

Alexandria Olsen



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Contact Info:

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Class Standing:

Junior (Sophomore with junior credit standing)

Major:

Exploratory

Minor:

Spanish

Bidding for:

Director of
Community
Development

Semesters On Campus

Fall 2016-Spring 2017: Dunbar Hall

Fall 2017: Centennial Court F



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Campus Involvement

Dunbar Hall Council Secretary 2016-2017

- ✚ Attended KIC meetings
- ✚ Helped plan and execute Dunbar's
- ✚ Booth at Festival of Nations
- ✚ Made Dunbar's banner for KIC meetings (pictured)



Peer Leadership Course (Spring 2017)

- ✚ Practiced conflict resolution, leadership skills, and social justice
- ✚ Expanded knowledge of campus resources and history



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Questions



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Why did you choose Kent State?



I'm not going to lie and say Kent was my number one choice for college, but I am so happy that it was the school that I chose. I chose Kent State because I needed a school to go to close to home before I could transfer to Ohio State. When I first got to Kent I was not planning to stay, but I fell in love with the school and all the people in it. Between my friends, RAs, professors, and my advisor, I have come to think of Kent as my home away from home.

Why is getting involved on campus important?

I believe that getting involved on campus is important because it gives you an opportunity to make connections with peers and gain knowledge about the university. Getting involved is a great way to make new friends and for me it was a great way to discover what I wanted to do with my life. Because of my leadership role in hall council I realized that I wanted to continue to work in a social setting and in a business environment. Getting involved in hall council last year was one of the main reasons I decided Kent was the place for me. Getting involved gives students a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. It also gives students opportunities that they wouldn't regularly have, and it gives them the opportunity to expand on their leadership, teamwork, planning and problem-solving skills.



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Explain the position in your own words:

This position, the Director of Community Development, to me is all about helping to better the community. Not just the Kent State community, but the city surrounding the university as well by coordinating Kent's participation in Relay for Life. To me this position is centered around helping Kent to give back to the community around it, but also about helping the students at Kent find their place in the university. Between coordinating bonding events each month and helping the halls participate in larger KIC events, I believe the largest part of

this position is to help the students at Kent that want to get involved get involved, and to help them make connections here that will make their experience at Kent one they will never forget.

How will you benefit from this position and how will the organization benefit from having you in this role?

I believe I will benefit from this role because it will push me to be more responsible, and to expand my horizons. In this position, I believe I will have the opportunity to build on my leadership skills, and to improve on my planning and problem-solving skills. This position will give me the chance to gain experience that will help me throughout college and throughout my future career. I believe the organization will benefit from having me in this role simply because I truly want it. Everyone always says that you should choose a job that you love because you will be more successful, and I am completely behind that statement. Being a part of the KIC family is something that I would enjoy doing, and hope to have the opportunity of doing. When I came to Kent I did not want to be stay here, but getting involved on campus changed my mind. I found my home here and I want to be able to help others do the same. I want to be able to help students feel at home and happy here at Kent State, and as the Director of Community Development I would have the opportunity to do so, to make a difference. If I can help just one person realize that Kent State is the amazing school that it is, this whole job will have been worth it for me. I want to give back to the school that has already given me so much in the two short years that I have been here, and that's why I believe I am a good fit for this position.



Katelyn Martin
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This is my Kent family



What do you consider one of your leadership strengths?

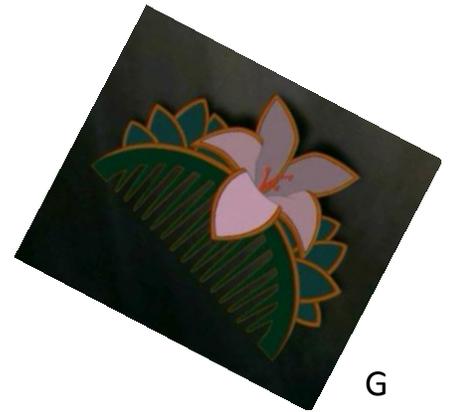
I believe one of my leadership strengths is my ability to always stay positive in situations and to always listen to those around me. I am a Disney enthusiast, and my favorite quote is from Walt Disney himself: "That's the real trouble with the world, too many people grow up. They forget. They don't remember what it's like to be twelve years old." No idea to me is dumb, no idea is too big or too small. I'm open minded, and I always like to listen to people's ideas and stay positive. I agree with Disney, I think that too many people think they need to grow up and patronize those who don't. I think we need to get rid of the idea that ideas are "childish" or "too young/simple". I think the greatest teams are made when everyone works together on the same level. Yes, the leader needs to guide the conversation and take control when needed, but a leader also needs to realize their team can have just as great an impact on the project. When it comes down to leadership strengths I think my biggest strength is being open minded and coordinating team work and the flow of ideas.



That's the real trouble with the world, too many people grow up. They forget. They don't remember what it's like to be twelve years old. They patronize; they treat children as inferiors. I won't do that. I'll temper a story, yes. But I won't play down, and I won't patronize.

(Walt Disney)

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Experience

Target *September 2017-Current*

Winking Lizard, Lakewood *June 2017-Current*

- Hostess/Food expeditor

- Set tone for the restaurant with positive attitude
- Sat guests in an organized manner to increase customer satisfaction and server productivity
- Communicated with servers, kitchen, and managerial staff regarding status of restaurant and kitchen
- Ensured quality of food was up to standards and orders were completed
- Coordinated with kitchen to ensure orders were completed in a timely manner
- Finished plate presentation

American Eagle Outfitters *July 2015-Current*

- Sales Associate

- Employee of the month *May 2016, July 2016*
- Assisted and communicated with customers
- Promoted deals to reach sales goals
- Handled returns and exchanges
- Accepted payments
- Stocked and organized sales floor

Leadership

Hall Council Secretary *September 2016-May 2017*

- Constructed agendas prior to each meeting
- Recorded and documented minutes from each meeting
- Organized and ran community building events

SKILLS

- Customer service
- Cash handling
- Interpersonal communication
- Multitasking
- Quick learner
- Organization

EDUCATION

- Kent State University
 - 60 credit hours
 - Minor in Spanish
- Lakewood High School
 - Honors diploma

Thanks for your
consideration!



I hope you let me help
you to make Kent your
home away from home!