President

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1. What qualifications do you have which would help you be successful in this position? Also, what leadership positions have you held which will help you in this position?

Some qualifications I have that would help me be successful in this position are that I am a leader, I am organized, I am a motivator, and I enjoy helping others grow as leaders. In the role of president, it is important to be a leader because you are in charge of making sure the group is working to it’s best potential and set an example for the representatives and other executives in the group. Also, it is essential to be organized in this position because you have to be on top of tasks and pay attention to what is happening in various meetings and around campus to keep everyone informed. In addition, I am a motivator. I love to make sure everyone is involved and having fun, because that’s a big part of having a successful organization. Through all of these aspects, I am able to help others grow as leaders, enabling them to work their hardest and creating a fun, hard-working environment.

A few leadership positions I have held in the past include Vice President of University Affairs in Fall 2014, an adult resource leader for a WI 4-H State Arts Camp, and a rally leader for a centennial celebration for Wisconsin 4-H. As VPUA, I learned how R.H.A.C. works and it’s important role on campus, so I am well prepared to run it as president. As an adult resource and rally leader, I worked on communication and organization skills when planning the events and activities, working with people from all over the state with different perspectives. It taught me a valuable lesson in understanding and appreciating everyone’s else’s ideas to plan efficiently and meet everyone’s expectations. All of these positions have been great learning opportunities that have prepared me to fulfill the role of president of R.H.A.C.

2. What do you feel R.H.A.C.’s role in the campus community is?

I believe R.H.A.C.’s role is to provide leadership opportunities to residents, organize involvement throughout campus, help keep residents informed about what is happening around campus, and giving them residents a voice in the future of UW-La Crosse. From what I witnessed in my role in R.H.A.C., I saw how important communication between representatives and the residents in their halls was when it came to discussing the fieldhouse proposal. It is important to maintain that line of communication, getting information to residents from a fellow student’s perspective and bringing back their questions and comments to those in charge. R.H.A.C. also provides the chance become a true part of campus and work the leadership skills.
By listening to and speaking for the residents in their halls, representatives learn how to communicate what’s happening, address any issues that they may feel are arising, and become part of something bigger, helping work to create a better campus for the 3500 students in the residence halls. Finally, R.H.A.C. is vital when it comes to what’s taking place on campus. As an organization, they provide the chance for residence halls, themselves, to put on some pretty cool events around campus year round, giving residents a chance to relax and have fun. R.H.A.C.’s role on campus is to provide a voice for residents, give some a chance to grow in leadership, and let people have fun!

3. Why do you want to be involved in R.H.A.C.?

I want to be involved in R.H.A.C. because I feel that the greatest way to have fun, learn, and give back on campus is to get involved. After not being very involved on campus the first half of freshman year, I discovered R.H.A.C. and fell in love. A few of my friends were in R.H.A.C. and were always talking about how much fun it is to be a part of such a wonderful organization. Last summer, when the opportunity arose to run for Vice President of University Affairs, I decided to take the leap and run. I won, and it was one of the best things to happen to me. I learned so much about myself, leadership, and how residence life works at UW-L. I want to continue working to improve the experience of the students living on campus by working with this organization again. Stepping up into the role of president, I believe, would provide me with the opportunity to improve my leadership skills, be involved with residence life, and work with students who are looking to do the same by being representatives and executives officers. R.H.A.C. has had a huge impact on my life since I joined, and if elected to this position, I want to help others on campus have a wonderful experience while living in the residence halls and lead by example along the way.

4. What do you feel are some issues that you feel are important, and you think R.H.A.C. should look into next year? What would you like to accomplish in this position?

Some issues that I feel are important and that R.H.A.C. should look into are ways to be greener and to bridge the gap between R.H.A.C. and other big groups on campus. The new student center is designed to be a greener and environmentally friendly building. As a result, I think R.H.A.C. could work with the Greener Living Committee and Students for Sustainability to look into more ways for our campus to be greener. Some areas to address could be better composting rules in Whitney, more recycling bins around campus, or providing more education to students about how they can live greener in residence halls or off-campus.

Secondly, I think if R.H.A.C. worked towards making more connections with Greek Life, Cru, or other organizations on campus, it would lead to more leadership opportunities and a better understanding of how other groups on campus work. By working together, we could create a more cohesive platform for bettering the student experience on campus and possibly provide more opportunities to get involved in the La Crosse community. As president, I would like to accomplish both of those tasks and personally grow as a leader, communicator, and student, all which would help me succeed while at UW-L.
5. What sets you apart from any other candidate applying for this position?

I have a lot of experience working with people from different backgrounds and cultures from my semester in France. In this position, I will be working with a diverse group of people with different interests in how to make life on campus better. In my semester abroad, I have learned how important it is to respect everyone’s ideas to make a group work well together. Something else that sets me apart from any other candidate applying for this position is that I am proud to admit that I am a Hufflepuff. This means I am loyal, kind, hard-working, and believe in equality. I take every opportunity to understand a person or situation and figure out how to work with them. I feel like that it is something special I can bring to this position because as president, I would be working with all types of people around campus, from students to pro-staff, and being kindhearted and hard-working allows me to serve as a successful leader.