Statement of purpose

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." - Rabindranath Tagore

I should be elected as President of the SGA because I genuinely want to make our students have a more holistic and fulfilling experience during the duration of their study at Rutgers SHP (and RBHS as a whole). I want to listen to their frustrations and concerns, address them, and make them feel more at home. Rutgers RBHS is a fairly new campus, and does not have as many facilities, organizations, and opportunities available to its students as other Rutgers campuses. In addition, a large percentage of our students are online based and never get to experience the life on campus. My objective is to create an enjoyable experience for on campus students, as well as a home for online students. I would like to bridge the disconnect between these two classes of students as well as encourage some of our online students to come to campus. I would like to give students the opportunity to lead as well as explore their interests through providing them with a foundation to do so. I would like to give students the platform they need to start their own organizations and make any ideas they may have into a reality. I want the SGA to be the place where students can run to freely to express their ideas make them happen. This is how our school can develop future leaders—through simply giving students the opportunity to do so.

I have spent the last 7 of the years of my life at Rutgers, completing my undergraduate study at Rutgers New Brunswick and then continuing on my study at the RBHS campus. I am a true Rutgers student in mind and spirit and would love to bring some of that passion out in the form of a leader. I was accepted into SHRP's Biomedical Informatics program in 2013, the same year it became a part of RBHS after the merger. Immediately, I noticed the difference in experience between my graduate and undergraduate study although I was still a Rutgers student. On one hand, there is a settled campus flooding with life, opportunity and national recognition, while on the other hand, there is a newly formed campus where students are struggling to find their interests and express their concerns. I want to make the two campuses equal in terms of student life and give RBHS students those opportunities that I enjoyed and exploited as an undergrad.

In terms of responsibility, I am fully capable of fulfilling all my duties if elected as president of SGA. In addition to being a full-time Biomedical Informatics PhD student at SHP, I hold a full time job at Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School Department of Surgery. These two huge responsibilities speak for themselves—I am able to balance a job as well as study in a productive and efficient matter and excel at both. Most importantly, I am passionate about what I do, and that drives me and motivates me to do better. My doctoral study is wide-scale and it involves improving healthcare outcomes in family practices across the state of New Jersey. After my doctorate, I intend to continue my study to see if the same concept can be applied in different types of practices. In addition, I actively volunteer at a non-profit charity organization called Thaakaat Foundation whose objective is to help underprivileged people around the world meet their basic needs. I genuinely want to help people and improve processes to make everyone's life better, and it is shown throughout my career how I am actively doing so in different ways!

Ultimately, I know I am that spirited, passionate, and dedicated catapult that SGA needs to push it forward. Vote Christine and you won't regret it ☺ **Rutgers** all the way!