

What is your name and your pronouns?

Hello, my name is Antonio Chavez and I use he/him/his pronouns.

Where are you from?

I am from Davenport, Iowa.

What did you do before law school?

I attended Iowa State University, earning my bachelor's degree in political science and sociology. I then took a brief gap year before enrolling at Drake.

Why did you decide to come to law school?

I worked a wonderful internship here in Des Moines, helping advocate for the rights of farm workers across the state. This experience had me working alongside attorneys who all showed such care and dedication to their clients. I want to become that admirable attorney who helps others in his community.

Please describe your previous leadership experience.

I was active in student government, serving as a Supreme Court Justice and on the Civic Engagement Committee. I was a peer mentor in the TRIO Student Support Services program, a teaching assistant for global politics, a volunteer for the ISU 4U promise program, and secretary of the sociology club.

Why do you want to be in the SBA?

I want to be in SBA because I want to help others in my community and in the student body here at Drake. I want to serve my fellow students in the best way that I can, resolving issues and working with a great team.

List three adjectives that describe yourself.

Kind, outgoing, dedicated

Tell us something interesting about yourself.

My parents are from Guanajuato, Mexico and I have visited over 10 times throughout my life!

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William Keck
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Dear Mr. Keck,

My name is Antonio Chavez, and I am writing this letter to express my interest in joining the Student Bar Association at Drake University as the 1L representative or 1L honor board representative.

I want to become a part of this great organization because I strongly believe in my ability to serve in this role. My past experiences showcase my dedication to service within the student body at my undergraduate institution and in other endeavors. I served as a Supreme Court Justice in the student government at Iowa State University, and I was on the Civic Engagement Committee. Outside of student government, I also worked for the TRIO program as a peer mentor, communicating resources to first-generation, low-income, and disabled students within my cohort, which was around 30 students per year. This experience also helped me plan large-scale events alongside faculty, including end-of-year banquets.

My willingness to help others is the driving force behind my resolve. I volunteered for multiple organizations, including the ISU 4U Promise Program, in which I traveled to schools in the Des Moines area to discuss the importance of college education to elementary-aged children. I also worked on the Farmworkers' Rights Project at Iowa Legal Aid here in Des Moines, driving across central Iowa to inform farmworkers about their rights as visa workers.

I would love to run for 1L representative and utilize my skills to help the student body and faculty here at Drake in any capacity that I can. Thank you for reading this letter, and I hope to work together soon.

Sincerely,
Antonio Chavez

