

Anoop Ponnanthara Vinod

Vice President



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I have been a gorilla for about 3 years, the services the ISA has provided to the Pittstate community has always impressed me, and I would like to offer my experience and knowledge to assist ISA bring more smiling faces during the events.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

I have experience in working for different organizations on campus as well as out there in the real world. I feel like my diverse knowledge about our environment would surely be helpful to the organization. I have experience in managing and developing a country wide Animal Rescue Database in India.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

I have a strong work ethic and excellent critical thinking skills. I am fluent in multiple languages and my capacity to think outside the box has always helped me stand out in a crowd.

Being an ISA Officer is an honor and a responsibility. Which work ethic value would you say is your strongest?

I would say that I am very dependable, responsible, and have a positive attitude.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

I served as the VP of technology for ENACTUS. I lead several sports teams in Intramural Competitions in PSU. I was awarded the runners-up in Student Employee of the Year 2019 at PSU.

Douglas Harper

*President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator, Communications
Coordinator*



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I grew up next door to a family that frequently took in foreign exchange students. This allowed me to learn about many of the different cultures that exist in the world, and create a passion to immerse myself in the new experiences the students offered. I made quick friends with many of them, and found the beginning of my life goal. With my degree I plan to travel to many of the different countries across the planet to help educate those in need. I feel that being more active in the ISA will aid me in bettering my experience and knowledge in not only my degree, but in the many aspects of life outside of my country of origin.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

I wish to apply so that I can grow my knowledge in not only my degree, but also as a person who will soon be working with children from many different cultures in bettering their education. I have worked with many international men and women throughout my life and have come to not only value their friendship, but also the different cultures they live in. I have taken strides in the past to learn as much of their cultures as possible... From key phrases, cultural differences in politeness, to even the cuisine of their specific culture, I have found enjoyment in learning from them in every way possible.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

I am a firm believer in the education of myself and my peers. I will strive to make the education of the current and future members of the International Students Association an exemplary experience for all involved. I have worked in student governments in the past, and have been a large event planner for many years as my previous profession of

choice. Through my previous career I worked with many men and women of international origin, giving me thousands of hours of working experience in similar fields of work when compared to the ISA.

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I would say that my strongest ethic is my Attitude, for when I come in to any responsibility, I do not see it as work that I must do, but as an honor to participate in. This mind set allows me to apply my full focus to the matters that will need to be attended to, giving my work a thoroughness that is hard to be matched. I enjoy the work I do with the International Student Association, and as such I am always ready to work on the next challenge presented.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

For the last two years I have been a Sous and Head Chef for various restaurants and catering services. Through this I have been in charge of as many as two dozen employees to work on catering for parties numbering in the thousands. This career has also allowed me to learn about the logistics of planning large and small events. To go even further back, I participated in student councils throughout my high school years, as well as being a leader in my Orchestral Band classes and various extracurricular clubs. These reasons have given me vital experience in managing the time and needs of students throughout the many years of my schooling, while being able to the responsibilities of the positions offered.

Nathan Kolb

Treasurer



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I have several friends who were part of the foreign exchange student program, and am interested in taking a part and volunteering with ISA.

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I believe the Treasurer position would best suit me because I have lots of experience with excel spreadsheets, as well as math. I am also great with handling finances and keeping track of them.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

I am energetic, friendly, responsible, motivated, smart, and kind hearted. I will give my best to contribute over and above service to ISA because I believe in hard work and dedication. I have worked in the sales industry and understand how to best utilize money, and work as a team with others.

Being an ISA Officer is an honor and a responsibility. Which work ethic value would you say is your strongest?

My work ethic is definitely my strongest. I always do my best to utilize my time and resources because I want to give my best work to others. My second strongest work ethic value would be my ability to get along and understand others.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

I have been part of special needs ministries for a number of years, and have led summer camp groups a number of times. I have also taken over department manager responsibilities at work, and have helped lead and train my coworkers.

Anudeep Reddy Dasari

Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator

Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I wanted to explore myself and engage with more people to learn new cultures in the USA as an international student.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

If i was selected by any luck i will give my best to complete the job, moreover i will be the first person to assist any help, being positive towards every one will help me to keep that Harmony good.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

Well i belive in hardwork and my efforts that shows my personality, i can tell that being positive towards the work and people will be a good achievement for me.

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Being paitence is the strongest ethic i belive in my life and listen to them what they are speaking about, from that we can get the best output from that work.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

I had worked as a student team lead for society of automobile engineering india as a team leader i feel i should be the first person to take any responsibility as a leader make sure work has to be done in time.

Sai Krishna Poodari

Vice President, Event Coordinator

Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I'm actually curious about photography and meeting new people and sharing the cultures. Being a part of ISA helps me learn more about the cultures, knowing different people, learning different techniques of management. I believe there are many ways to do work but with people from different places can make it more productive. We can all learn from one another. Listening to everyone, sharing thoughts and information, helping each other, working together with mixed techniques are the best reasons for why I'm interested in joining ISA.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

As a Vice President, I always want to make sure every member and event is going on without any hassle. Vice President is the one who takes care of every situation under the guidance of President and sometimes in the absence of President he/she is the one who takes care of every single responsibility. I volunteered as a Vice President for RHA(ROBIN HOOD ARMY a non profit organization which donates food and clothing) in my city. I also took care of events and social drives in the absence of the event coordinator. So I have pretty good experience in organising and Vice Presidential field.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

I believe my experience, willingness, ethics, responsibility remainders, communication, love towards different cultures will definitely contribute positively to the ISA TEAM.

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Giving my 100% to my work. If not done, I won't go from my mind and make sure I do it as soon as possible. I believe it is not about a single person or group it is about every single student in the college and moreover my University prestige and I make sure Gorillas are going globally even faster than before.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

I believe for a leader it is not a time to time work but it is a responsibility and honour given to accomplish. I have been a leader for RHA(Robin hood army) taking care of people working with me, communication with the sponsors, following schedule to fulfill the requirements in time. I always make sure that everyone in the event get satisfied. Feedback is the most important way I follow to serve even better.

Elida Quintana

Vice President, Event Coordinator, Communications Coordinator



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I am interested in being part of ISA because as an international student I believe it is my responsibility to promote my culture and my friends culture especially with the current situation we are going through. We are going through a tough time where not many international student couldn't join us this semester, so I want to be part of ISA to help the domestic student know and experience other cultures and to help international student promote their culture and be proud to do it. I want to be part of ISA because I have the time, and willingness to lead, work, and do as much as I can for the association. I have been a student for several years and I can say it help me to develop the skills I need to be part of this association and also I want to be more involved in activities hosted by the association.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

One of the reasons I have applied to these positions is my experience in another association as VP, I was able to help the president and work closely with the advisor. I believe the VP is the person who has to be able to oversee everybody's role and job, be able to step up in case the president is absent or something else happens. The VP should be able to help with decision-making and brainstorming. Moreover, the reason I applied for the positions of event and communications coordinator is because as a president, VP, and secretary of other associations, I had the opportunity to create, help, and promote events such as Paraguayan Gathering, Paraguayan Breakfast, African Night, lead my team, and volunteer in other events planning. Also, I believe my degree in marketing is an asset at the time to plan, monitor, design, and advertise events and

the association. As well as keeping the social media up to date. The main reason I apply to these positions is because I believe I have the ability and skills needed to fill any of those positions. The qualifications I believe to be important for these positions or any other positions are leadership, hard work, determination, decision-making, flexibility, be able to listen to other's ideas, and be able to communicate.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

As for characteristics about myself, I am a leader, hard working, detail oriented, punctual, eager to learn and help others. Also, I like to think outside the box to come up with new ideas. ISA is one of the most important organizations of the campus, won several awards, therefore I think innovation, dedication, and flexibility are the greatest characteristics I have that can contribute positively to the team.

Being an ISA Officer is an honor and a responsibility. Which work ethic value would you say is your strongest?

My strongest ethic value are honesty, punctuality, and dedication.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

In the past years I have been a secretary, vice president, and president since fall 2018 for Paraguayan Student Association which has helped me to developed my leadership skills. I lead the team in the kitchen (cooking and cleaning), volunteering at the Lord's dinner, volunteered at the international orientation week, enrolled in a leadership class, helped new Paraguayan students to adapt to the changes, and lead group presentations and work. Currently I am an international advocate for the fall 2020 where I am helping online students with questions and doubts they might have.

Yasin Osman

Vice President



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

When i first came here the international office and international students helped me a lot so me getting this passion means that I am returning the favor.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

This position will look good on my resume. Also, I want to serve the incredible International office and my second family, the international students.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

I love meeting new people, sharing my culture and learning people's culture. I like talking and interacting with people.

Being an ISA Officer is an honor and a responsibility. Which work ethic value would you say is your strongest?

I keep my promises and focus on my responsibilities and what I have to do.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

I am patient and I don't get mad easy. I respect people's idea and their point of view.

Devapriya Segaran

Event Coordinator



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I would like to connect with people and get to know more about international traditions.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

I have always been a good event manager in every events I participated so far and I think I performed well as the same.

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Cooperation and team play.

Sai Sruthi

Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator, Communications Coordinator



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I like to participate in cultures and take part in events. I am interested in helping and conducting activities. I like to keep good communications with people.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

I like to support and take part in the events.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

Active, interested in cultures and events and would like to help others and talents show your ability.

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Communication and knowledge are the key roles and helping others in need.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

I worked as a volunteer in the ngo named We the Change and participated in the "art of living" which is a Activity and yoga which helps to keep our mind and body joyful every moment of life.

Levi DeWitt

*President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator, Communications
Coordinator*



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

The international students and programs at PSU have been the center of my focus my entire time at PSU. I've been unofficially involved with ISA and it's members constantly and now, during my final year, I wish to become directly involved and do my part to give back to the program and the community.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

I'm willing to help wherever help is needed (with the exception of doing social media or taking photos/editing videos). I am open to whichever position other members of ISA believe me to be best suited for.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

I try to be positive, organized, proactive, culturally fluent, and I'm well known to many of the international students.

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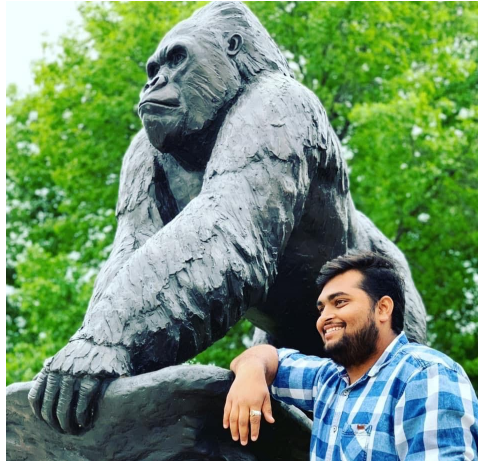
My organization of time and assets.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

While in Taiwan I helped PSU OIA network and make connections with new schools around Asia as a volunteer.

Abhirajsinh (Raj) Thakor

President



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

Joining ISA will help me learn more about myself, my goals, and my strengths. The most rewarding aspect of being involved with ISA is that I will be able to give back to the student community through fun events, giving them networking opportunities, and offering them a chance to have fun with their peers.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

I'm a natural leader. I've eventually been promoted to a leadership role in almost every organization I have been involved with because I like to help people. I find people usually come to me with questions or concerns even when I'm not in a leadership role because if I don't know the answer, I'll at least point them in the right direction. When I was involved with the Indian Student Association I was promoted to leadership positions after less than a year within the organization. I'm a people person. I love meeting new people and learning about their lives and their backgrounds. I can almost always find common ground with strangers, and I like making people feel comfortable in my presence.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

My vision is to promote multiculturalism in the campus and hence in the Pittsburg community by the principles of togetherness, love, and freedom. Moreover, this would help me to better understand how I can, as a representative of the International diaspora, be able to promote International culture in an American way so that ISA can

be a champion of inclusiveness and cooperation. I am very excited about this position as I want to share international culture with Americans.

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I'm an enthusiastic, positive worker, who's dedicated to completing the tasks but not complaining about the process. I have a strong work ethic and fierce determination, two qualities that will help me to be successful at the position. Being involved with different organizations and clubs has and will help me in my career, building my social interactive skills and enhancing personality development.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

Being in a leadership position has taught me a lot of patience, has improved the way I manage my time and has given me the opportunity to connect with fun, talented and creative individuals.

Marlon Merida

President



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I'm interested in helping the International community feel welcome despite the current situation that we find ourselves in. I have helped last year as an Event Coordinator and I wish to continue contributing to this great community.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

As President, I hope to create a welcoming atmosphere to all students during these hard times. Events are being canceled or reduced in size. I have faith that we can still create events and still put in the same energy as always. I have served as President for two organizations and one as a Vice-President. My leadership in my organizations and achievements have proved that I am able to lead an organization in the right direction.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

I lead as a team and everyone has a voice. I make sure I work with people who are passionate and disciplined when doing a project. I would say discipline is something that take serious and I have always emphasized before starting something.

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As mentioned previously, discipline is something I'd say a have but also look in others. Once I start something, I'm committed and I work hard to see it turn into success.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

Being at an MUN Conference is stressful, as President of MUN and I have led my team to perform quite well at our recent conference. After the conference, some of my students have said that this conference was life changing. New delegates are prone to stress and anxiety, but one must be there with them and guide them through.

SooWoong Hwang

Event Coordinator, Communications Coordinator



Why are you interested in being part of the ISA?

I always want to be a person who is helpful, open-minded to other cultures, and has strong leadership skills. I thought I became that kind of person when I was in the military, however I did not. I think being a part of ISA is a big opportunity for me to meet new friends and gain leadership skills. When I participated in KSA and became a president last semester, I thought it was a great chance to learn about other cultures and meet friends from different countries. Me and my members did a great job and we kept going after our goals (holding events well and interacting with other student organizations) but the COVID-19 pandemic happened and my goals for last semester were ruined.

Also, I remember one guy who changed my life right after I came to PSU in 2014. HyeokChan Kwon (as known as Chan) helped me a lot when I came here and I thought I wanted to be like him. He told me being a part of ISA would change my way of thinking and my lifestyle. At the time, I had no confidence doing official school things. Now, I am grown up and think it is time to do the things Chan said. I want to embrace humanity like Chan for the other new students. I received a lot of things from him and ISA, so it is time to give back to others. These are the reasons I am interested in being part of the ISA.

Why do you wish to apply for the position(s) you selected AND what qualifications do you possess that would help you be effective in the position(s)?

I want to be event coordinator. I like to see someone feel happy and joyful when they participate events which I designed. ISA have to care a lot students who come from different culture, so I think unify is one of the important thing for the event coordinator.

I did KSA president and vice president last two semesters and squad leader for 1 year when I was in Korea Army. While I was doing those jobs, I always care about how can I make our team more sticky, passionate, and one team. Even though my way is not a perfect, but I can effectively make comfortable and fun events for the international students which eventually drive them to open their mind. Of course, all conclusion should come out from the debates and a lot of meeting. But I am sure some of my Ideas will helpful to the ISA.

Describe the characteristics about yourself that you believe will contribute positively to the ISA team.

I am not a serious person. Sometimes it drives me difficult situations, but most time my characteristics make atmosphere comfortable. I believe humor makes human more innovative.

My another characteristics is preparing more than two plans when I do something. My father teach me nobody knows future so I should prepare two or three plans when I prepare something. This careful mind will be helpful to the ISA for sure.

Third characteristic is do not hesitate when do something. Of course, fast decision causes bad result. However, my idea for working is not a fast decision. I think bunch of times before I choose something. But, after I choose one way, I do not hesitate to proceed. When we choose the way to go, we have to reach the goal really fast and accurate. I fully understand and put into practice.

Last one is never give up spirit. I tried to get a part time job for this summer, and failed 7 times. However, I never gave up. Even though I could not get a job and had to go back to Arizona for helping my father, I do not regret what I had done. Never give up spirit is not gurantee successful. it will give a chance for getting success next time.

Those characteristics are what I got in my heart. With those minds, I have done a lot things. I hope to share this great experience with ISA.

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My work ethic is do my best and do work as soon as possible. I cannot endure when my working lists are delayed. I like finish my work step by step. Do not make my work complex. One by one makes work more accurate and done clearly.

Also, I think relationship between coworkers is one of the most important thing. Right after we become a team, we are pointing one same goal. For reaching that goal, all members should talk confortable and exchange their idea and working process easily.

Smooth relationship with coworkers is needed for that. I prefer not making any uncomfortable situation between coworkers.

Last one is enjoy when you cannot avoid it. Even though this ISA work is fun and honorable, there will some hard time come. At that kind of time, I did not give up or whining. I cheered up my teammates when I was in Korea Army. It happend same in instant noodle factory too.

Those work ethics are what I have. This will make me more stronger if I were in the ISA, and also give positive affect to the others too.

There are many ways one can demonstrate leadership. Please describe ways you have been a leader in the past few years.

First of all, I was Vice President and President of KSA. As you know KSA changes member every semester becasue most of our members are exchange students. Everytime we changed our members, I have to make good harmonize team again. I think I did well about that. We always had good events last 1 year. Of course, it is not 100% my ability. Fortunately, I met good officers and members every semester, so we made good result. My roll in KSA was harmonize the teammates and thanks to the god, there was no fighting or leaving members.

Second, I did squad leader when I was in army. Most time, squad leader's term is 3 months, but I have done that for 1 years. During my Coporal and Sergeant period, I was squad leader and experienced a lot situations. I experienced a lot members leaving and new Privates coming. It is really hard to gather all guys who coming from different regions and situations. However, I did. We were best squad of combat power and unity in the battlelion. I am so proud of this result even now. This is biggest success of my entire military life. I am so proud of my squad members still now and we keep connecting each other.

Those experiences gave me a lot confidence. I am really glad to be part of great group now and it is unthinkable when I was 19 years old. I do not know I changed my ex-members in good habit or not. However, I am changed a lot when I do leader in some group. Members changed me and raised me good and right leadership.