



“Her charisma and genuine care have won the hearts and votes of NDMC studentry to assume the highest political position in the college. Get to know more of the visions and thoughts of the lady president.”

Zarah at Your Service; Now Signing On...

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What/Who motivated you to run as SSG President?

Looking back, I grew up seeing my father serve the people with dignity, integrity and a heart. From then, that became my inspiration to serve as well. I was in the middle of filing and not because I was afraid that I might disappoint people, on the other hand I wanted to file because serving has been a part of my system. I asked for His guidance; and I asked myself, “What would my papa say if he was here?”. And, I knew from my heart that he would tell me to run, and that motivated me so much to pursue my presidency.

What did you tell yourself upon filing your candidacy as SSG President?

When I handed my Certificate of Candidacy to the COMELEC, I told myself that there is no turning back now, I will embrace the pros and cons of my actions and I said that this fight is not only mine but it is also the fight of the studentry.

It took three school years to welcome another woman president, does that spell difference in student governance?

Whether if it is a man or woman, there will always be some sort of difference, because every leader is unique. We differ on how we address problems and how we do things. We have different kinds of focus and issues that we want to address during our administration.

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Studies, love life, and student governance, how do you maintain balance?

“Student Leader”, student comes first before the leader. I always believed that; if you cannot handle your own studies, then how can you manage the student body. I always see to it that I finish my responsibilities as a student and do my academic tasks on time. I listen to classroom discussions eagerly because that lessens the time for studying. I do not mix my academic struggles with my SSG duties. When I enter the office, my attention is on the office works. It is important that I found someone who is willing to wait for me, until my family approves, he understands that my top priority right now is my studies and one who supports my passion in life and that is serving the people, which helped me balance it all.

What is your leadership style?

I am into a Democratic type of leadership. I am the type of leader that shares the decision making task to my subordinates for the interest of the better good, while guiding them which best option to take. I promote the right of the people to take part and be a part in making decisions. I find this effective and efficient because it gives me the opportunity to know more my subordinates and listen to what would they want to happen and to not happen. I believe that nothing beats an administration that is one with its people.

Message to NDMC studentry.

To my beloved NDMC studentry, always know that you have your “sandigan”, your officers. We, as your SSG officers are happy to be with you, to serve you wholeheartedly and bestow upon you the best service we could offer. We will not be here without you. Remember to enjoy your stay in the NDMC campus while doing your studies; do not let the pressures of academic life bring you down. Learn to balance your priorities and have enough time for rest and relaxation, we will do our best to provide you activities as an outlet to release your stress. May you continue to journey with us as another school year unfolds, because in you we find our strength and serving you is our ultimate joy. Thank you very much for your untiring support and trust, may we continue and improve what we have started. One Notre Dame!

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