

Dean Rider

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EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University Dallas, TX
Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences May 2025
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science
GPA: 3.86 / 4.0

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE

Children's Brain Disease Foundation Tiburon, CA
Executive Board Member November 2020 - Present

- Worked with public and private organizations to fund research projects and other healthcare-related initiatives.
- Managed annual budget: spearheaded \$10,000 grant to a local mental health organization, and a \$50,000 grant to the Dr. Bob Smith Health Center at SMU for accessing offsite mental health services. Working on additional grants to be distributed by the end of 2024.

Day for Congress Dallas, TX
Volunteer Jan 2024 – Present

- Served as a volunteer for Darrell Day's Campaign in Congressional District 32.
- Assisted with voter outreach, including block walking and attending local events with the candidate.

SMU Student Union Dallas, TX
Member May 2022 - Present

- Planned SMU's annual student-giving event for over 6,000 students, staff, and administrators, improving year-over-year participation by 400%.
- Organized a student event with over 500 attendees honoring the 10th anniversary of the George W. Bush Presidential Center.
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Mustang Ballroom Dance Club Dallas, TX
Treasurer May 2022 - Present

- Collected, deposited, and chronicled member dues and other relevant transactions.
- Organized trips to social dances and competitions with other Executive Board members.
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American Sign Language Club Dallas, TX
Vice President January 2022 – Present

- Successfully co-founded Southern Methodist University's first ASL Club.
- Structured bi-weekly meetings, helped students learn ASL, and planned trips to local Deaf events.
- Coordinated meetings with local ASL groups to build community and develop relationships.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Language: native English, Professional Working American Sign Language

Additional Activities: 8 years of Mixed Martial Arts experience (Black Belt proficiency)

Interests: Golf trips to Ireland, Scotland, and Hawaii, Political Debate, Skiing, Tennis, Reading Political Literature, Attending Guest Lectures (main focus: Political Speakers).