

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Desatoya Coombs. I am an 18 year old Psychology Major from Battle Mountain, Nevada and I am looking forward to the opportunity of representing the student body on the ASUMW Senate. One of the things that I feel that I bring to the table is my experience. I was honored to hold several offices in the Nevada High School Rodeo Association, a branch off of the National High School Rodeo Association, during my high school career both at a club and a state level. Through my seven years involved in the NSHSRA I held many offices within my own club, including Secretary, Public Relations, Vice President, and President. I was the NSHSRA State Student Body Secretary in 2021 through 2022. In 2022 I was elected into the office of the Student Body Vice President of the NSHSRA while serving my personal club in Battle Mountain as the President. Through those experiences I learned many valuable leadership skills including public speaking, flexibility, communication skills, as well as learning how to exercise extreme patience in the face of adversity. I feel like these are skills that would help me represent the students of University of Montana Western. Aside from my involvement in student government I was also invited to become a member of the National Honors Society. As a freshman in high school I was deeply involved in the Future Farmers of America program. One thing that I am wildly proud of though, and I would kick myself if I didn't include this in my application, is my involvement in my family's cattle ranching business in Northern Nevada. Through that I have learned patience, kindness, respect, and the value of hard work. I learned not only how to take care of a creature, but how to do it with the pride that my ancestors did before me. There is pride to be found in the work that I do, and I feel that I can bring that work ethic that is so often associated with "ranch kids" into this new chapter of my life.

When it comes to what I would like to see improved in the future, I don't feel as though I can give an adequate answer to that question. As a freshman I am looking to get involved in things and part of the reason that I wanted to run for Student Senate is because I want to learn the inner workings of the school and how I can make it better. On that note, one thing that I have noticed in my short time here on this wonderful campus is that the food in the dining hall could be better, and or less expensive. That is the only thing that I can think of right off the top of my head at the moment. I hope that you will consider me for this position and I hope you have a wonderful day!

Sincerely,

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