Luke Kula and Michelle An

What position are you running for and what three initiatives do you want to accomplish in this role?

Luke Kula is running for President with Michelle An as Vice President. If elected into the positions, we hope to enact the following initiatives:

1. Student Support
   Helping to ensure that students are supported in all capacities, that is financial, emotional, physical, and environmental through different innovative initiatives.

2. Common Campus Community
   Building a community that is open and inclusive to all students no matter their background or circumstances.
   Opening up ways for SGA to help promote affinity on campus, such as hosting or sponsoring various events such as community meet and greets while still being a supportive body that promotes the many events at DePaul.

3. Campus Safety
   Ensuring that DePaul is a physically safe place for all DePaul students with addressing sexual assault on campus at the forefront by working on including safety within the classroom, campus, and greater community.

4. Vincentian Values
   Keeping true to our history as a Vincentian University and always maintaining a commitment to making DePaul, the greater Chicago community, and the world a better place.

Please provide a brief bio about yourself that includes your involvement both inside and outside of DePaul.

Luke Kula:

I am currently a Junior studying political science with minors in economics and Spanish, and one of the two SGA Senators for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science. As Senator I have helped to establish within the College a Student Advisory Board available to all LAS students to help voice student concerns, and have worked within the College to help create new advising opportunities and career events.

I am also President of DePaul Congressional Debate, an organization that promotes understanding of key political, policy and philosophical issues through speech, debate, and discussion, and helps members become better, more confident public speakers.

Additionally at DePaul I have worked to create a path for DePaul to build an on-line service for students living off campus to network and find roommates.

Outside of DePaul I have been heavily involved in music, having played in three bands.
since high school. In my current band, Blackswan, I sing, rap and play guitar and have played shows at several popular venues in and around Chicago including Reggie's, and Mojoe's.

Michelle An:

Within DePaul University, I currently serve students on Student Government Association as the Senator for Government and Community Relations. As a senator, I encourage DePaul students to become civically involved at city, state, and national levels through voting and volunteer opportunities. I also help advocate for the maintenance and increase of MAP grant funding. In this role, I also represent DePaul University in the Illinois Board of Higher Education – Student Advisory Council where we have worked on sexual assault reform, education affordability, student advocacy, and transparency. I have previously served as an Honors program mentor and currently work two different jobs on campus. One is at the Office of Multicultural Student Success where I work as an office assistant while the other is as a desk receptionist for Housing Services where I often get to greet students living in the residence halls. I am also a proud member of the DePaul Democrats, Accounting Club, ASCEND, and American Sign Language Club.

Outside of DePaul, I spend as much of my time volunteering to contribute to the community around us. I volunteer at PAWS Chicago, a no-kill animal shelter, as a team member of “Kitty City”. I also volunteer time during academic breaks to take care of children at my home church’s Itasca Korean School; there I would assist in teaching Korean language and culture at camps or programs in between potty breaks. Aside from all that, I like to relax by listening to music or catching up on TV shows. My favorite part about DePaul and Chicago is how easy it is to catch a show on Broadway in Chicago, the Lyric Opera House, Joffrey Ballet, Second City, or the many other talent-filled venues in this city!