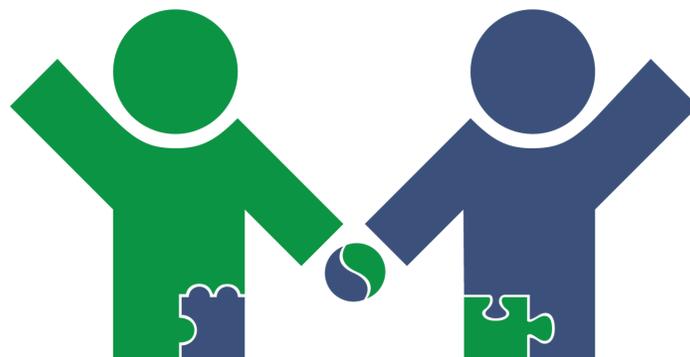


# **Chase Ritchie**

## **Director of Student Relations**



**I'm not just a person, I want to be a platform.**



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## Professional Summary

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Passionate personality that is dedicated to creating a warm and welcoming environment for students. Devoted to being inclusive to various communities and encouraging educated conversations about various topics involving critical thinking.

## Work Experience

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- IGA: Deli Worker (Summer 2014- spring 2015)
  - Connect with customers and form a dialogue
  - Deal with issues as a group to clean and organize after every shift
  - Service individuals while staying connected to the over the counter
- Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens: Grounds Technician and Guest Services (December 2016-Present)
  - Assist guests around the property by providing them with information about the hall and gardens
  - Maintain lawns and gardens on the property with other grounds technicians
  - Create an open environment for guests and co-workers to form relationships and bonds between each other

## Positions of Responsibility

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- Boy Scout Troop 122 (2008-June 2016)
  - Senior Patrol Leader- lead meetings and opened up various dialogues between fellow Scouts.
  - Assistant Scout Master- create a bond between the Scouts and the Scout Master on a more personal level to help facilitate big projects and establish a direct line of communication
- Marching Band (2012-2016 Academic Years)
  - Equipment Manager- Communicate to the Band Director the needs of students and instruments when it came to storage and use
  - Section Leader- Help form bonds in the Saxophone and Mellophone section to further our musical inclinations and friendships
- High School Hall Council (2015-2016 Academic Year)
  - Student representative- Represent the needs of various senior student to the faculty to instill change
- CCA/B Hall Council (Fall 2017-Current)
  - Vice President of CCA- Voting member of hall council representing the wants and needs of students in CCA

## Education

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- Chippewa High School
  - High School Diploma- May 2016
- Kent State University
  - General Education Degree- In Progress

## Involvement in CCA/B Programs

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- Grow Your Own Lawn- Craft night where students were able to create their own miniature lawns with grass seed and various other gardening materials.
- Mario Kart and Karaoke- fun night full of Mario Kart on the Wii while we listened to popular music
- Board Game Night (coming soon)- students in CCA/B will be encouraged to beat their hall council in various board games to win prizes.
- CCA/B Hall Council Attendance Ice-cream Social- CCA 2<sup>nd</sup> floor won an ice-cream party for most attendance at hall council from last semester.



## About Me

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I'm an easy person to talk to and I am always straight forward and honest. I love talking to people and hearing things they like and trying to find a way to connect to them. Some of the things I enjoy doing in my spare time range from reading and listening to music to playing video games and watching movies. My favorite movie series is Star Wars and I could talk about it for hours, if I had to choose a favorite video game, it would probably be Fortnite at the moment. A little fun fact about me is that I like whales a lot and I collect Funko POPs which are a little mini-figure with a big head. I've been involved with KIC through the KIC soccer team last semester and being involved with programming board to the best of my ability. I'm always fairly easy to contact and get ahold of so there isn't a need to worry if anyone has questions or wants to just talk I'm usually available.

## Residencies and Class Standing

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- Prentice Hall (fall 2016-spring 2017)
- CCA/B (Fall 2017- Current)
- Current Class Standing
  - Sophomore



## Duties of the Position

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- Open Student Forums
  - Open student forums are a great way for the hall councils to communicate what the residents are thinking and holding faculty accountable for what they decide.
  - I believe that by bring President Warren to this to listen in we can establish how different areas of the university are communicating to the students to show that we are working together.
  - This would be a great opportunity for us to showcase what we are doing as an organization.
- Open Houses in the Fall and Spring
  - I believe by making this more about bonding over who we are as people instead of the issues we have here at Kent it allows us to be united and stand for things we believe in further down the road together.
  - By taking the time to talk with each other outside of the meeting is allows for a bond to form that will help us grow as people in and out of the organization.
- Doing it in the Dark / Recyclemania
  - When it comes to communication aspect of these programs, I want to reach out to the hall councils to find out what they want to do to make these events better.
  - These events involve a lot of communication between resident services to coordinate times and locations.
  - I believe KIC has run these events very well so far and I hope to continue to make these events a success, and making improvements as needed.

- SJA Committee
  - As individuals we can make little change by ourselves and by using the SJA Committee to spread the word about these issues and how we can fix them I hope to make a great impact to the Kent State Campus.
  - Social Justice is something that always needs to be worked on here at Kent State this is a never-ending battle.
  - I want to inspire educated and well put together conversations about the social justice issues that face not just this campus but the nation and world as a whole.



### Goals for the Position

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- Spread the word about social justice issues that affect us all whether we admit it or not
  - Hold an event that allows students to form bonds over discussions involving social justice.
  - Hold an event or work in partner with areas of resident services to have an event where a panel of students with different religious backgrounds come together and answer questions about how being here at Kent has affected them in both positive and negative ways.
- Work with Security to Create an Open Dialogue Between Them and Students
  - When it comes to security on campus most people just view them as the bad guy because their only interaction with them is when getting written up for a violation of some sort.
  - I want to create an event that allows students and security to connect with one another outside of an environment where there is an uncomfortableness.
- Expand KIC Programs
  - I want to expand the scope of KIC programs to have more of a social justice aspect to them.
  - KIC programs are always fun and great but I believe they aren't being utilized to the best of their ability to spread the word about diversity and social justice.

- Bring My Own Spice to KIC
  - Sometimes KIC needs to have a little fun, sitting and talking shop the whole time is kind of boring, we need a little bit of fun to spice up the meetings.
  - Bring on the comment box, the comment box is a great way for everyone to say something nice about another hall council or ask questions that they have and want answered.
  - I like dressing in funny ties and socks so that would be my way of bringing fun to KIC meetings.



### **Personal Benefits**

This position would give me the opportunity to further my education about the social justice problems that go unheard of here at Kent State. It will also give me a chance to network with different departments of the university. This position will allow me to connect with students on a more personal level instead of just being another member of hall council that sits across the room during KIC. I am running because I want to be able to make change and an impact on the community in a positive way. By making connections with students I hope that the work that can be done in this position is better than it has ever been before.

### **How the Organization Will Benefit**

Over this past year I have learned a lot about the college life and what students have experienced in their time here. Being part of KIC I would hope to bring a fresh eye to the table when it comes to decision making and decisions on social justice involvement in programs. Like I said earlier I'm straight forward and I'm not afraid to give my opinion and stand up for what is right. I want to make a difference and by working hard and earning your friendship and trust, I want to make an impact on the community and show how working together can truly have a great effect.



## **Why Getting involved in Important**

I believe that by getting involved here at campus I can start to make a difference. Change will never happen if one person stands alone. If you can gather people together and work collaboratively to make change in the environment at Kent we can make it happen. We are all here to get a degree in something but by becoming involved we can make real world change happen right now. I am so glad to make an impact in my hall council now, but I want to inspire change on a larger scale through KIC.

## **My Leadership Style**

In most leadership positions I can carry myself effectively by making decisions that are tough and standing up for what I believe in. I'm not afraid to say anything but if I know I'm in the wrong it may take me awhile, but I will come to admit it. If you want my opinion I will give it but that's what it is it's an opinion just like what everyone else has. No-one opinion is greater or better than another that's why I like to have conversations, to see other people's sides of a situation. I am always willing to admit if I don't know something but do realize that I will be doing my research later. We are all human and make mistakes I want to be honest and say that given the position I might make a mistake or two, but you learn from mistakes and If I have to make tons of mistakes to learn a lesson I will because that means the betterment of someone else's life not just my own.



## **Thank You**

I want to thank you for considering me for the position I am a hard-working guy and I hope I can prove that to you. Thank you again for taking the time to consider me for this position and I know that no matter who you elect you will make a great decision.