



Alex 4 VP

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Me!

Hey, my name's **Alex Vilarin**, and I'm a first-year MEELC student running to be your next **VP**! I grew up between the US (in NJ) and Chile, but I've really loved turning Dublin into my home over the past year. This year has brought a load of both new experiences and challenges; as we exit the pandemic and look forward to next year, I hope to bring **bigger, more frequent, and more affordable events** to the table as your next VP.



Plan!

Now that we've moved on from the pandemic, students **expect and deserve more** from their college experience. At the same time, **rising living costs** both locally and internationally have the possibility to derail the fun by making going out increasingly unaffordable. As **Halls Sugar Daddy**, I will make sure that **the craic continues**. By increasing outreach to local businesses, who need our support the most after surviving COVID, and **subsidising events** through the JCR Wallet, Halls students should rest assured that **next year will be the best yet**.

Experience!

Led **rugby teams** in both the States and Chile to division titles, and also led **off-the-field fundraising efforts** in order to **fund trips** and uniforms

Served on **alumni relation board** at my secondary school and solicited donations, while also **maintaining a budget** and creating events to **engage with the community**

Coached and Refereed youth rugby matches, organizing and listening to young children's concerns while also ignoring their parents' pleas to end the illegal fighting ring

Stage Manager for year-long production of Grease **managing technical elements** while **interfacing** with administrators and actors

Spearheaded **Diversity and Inclusion** efforts at my secondary school and formed a **committee** to **amplify minority voices** to administrators

Key things! ❄️

Maintain and increase sponsorships with businesses both in the local **Rathmines/Ranelagh area** and with **larger Irish brands** to ensure **more affordable and frequent events** and more connection to nearby communities. This will also involve compiling a list of **discounts** and **other offers** that students can avail of and making sure that they are readily accessible. This lessens the impact on residents' wallets through **sponsored nights** and other opportunities while maximizing the amount of **bonding time**.

Reform Hall Ball to make it more **affordable** and **desirable** for residents and more financially in line with Balls run by other Societies. Ball season and Hall Ball is something that a lot of people look forward to for the whole year, and by making the tickets more affordable, **more people** will feel inclined to attend it. **I will hire local music** talent to **bring down costs** while also **promoting the thriving local music scene**.

Bring back the **Internal Halls Trip** for the **first time in years**. This would be an amazing opportunity for people who **just arrived in Dublin from all over the world and from Ireland** to get a chance to bond during the first reading week. This year's International Halls Trip was clearly a **massive success**, but by the time people went on the trip, most of them **already had established friend groups**, and there was less interaction than there could have been. Running a **first semester trip** during the **reading week** would be great potential for many **first-years** to bond and **meet new people** they might not have encountered yet.



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