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Spring Chick

I am currently a first year student at the University of Oregon, to earn my Bachelor of Science in Public Relations with a minor in Business. A few of the activities that I enjoy doing in my free time include crafting, shopping, spending quality time with friends, experiencing new restaurants, playing and coaching softball, and spending quality time with my family. People describe me as responsible, energetic, hardworking and driven. It is always my goal to accomplish a task the best I possibly can and to make sure it is an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. Some of you may know that I am from Oregon, and I am lucky enough to be able to go home to the small community I grew up in fairly often. I am from Redland, Oregon and I am the youngest of four loud and rambunctious kids. I love home but it has been my dream since I was in first grade to come to the U of O. In the beginning of the school year I knew I would love to be involved with an organization, but wasn’t quite sure which one. On election night, my friends drug me down to LLC South to listen to the elections, I had no intention of running for a position before the meeting, to be honest I didn’t even know about it until 15 minutes before! I was appointed The Events and Leadership Representative and I am proud to say that I have given my time and dedication to this position. I am also the only resident currently representing the North building of the LLC resident hall—it’s a lot of the responsibility. Little did I know that this would be the start of one of the most enjoyable and special years of my life.
Tweeting my way to RHA Dedication

I have always been involved in my local community and high school for as long as I can remember. When I came to college as a bright and excited freshman I was looking for a way to become involved. RHA came about unexpectedly and I jumped in headfirst! Before I knew it I was planning events, meeting people and creating memories. I attended, helped, and ran every event I could over the last few months.

Starting in Fall term I helped plan events such as countless watch parties that always gathered a crowd, no matter what the score was, and were a ton of fun! I also worked on an event called the Pumpkin Party, this was a huge success, and it was wonderful event. I spent hours setting up, attending/overseeing and cleaning up after these events.

In Winter term I worked with the LLC Hall Government to plan our first big event! The Sweater Soiree, was a huge hit, considering that it snowed the night it took place. Two events occurred on the same night-- the ELRs were putting on a Cake Study Break the same night as The Sweater Soiree, we were watching ELF while eating cake and battling the snow. I had two events planned on the same night, and I made it to both of them even though they both took place about the same time. I was able to multitask in order to make the best of the situation.

In Spring term I am planning Glowing Karaoke and I am proud to say that everything is already done for this event. This is just a small example of my organizational skills... the really big test will be the LLC Block Party coming soon.
My Little Tweeting Vision

National Communication Coordinator is the position that connects The University of Oregon, to the schools in our region and in our nation. The U of O National Communication Coordinator has made leaps and bounds regionally and nationally over the past few years. Specifically the NCC for the U of O attends three conferences, one each term one of which includes PACURH, No Frills and NACURH. These conferences are so important to the University’s ability to be recognized and to share the amazing events and people that are going above and beyond RHAs expectations to make the life of our Residents just that much better while living in the residence halls. This recognition is done by writing Of the Months and that is where I would like to start improving the role of NCC.

I first heard about Of the Months during Hall Government training at the beginning of the year, and I thought that they were a great idea and I was interested in how they worked and what they did for the community. However, as time went on I didn’t hear about any options of suggesting staff that work really hard with in our communities to keep them as enjoyable for everyone as possible. This is where I would like to start making an impact in RHA. One of my ideas to hold a Bi-Weekly meeting that includes the Programming Coordinators. In these meetings I would explain to them why Of the Months are so important. Of the Months give recognition to the staff that is finding a way to balance the lives of their school work and the wellbeing of their residents or other duties that go along with being part of the housing staff. These meetings would be a chance for the Programming Coordinators to suggest staff that they have personal contact with on possibly an everyday basis. This way more staff would be recognized, then if an NCC would write these alone. By having the Programing Coordinator play a vital role in writing these, they would have experience they could pass onto their halls as well.
This Chick is AA Quality

As soon I spent just a little bit of time working with RHA I knew I wanted to continue being part of RHA. I love RHA because I believe they have an outline for the position for NCC and that I have the ability to color in the lines and possibly reach outside of them and add more into the outline than was there when I was presented with it. This position inspires me because I would be the face of RHA and the lead communicator with amazing organizations like NRHH. Being involved with RHA I had always heard of the NCC, but until I started the process of applying for the NCC position did I realize how little NCC presence is seen on campus. I have great communication skills that would be displayed in this position more than any other. This position would allow me to make the University of Oregon regionally and nationally recognized as well as giving the NCC position a place on campus. Thank you for considering me for the RHA National Communication Coordinator.
To Whom It May Concern:  

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It’s been my privilege to know Stephanie Winner for all of “her” life; as I have been a close personal friend of her parents since college. I have been consistently impressed by Stephanie’s abilities and her attitude towards her studies and work experience. Her interpersonal and communication skills have allowed her to develop productive relationships, as well as, become an effective multi-tasking coordinator for many school projects and events. A few examples of her many talents include:

- Events & Leadership Coordinator for Living Learning Center during 2013-14
- During Winter term, work experience with LLC Hall Government to plan/coordinate their first-ever big soiree
- Involved Spring term in organizing several student events...all with great success

Stephanie is continuously looking for ways to be involved – as either a leader or team-player. She works efficiency on all assignments, follows-thru on every commitment and is dedicated to complete very promises.

To describe Stephanie, I would use three words: responsible...reliable...resourceful.

I would like to recommend Stephanie Winner for the National Communications Coordinator for the University of Oregon’s Residence Hall Association. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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