

Hi Blockheads! My name is Luke Dabell (a rising sophomore), and I'd be super honored to be your Director of Operations for the 2024-2025 season.

I'm currently a freshman, and I've been in the LCEC for three years now. My first experience with our amazing club was a little atypical, but it nonetheless motivated me to pursue my interests in it further. In 7th grade, I was kindly invited by Brian to use the club's facilities to build a large wooden trebuchet for a science project, and it turned out to be a success. More importantly though, as I said earlier, my fantastic time building that trebuchet really did motivate me to partake in FTC the following year, which I did. In 8th grade, I joined Chloe's FTC 5921 team and took a primary role in the programming of that robot. Pushed even further by the fun I had that year, this year, I decided to join FTC 21525 under Victor as a core team member; working on our notebook, mechanical, programming- basically wherever I was needed. However, in our engineering notebook, you'll find my role listed as "Organization," rather than any of the aforementioned disciplines.

I think that this reflects my role on that team more accurately than any other word. I set up and managed our Github repository, provided support when needed, and generally acted as a medium for the different parts of our team to communicate.

From what I understand, being Director of Operations requires constant diligence, proactivity, and organizational skills, all things that I've provided to the club and our teams in the past, and will continue to do regardless of whether I'm elected or not. I'm great about responding to emails prudently and professionally, and I strive to give a good impression to everyone I interact with, be they parents, fellow cabinet members, or even potential sponsors. As many who are close to me can attest, I'm a fairly competent writer, note-taker, and planner, I pay HUGE attention to detail (almost annoyingly), and I have really high standards when it comes to both work ethic and output. I won't let anything slide if it's not up to par and I view my accomplishments critically; there's always room to improve.

Also, this year, I actually took two management/IT roles alongside my participation in 21525, and these roles are definitely exemplary of my substantial experience with management platforms. I was elected the president of the LCiTeam (known for their extension LCHS Go) and independently managed the iTeam's domain, extensions, email account, and its many other components. This involved working with platforms like Cloudflare, Zoho, Github, Discord, and of course, the Chrome Web Store, in order to efficiently manage the club's activities. I also began the maintenance of our very own club's website, and with technologies like Vercel, started the development of an entirely new homepage for the Blockheads. On top of that, over the years, I've garnered much experience in web development and operations from my

personal projects, which mainly include developing websites and web apps and managing codebases.

Since efficiency and organization are key in this role, I would be sure to work closely with my fellow leadership to keep club operations on track and I'd treasure the opportunity to participate in cabinet meetings and lay out action plans for my peers. I do understand that this is a pretty big role to fulfill, but I truly believe that I have both the necessary qualifications and dedication to go above and beyond the basics of this position. I'm totally committed to continuing our worlds-bound streak through hard work and perseverance, and my past accomplishments can speak to that!

With all of that said, I sincerely hope you'll consider me for Director of Operations in our 2024-2025 season. The future is ours to behold, Blockheads, and with me as your DO, our future is going to look bright!

Best,
Luke Dabell