



Dear SHPE member: My name is German Castillo. I currently attend The University of Arizona where I am pursuing my bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. I am thrilled to be running for SHPE National Undergraduate Representative and look forward to the challenges and good memories ahead of us. I hope you can entrust in me the confidence to elect me as your future NUR.

My past experiences demonstrate that I am capable of leading the undergraduate membership of our organization. Throughout these past four years, I have had the opportunity to hold various leadership positions within SHPE. I have obtained results at different levels that moved our organization forward. I hope that after reading the following—my SHPE story, you will be reassured that together, we will continue to move forward ... *pero esta vez más que nunca y a pasos agigantados!*

I joined the SHPE chapter in my school my freshman year of college. What seemed to be just another club quickly became my *familia* and support system. As I continued to grow as a member I knew that I was ready to take a leadership role my sophomore year and became the Webmaster of my chapter. That year I was also the Recruitment Committee Chair and helped my chapter get an increase in membership

from 17 to 77 members, 353 percent! That year I grew more passionate about SHPE that decided to take the challenge of running for president of my chapter. The two most significant contributions my team of board officers and I attained that year was the establishment of a local LeaderSHPE program and a mentorship program between our SHPE members and high school students. This past SHPE Conference, we were honored to receive the "2009-2010 Outstanding Region 2 Chapter of the Year."

After such a successful year, it was then time to take those successes and lessons learned as a student Chapter President and share them with other Region 2 chapter leaders. I decided to run and was elected Region 2 Student Representative (RSR). In this role, I had the privilege of working with wonderful SHPE members and leaders from more than 25 active student chapters and continued to develop as a servant leader. My focus as RSR was that of customer service. If any member or leader of Region 2 had any questions or concerns, I made sure that this person received the attention that he or she deserved.

My biggest accomplishment as RSR was the support structure I created for student leaders in Region 2, especially chapter presidents. A clear example of this was the Region 2 Summer Leadership Retreat, event where chapter leaders attended workshops on chapter management and were offered guidance by SHPE staff, SHPE regional and national leaders. I continued to offer this type of support to our chapters' leadership by hosting President Conference Calls and President Meetings throughout the year. These meetings focused on critical regional and national SHPE updates. I also facilitated discussions on problems encountered at various chapters, creating a best-practices environment amongst different chapters. The following website is a clear illustration of the support system offered to Region 2 leaders: <http://sites.google.com/site/region2shpe>.

Next year, as your NUR, I will take the leadership support structure I developed as RSR and apply it to the national scale. I will communicate my vision and empower my team of RSRs to embrace the same ideas and provide that guidance to you, our student chapter leaders. Your voice will be heard and our organization resources will be readily available to you. Likewise, I will make sure that SHPE continues expanding membership benefits and give you as a student member more 'SHPE for your buck.' We will also place a higher emphasis on the Academic Excellence pillar of SHPE without neglecting our other SHPE Pillars. Together, we will continue to make SHPE *The Source for Quality Hispanic Engineers and Technical Talent*.

I am confident of my capabilities to successfully lead the undergraduate component of our organization. I look forward to working for the greater good of our student members. I thank you for taking the time to read this and for your continued support and belief in our organization.

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