

Personal Statment

Hello, I'm Raquel Figueroa-Crespo I am a sophomore at Hamden Hall and I'm hoping to be considered as a Youth representative for the Youth Council. I currently work as a bookseller at Possible Futures and as an apprentice at Eli Whitney. I am involved in a number of clubs but my favorites include Student Government and The Hispanic Student Union. I enjoy being a part of these leadership groups because they allow me to take initiative and learn from my peers. Since being at Possible Futures I had the opportunity to launch a community project of my own called Books for New Haven which has since allowed me to provide people in the city of New Haven (specifically kids and teenagers) with brand-new books they can call their own. I also led a book drive for New Haven reads this year along with the 10th grade student government at my school. Being a part of the New Haven community is very important to me and I would like to do as much as I can to contribute to all of the wonderful things New Haven has to offer. I appreciate the consideration for this role and hope to hear back soon.

Resume

Clubs

- Green and White (school ambassador) // 9th grade, 10th grade (Associate Head)
- Interact Club // 9th grade
- Hispanic Student Union // 9th grade (vice president), 10th grade (vice president), 11th grade upcoming 2024-2024 school year (voted president)
- Thespian Society // 9th grade, 10th grade
- Student Government // 9th grade, 10th grade
- Lower School Mentors // 10th grade
- Founder of the Hamden Hall book club // 10th grade

Jobs

- [Possible Futures](#) bookseller (10th grade)
- Chlouie and Ryan's social media + buyers
- Camp Counselor Eli Whitney
- Early Childhood Camp Counselor (Hamden Hall)

Volunteer Work

- Possible Futures Social Media Volunteer
- [Founder of Books for New Haven](#)
- Sanctuary Kitchen

Internships // Apprenticeship

- [Eli Whitney apprentice](#) 9th grade // 10th grade
- BLOOM shadow (8th grade)
- Summer 2023 intern at Possible Futures

Theater:

- Watership Down (stage manager) 9th grade
- Oh, Kay! (ensemble) 9th grade
- Mamma Mia (featured singer) 10th grade

Sports:

- Hamden Hall Girls Varsity Field Hockey: 8th grade // 9th grade // 10th grade on team/manager
- HTC Field Hockey // 9th grade

Other:

- Book drive at Fred Hampton block party (books for New Haven)
- Led a book drive for New Haven reads through 10th-grade student government

Book Event Host (Possible Futures)

- Janae Marks Event (From the Desk of Zoe Washington) 2/25/23
- Gwendolyn Wallace Event (Joy Takes Root) 6/24/23
- Melissa Lozada Oliva Event (Candelaria) 9/21/23

Fellowships:

- Arts and Ideas Fellowship/Gateway Course

Conferences:

- Yale Young Women's Leadership Launch 2024