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Having left home at the age of 11, I am well-acquainted with the struggles international students go through. Coupled with my multiracial background (Dutch, Indigenous Taiwanese, Chinese), I am especially aware how frustrating it might be to find a community you belong to in a foreign land. I started working as a student advisor with IDP, helping newly arrived international students in Melbourne to have a better overseas experience. Hence, I feel like I have the necessary skills and aptitude to be your **2018/19 International Students' Representative**.

Expand the Tandem Program: Currently, we have a program where later-year international students act as a mentor for the incoming students. Where permissible, I would like to expand the options of contact to *MLS* international alumni. I will also seek to implement more career panel discussion events held by those alumni.

Cater to your needs and backgrounds: It is easy to lump all international students into a group despite our diversity and different needs. I want to make sure international students from minority backgrounds will be better directed to the contacts of later-year students and alumni from the same country. By doing so, I hope that students can all receive the advices that are most relevant to them.

Love from the Familia: I want to create a counselling platform exclusive to international students that will be a safe space for issues that are unique to us, to prevent isolation and improve your well-being. Information shared will be confidential upon request.