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Kent Interhall Council
Director of Student Relations
2018-2019 Academic Year

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Letter of Intent

March 06, 2018

Dear Kent Interhall Council,

Hello! My name is Alice Fermaintt and I am extremely excited to submit my bid packet for Director of Student Relations. After spending weeks working with Corina De Anda, I am ready to take on the responsibility of this position. Diversity and working with others is something I hold very close to my heart. As a Latina, Feminist, Ally, and supporter of BLM, I care about the students whose voices aren't always heard and I am going to do whatever it takes to make Kent State a safe space for everyone. I know I can not change the minds of thousands, but starting with one will create a snowball effect and we can make this place beautiful. I am excited to work with you all this upcoming semester! Thank you for considering me for this position and taking time to read my bid packet.

Sincerely,

Alice Fermaintt

Student Information

Email: aftermain@kent.edu

Class Standing: Freshman

Major: Psychology (Counseling Careers Concentration)

Minor: Spanish

Semesters on-Campus: Fall 2017-Spring 2018 Wright Hall



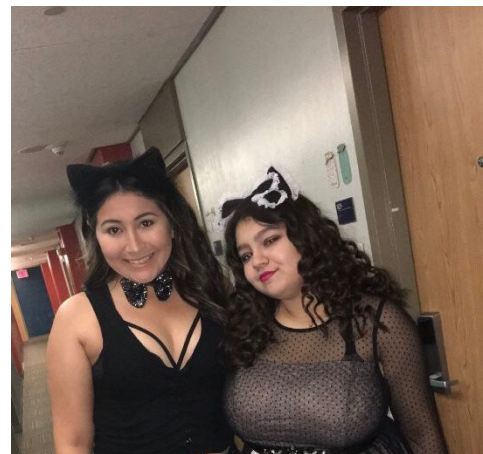
Time Commitments:

Current Credit Hours: 15

Next Year's Credit Hours: 15

Leadership Experience

- water Polo Team Captain (School League and Club Team)
 - Spring Season 2016
 - Summer League 2016
 - Spring Season 2017
 - Summer Season 2017
- Volleyball Team Captain (School League)
 - Fall 2015
 - Fall 2017
- Interact Club
 - Spring 2016 - co-founded the club with other RYLA award recipients
- Interact Club President
 - 2016-2017 AY - managed \$2,000 budget to create events + fundraise
- Wright Hall Council- Kent Interhall Council Representative
 - 2017-2018 AY



Fundraising Experience

- Sold food like coffee and cotton candy to students at events
- worked with Rotary Club to find sponsors to help donate for Make-a-wish and Polar Plunge
- Sold Cookie Dough to friends and family for water Polo suit
- Raised money by running a 5K (I walked) to raise money for Polar Plunge
- Sold Carnations during valentine's Day for Treehouse @ Local Daycare
- organized a Car wash to help pay for volleyball Jerseys.
- Buona Beef fundraiser
- Sold Bracelets for wildfire & Hurricane Relief
- volley 4 The Cure Event- made pastries and donated proceeds for Breast Cancer Awareness

Awards

- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) recipient 2016 & 2017
 - An intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your skills as a leader
- Governor's Pride Award 2017
 - worked side by side with Rotary Club to grow a community garden
 - Donated money to Rotary Club to build a treehouse for local Daycare
 - Recognized for raising over \$23,000 for organization
- Team Captain Award (Volleyball and water Polo) 2016 & 2017
- Largest Team for Polar Plunge 2017
- Most Money Raised Award for Polar Plunge 2017
 - Raised over \$23,000 from donations, fundraising and sponsorship
- Hall of the Semester-wright Hall 2017

Job Experience

- McDonald's Cashier (2013-2015)
 - handled cash and displayed excellent customer service
- Buona Beef guest Service Associate (2015-current)
 - Handled cash and displayed customer service

- Promoted to Trainer during Summer 2017
- Certified Nursing Assistant @ Manor Care Nursing Home (2016-current)
- Provided around-the-clock care for the elderly
Drew blood and took vitals on the residents
organized activities for the residents to get involved and stay active



Goals for the Upcoming School Year

- Co-Sponsor on events with organizations around campus
- Make it a requirement for SJAs to attend 1 Green Dot session
- Regularly meet with Residence Services and other services throughout campus
- 2 Open Forums instead of 1
- Halloween Event to prevent cultural appropriation
- Be in contacts with the RAs in the halls to address issues
- Kick-off event for Do it in the Dark
- Continue to advocate for my peers and give a voice to the voiceless

Essay Questions

1. The positional duties and how you would accomplish them.

As Director of Student relations, I plan to give a voice to the voiceless. It hurts me knowing that people have to walk around this campus in fear of being judged for their religion, color of their skin, or sexual orientation. Its unacceptable and we need change. I want to make sure all students are represented here at Kent State and feel safe in the residence halls.

2. Your goals for the position and plans to achieve them.

During Halloween cultural appropriation is rampant, I have in mind throwing an event that teaches students what is acceptable to wear and what is offensive. I'd make it a requirement for sja's to attend one green dot session. The intention in this is to allow people to know how to handle discrimination. The rotunda of tri towers used to be a meeting place for many members of the black and Latino community. Those who once enjoyed the companionship of their friends are now afraid to go their due to multiple instances of racism. Tomorrow I'm meeting with Kevin Mowers, the director of resident life. I intend on speaking on the rotunda issue, and talking of how staff can help in preventing future insistences of hate so that people can be safe once more. I would like to talk to the director of the FYE course to discuss to make it easier for students to attend green dot sessions, or even just getting the word out there so that people know of this powerful resource. I also would like to reach out to organizations throughout campus and encourage members of these various hall councils to attend multicultural events to diversify their worldview and spread the idea of equality. I would also like to be in contact with the RA's in each of the halls, since each hall is it's own unique community, and an understanding of the said community is important in being able to communicate clearly how issues of discrimination are impacting each hall. Another idea I have in mind is conducting an open forum each semester instead of waiting till spring semester, when at that point critiques are less likely to see change. The more communication between us and the administration the better. I plan on keeping

Comment Box because communication between the E-board and you all is essential for growth as a council. Your opinion matters and I really want to hear them. Ricky and Corina did an amazing job with Do it in the Dark and Recyclemania. I currently do not have plans to make any major changes in these events, besides the themes. I would also like to organize a kick-off event for Do it in the Dark, like a glow in the Dark rave.

3. Personal benefits you will get from this position.

Fighting for what is right is something I am extremely passionate about. This position is going to allow me to stand up for something that I believe in which is diversity and equity. All my life I have been told I could not achieve much because I am a Latina and that I would end up like most of my family and either get deported or incarcerated. I am currently beating all the odds and I want students to beat all the statistics against them. This opportunity will also help me build more connections throughout the campus and build more of a community. Kent State is my home now and you are all my family, and I want everyone to feel safe and welcomed.

4. How the organization will benefit from having you in this role.

This organization will benefit from having me in this role because of my passion for equity. Equality is great and all, but it is not ideal, especially in this society. There are groups on campus who are not heard and are misrepresented and I am extremely passionate and willing to make any sacrifices to make sure everyone can voice their opinions and needs. I am strong-willed and I do not have a problem voicing my opinion so I would use this platform to build a sense of security for those who need it the most.

5. Why you think getting involved on campus is important.

Getting involved is essential in making change on campus. Without stepping out of your comfort zone and joining something you're passionate about, one cannot get a true sense of self especially in a huge campus like Kent.



without getting involved I personally would have felt cornered and felt that my needs were neglected here at Kent. Getting involved has opened so many doors for me and I want others to experience this as well.

6. Your leadership style and approach.

I am a very strong-willed and passionate leader. I hear the needs of the people that come to me and I do whatever it takes to make sure they are provided with the tools they need to succeed.



Acknowledgements:

WRIGHT HALL COUNCIL AND KIC- Thank you for allowing me this wonderful opportunity to run for DBo. Without you guys, there would be no DBo. You are all very special individuals who will make our world a better place. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to come to KIC and give the students a voice.

MOMMY AND PAPI- Thank you for your unconditional love and support; your sacrifices and efforts do not go unnoticed. Mommy, thank you for risking your life and coming to America for us. You and Dad have opened up so many opportunities for this family and I will one day pay it all back to you. Papi, you are my best friend and I will make you proud of me. I adore you both.

CORINA DE ANDA- Bless your soul for putting up with me all year. I aspire to be as hardworking and as upbeat as you. Thank you to the stars and back.

MORGAN PERDUE- I am grateful for having you in my life. Last semester was really difficult for me and you've constantly motivated me to be a better person. Your lessons that you have taught me are things I will carry with throughout my life. You're the best Mentor I could've possibly asked for.

SHANNON MATHEWS- You're my best friend and I'm so excited to experience next year with you. You're one of my biggest role models and I can't wait to see us succeed. I love you despite the fact that you put ketchup in your rice.

Good Luck to all the candidates running!