

Hello, my name is Jennifer, and I am a Foundation Year Biomedical Science student who is running for the BME (Black & Minority Ethnic) Students' Officer volunteering role.

In college, I was a student rep and the position lasted for twelve months, this role included having meetings with the head of my department regarding issues that students experienced at college. Subjects that were brought up was how to make the college a more diverse and safer environment. I also had the opportunity to represent my college in the Health & Social care skills competition. The challenging work that was demonstrated in my team enabled us to come 2nd place in the whole city of Manchester. My past experiences have helped me to conclude that teamwork and leadership skills are essential in any given setting. Having mastered these skills, I believe I am more than capable of taking on this role.

During my time as a BME Students' officer I pledge to:

Provide access to job opportunities – I will do this by hosting career events where organisations can inform BME students on different job opportunities that are out there and how the application process works. These roles could be voluntary, part-time, full-time and internships in any field of their choice. During these events, I will allow professionals from Black and Ethnic Minority to give a talk, and this will enable the students to feel seen and heard.

Create cultural diversity – I will allow BME students to promote their culture through games night where people can take part in board games and various fun activities from these ethnic groups. Cultural food and clothing will be additional to this as this will create a positive and non-discriminatory environment where people can learn about diverse cultures and most importantly, be able to make connections.