Statement of Interest

I am running for VP of Programming & Outreach for the Graduate Student Council because it will allow me to work on a campus-wide vision to create a collaborative, cohesive UNT graduate community.

I am currently a first-year Master of Public Administration student. I completed my Bachelors in Political Science here at UNT and decided to return to continue my education at this great institution.

I first came to UNT Fall of 2011 and joined the Freshman Intern Program that is run by the Student Government Association. During this time I gained experience with organizations on campus that will allow me to coordinate activities for GSC and other graduate student organizations. I took a hiatus from UNT to serve in the military where I learned the value of teamwork and dedication. I returned and completed my bachelor's degree in Fall 2016 and enrolled in the MPA program in Fall 2017 to pursue a career in public management.

The main purpose of the GSC is to serve as the voice of the graduate student body, and as vice-president, I will ensure that the administration hears the opinions and needs of the students. I will also meet with other graduate administrations and departments to try to galvanize more participation in the GSC so that it can be a more accurate representation of those needs and interests. My long-term goal as VP of Programming & Outreach is to collaborate closely with other university organizations so we can have more professional development and social events for the graduate population. I will work with the GSC Executives to help form a strong cohesive voice that we can present to the Texas Legislature during their session in 2019 during which GSC will advocate on behalf of the graduate student population on topics including funds for educational needs.

Thank you for your consideration as VP of Programming & Outreach.

Sincerely,

Pedro Zambrano