group chat to connect students

Academics

- I want to promote more assigned readings to no be western-centric and work with lecturers to help there be more diversity of thought in readings
- I want to foster a better relationship between IR students and the sciences, if not through inclusion of STEM students in our classes, through events and online lectures

Careers

- Create a Career oriented IR skills tab
- Create an optional IR careers email list to keep students informed about job openings and internships that are specific to their fields

Events

- Work with the 'Foreign affairs' society and political societies to foster a more connected community and to make studying IR more enjoyable.
- Creating optional events to teach IR students how to communicate a debate respectfully and competently
- Potentially working with cultural societies and Model United Nations to create a more International environment for students
- Creating IR events specifically designed to help relieve the stress of students, and to make study of IR more enjoyable.

Event ideas include:

- Mixers for IR students to meet each other
- Picnics/ BBQ's for students to relax after deadlines
- Bonfires and similar events to promote camaraderie within the school of IR

Mental Health

- Friend finder events within the school, especially amongst 1st and 2nd years who's university life was affected by COVID

- Continuation of “Pet of the week” in email blasts to keep up moral
- Significant work with the Wellbeing Rep and Wellbeing officer
- Promoting better Student/Rep/Staff relations through events and better communications
- Advertise study groups in emails
- Working with saints LGBT+ and the Wellbeing society to make every student feel welcomed and safe in the school of IR