

Coming to Northeastern from Purdue was a big step that I took to fulfill my goal of completing my Ph.D. in physics. Little did I know the various convoluted paths that I would be taking as I worked towards my eventual goal. The transition from a public-school college town to an urban city private school seemed like a bigger transition to adapt towards. Growing up in a small suburb of Mumbai, making Purdue my home for 7 years, and now finally at Northeastern, these experiences have shaped me to be me, and I could not be happier with working towards the goal of re-running for Executive Vice President of the Graduate Student Government and having the honor of representing 18,000 students.

To date, I am a devoted Pixar fan-boy, and when I think of why I want to run for the position of EVP all I can think is 'you have a friend in me.' Unlike my undergraduate experience for me, my career at Northeastern had a lonely start, the place I could call home was GSG and as a senator, I could meet, network, and connect with like-minded people who valued my diverse background. I have tried to continue the same approach as last year I was presented at various orientations. I could see the confused, hopeful, passionate students trying to re-learn how to be students and adapt to the husky way of life. To those students, I would hope that your experience with Northeastern has been off to a great start and I look forward to continuing to serve you and for you to get even better experiences on campus.

Understanding the importance of acceptance and the value of diversity in calling the place I call home a 'Free Zone' is a Purdue value I will carry with me to my death. Post coming to Northeastern I had the chance to learn how to communicate and work with an entirely different population of graduate students. As I work to complete my M.S. in Operations Research I know that I have learned the optimization skills that will help me throughout my life, but I have gained more than that in terms of learning the value of human interaction and the value of my team brings to me. As an introvert, I have always struggled to network without purpose, and seeing so many passionate graduate students on campus makes me want to work to help them achieve their best. This is my motivation behind assisting in helping improve higher-education experiences at Northeastern. This has led me to meet some amazing people in faculty and staff. My previous year-long experience has further enhanced my personal goal to work with academia and then next year I promise to work on behalf of each and every graduate student to help you gain access and learn about the resources our campus has to offer.

Building on the theme from earlier at Northeastern all students are part of the 'circle of life.' We are here, grab our diplomas, and walk out. However, my journey as a student leader has helped me learn the importance of leaving a mark and leaving a legacy. Creating something or helping set up something that will help and leave a positive impact on students who are not even thinking of joining our Husky family is something I would like to work on through this upcoming academic cycle. As I work toward my Ph.D. I would like to bring students from various colleges and programs together to start a mutual incubator of ideas and relationships. Through these networks and connections, we will nurture some amazing individuals and propel them to success.

While Mufasa says 'everything the light touches is our kingdom', I believe with the correct resources even the sky isn't the limit. I come from the cradle of astronauts as a Purdue alumnus but the first living being in space was Laika a sibling to our mascot as your EVP I promise to do everything in my power to support, help, nurture, and foster everything positive my colleagues have to say. At the same time I also vouch to fight for every change you want to see, every problem is an opportunity, and given a chance I will continue to build towards the dream of ONE NORTHEASTERN.