

Katrina Cabautan - PCC Personal Statement

During this passed school year, 2010-2011, along with being involved in KAMP and volunteering for ASF 15, I was also one of the co-coordinators of Isang Himig, giving me the opportunity of being on both FSA and PCC Core. During my 1st and 2nd years of college, I was also involved in FSA via KAMP, volunteering for ASF, attending FSA events regularly, as well as interning for Isang Himig last year.

To me, FSA is not just a group of Filipino students; FSA is a community that breeds diversity and provides the resources and tools needed for its members to succeed in this institution of higher education. Still, FSA is more than just that to me. FSA is a community that provides a safe space for people to learn from one another, to grow as individuals, and to build and reinforce leadership as well as life skills. I've learned many lessons from my fellow FSA members who, through my journey in UCSC, have become more like family to me. My experiences in FSA have resulted in me consistently striving to become a better student and a better person overall. And lastly, my experience of being co-coordinator of Isang Himig has helped me build leadership skills I've always hoped to attain. FSA is family to me, and like any family, FSA has retained me in school, has challenged me as a leader, and has helped me build character. All in all, I know that no matter how much I put into FSA, it always gives me back more. With that in mind, I am hoping to finally give FSA the upper hand by running for this position.

I'm applying for the position of PCC Co-Chair not only to give back to PCC for all of the opportunities it has provided for me these passed three years, but also because I think PCC is such an integral aspect of not only UCSC's Filipino Student Association, but the Filipino community as a whole. PCC is such an important production because it allows us to showcase our talents, gives us a voice on this campus as students of color, and the opportunity to teach others and share a story about our people. PCC gives us the ability to educate our audience about our Filipino history, culture, and traditions in our own creative ways. Along with giving back to PCC and its importance to me, I'm also running because I feel that this position requires a person with leadership, knowledge on the subject matter, and most importantly, dedication, ambition, and passion. I believe that there are very few people who have and feel this for PCC and I believe that the best way for me to utilize these qualities is through this leadership position. I would be honored to be granted the opportunity to be in such a prestigious position in order to help create history and bring out the full potential in PCC XXI.

If elected, one of my main goals for the position of PCC Co-Chair would be to build tight relationships with each of the aspect coordinators, as well as

their aspects, early on. I believe that by establishing close relationships with the aspect coordinators sooner than later will help build the trust and confidence needed to create a good working environment for everyone within PCC Core, which I feel is needed for the production of another amazing PCC. I also believe that establishing relationships with the aspect members, by going to each of their practices earlier than usual and making ourselves known to them, is

just as important. This way, as PCC Co-Chairs, we can rest assured that all aspect members are well informed on the entirety of PCC and more aware of its significance in this community. As PCC Co-Chair, I will strive to bring out the best in all of the aspect coordinators, motivating them to reach their fullest potentials by supporting and guiding them through all of their ideas for PCC.

As far as PCC itself, my main goal is not only to make sure that the message we try to portray through PCC XXI's story inspires and teaches the audience about our history and culture, but also, I want the cast of PCC XXI, both veterans and newcomers, to have an experience that they'll never forget. I want to help provide that safe space that PCC is known for, to remind the veterans and to reassure those new to this space that they have this entire community supporting them. This is what I want to strive for simply because PCC is a major reason our community comes and grows closer together. Overall, my main goal is to help people find the beauty in PCC in the way that I've found it and I want to create the same passion I have inside me in all those who will participate in PCC XXI.

I feel that my ability to work well with others is one of my strongest leadership qualities and it's a quality that I feel is essential to have as PCC Co-Chair, especially since they work closely with their fellow Co-Chairs and all of the aspect coordinators. Other leadership qualities that I possess, which I feel will help me with this position, are that I'm passionate, I've planned major events before, I don't let anything discourage me, I'm organized, and I'm selfless.

As far as relevant experiences, I have done all of the following: planning events, working with other organizations, as well as being a member of another student organization. As Isang Himig Coordinator, one major event I helped plan for was Hidden Voices. In addition, I have experience working with other organizations from both on and off-campus. I feel that the experiences I've had in this passed year, as Isang Himig Coordinator, has definitely helped prepare me for a position such as PCC Co-Chair.