

# Candidate Statement

Name: Anya Leonhard  
Chapter: Saxony  
Position: Events Coordinator - or - Press Coordinator  
Gender: Female



## Candidate Statement:

Hello! I'm Anya. I'm originally from New Orleans, Louisiana and moved to Leipzig in 2016 to attend medical school. I have been acting press coordinator for DA Saxony since the creation of our chapter and am also a member of the Asian-American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Caucus Steering Committee and Communications team.

Through these roles and as a pledged delegate for Senator Bernie Sanders at the 2020 Democratic National Convention, I have gathered extensive experience representing Democrats Abroad in German language media in both radio and television formats. I've also cultivated relationships with reporters and editors throughout Germany to help get out the word about our activities. During the election season, I supported our national press team by writing, editing, and translating talking points for various media appearances by DA members. If elected, I commit to establishing a press team that will have flexible responsibilities to represent the diversity of DA Saxony.

I'm also committed to growing our chapter and fostering friendships amongst our members. To this end, I organized a socially-distanced picnic during the COVID-19 lockdown relaxation period. I've also had experience coordinating events for the AAPI Caucus and for the BIPoC (Black, Indigenous & People of Color) University Group, where I am also a member. Having the opportunity to help our chapter bond and grow was one of the most fulfilling activities I've engaged in since joining DA Saxony, and I hope to continue this trend as Events Coordinator. I firmly believe that building a community is the only way to ensure sustainable activism and engagement, and pledge to organize regular events like film discussions, debates, and quiz nights to achieve this goal. If elected, I also plan on creating a team to brainstorm event ideas and to enthusiastically keep my inbox open for anyone else's ideas.

I am really proud of how far we have come as a chapter since our first meeting in a cafe a little over a year ago. Regardless of the outcome of the election, I'm happy to be along for the ride. Thank you so much for reading my statement and feel free to visit my website [anyaatthednc.wordpress.com](http://anyaatthednc.wordpress.com) for press clips and more information! Contact me with any questions at [anyaleonhard14@gmail.com](mailto:anyaleonhard14@gmail.com).

Endorsed By:

Endorsement 1: Emily Lines - Berlin Chapter, Vice Chair

I am proud to endorse Anya Leonhard to be either the Press or Events Coordinator for the Saxony Chapter. I met Anya last year when she ran to be a Bernie Sanders Delegate and since then, I have gotten to know her well through the Democrats Abroad Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Caucus. She is a member of the Caucus' Steering Committee and is involved in helping the Caucus' Communications Working Group and leads the Speakers Working Group. Anya is a reliable member who regularly attends our meetings and provides insightful comments and feedback to our discussions. She is currently leading the organization of a book club event in February that is a collaboration between the Saxony Chapter and the AAPI Caucus. I am also working closely with her to organize a film screening in honor of Black History Month.

Anya was a reliable spokesperson of DAG during the Democratic National Convention and during the run-up to the Presidential Election. She is extremely helpful in translating the talking points provided to DA leaders to make sure we have them in German. As a fluent German speaker, she is very capable of speaking to the German media and being a strong representative of DAG.

I believe that Anya would be well suited to be either the Press or Events Coordinator. From knowing her during this short period of time, she has proven to be a hard worker and a dedicated and reliable volunteer.