

Yeah well, I am 19, enrolled at MSU, my goal for the future is that I want you go into sort of policy making because I see I was personally a lot of issues with the education system and how it overall works and I want to change that. Some issues that I've experienced, and they are being actively worked on, but I feel that we can tackle them like a lot more head on, is back in middle school my family is kind of like, you know, we had to like budget, and school I went to, we had to pay for the lunches. So, for about two weeks to a month, I went without being able to pay for a breakfast or lunch and was given a standard carton of milk and oatmeal bars. So, it was very stressful, and I don't think that's a good learning environment for a child, especially when schools expects so much of children to succeed and not giving them proper food nourishment really takes away from their learning ability and makes one distracted in class and what not and so from that moment on, I promised to change the system, so no one else would have to like, go through that. That was like my come to you for wanting to go into policy and change that. They expect all of these students to succeed in all of these tests and all of these extracurricular they have to do an all these expectations, the least they can do is provide decent nutrition for them to do so. That should be a minimum at least, is good nutrition for foundation of learning. Like, it's important and it's outdated, but I used to do, because I did debate, I did often research on nutrition and what not and asked around about it and kids really need nutrition to learn and that was just kind of like, it seems backwards to me. So, I'll probably start with food and then I move on to change the scoring system itself with education because it relies so much on, like, if you need to get the A, you get one shot. I don't think people can learn things in one go. I feel like people should be able to go back to a test and see what they missed and have as many tries as they need to understand the subject I feel like that's the best way to foster actual learning and not memorization. So I am studying political science, so I'm just getting like the basics out and I'm probably going to go into policy making and like public speaking because in the future, I have like a whole road map that I kind of like having my mind have set up where I want to be in a certain amount of time. So eventually from our public speaking and knowledge on how to like you know can construct proper speeches, I want to go around schools and like, talk to the teachers and get it all together, because I want to see what they have in mind for changes because if you're going to improve you got to start with the people who are actually like, doing the work. Because I know a lot of teachers that I had, had really creative solutions, but they're limited by what's happening higher up. So, I want to talk to the teachers themselves and not just go through administration of schools because that's obviously the easiest route, just blanket survey, but I feel like it could be much higher quality if we talk to the teachers themselves and see what they have to say about their work environment. Take that, compile it, see what everyone agreed on and then try and make some changes based off of that. I hate to see you like people going hungry I'm always helping, but another reason is that one of my, well I still call them my siblings even though they're not really my siblings. But one of my sibilings, has speech issues. Something like really tragic happened when he was young and he stopped talking for a long while and then seeing him struggle through the system, I was like, we need to work on that because people that have speech impediments or like issues with that, really need the help. So that should be from the get-go. It shouldn't be frowned upon or hush about. It's like that happens it's unfortunate, but we need to do we can to help them and within my family I see that that speech issue coming back and forth I'm like, 'that needs to be worked on I need to be immediate I need to get on that.' I feel like personally working from inside the system and making change from there, with all the tools available that are just not being used or are being neglected, you can bring in a lot of help in situations like this. We just need to utilize the tools. A lot of challenges with mental health issues and kind of getting over that and beating sort of that

the environment like especially in like high school one what not, like in college, there's a lot more options and tools set out for you. I was talking to my friends, we were in like a group call, and a lot of us confirmed that school counselors never did anything for us. Never helpful. They basically told us to go away and like call our parents and tell the problems we're telling them instead. So like, that's not great. That doesn't help our mental health that made it worse. So there's a lot of things that looking back a lot of us wish were different, like mental health services in high school. Because if you ask anyone, nobody enjoyed being there and I'm sure we all agree that it'd be a lot better if there were more tools for mental health.