

Courtney Kasturiarachi

Director of Community Development



STUDENT INFORMATION

- Courtney Kasturiarachi
- Year: Junior
- Major: Anthropology (biological sciences)
- Minor: Chemistry
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- Semesters of campus: Stopher/Johnson- Fall 2016-Spring 2017; Fall 2017-Spring 2018
- Awards: Dean's List- Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

Secretary of Stopher-Johnson Hall Council

Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018

-Taking minutes, planning hall and campus wide activities, attending interhall council meetings



Honors College Welcome Leader

Fall- August 2017

-New incoming Honors freshmen were mentored and lead through various team building activities and students were helped while moving in



Fundraising Committee

Spring 2017

-Planning events and ways to fundraise for Flashathon and the KIC/NRHH Conference

Secretary of Executive Board- High School

Fall 2015, Spring 2016

-Taking minutes, planning dances, planning school-wide events, volunteering at the local elementary schools

Kent State University Stark Annual Student Honors

Conference

Spring 2017

-Poster Presentation: Forensics and Florence- presentation showed previous travels outside the country and a unique opportunity to take a forensic face class abroad.



Study Abroad Blog- College of Arts and Sciences

Summer- June 2017

-Two courses were completed as well as a blog for the College of Arts and Sciences that followed my month long journey abroad

JOB EXPERIENCE

- **Kaplan Student Brand Ambassador, Kaplan Test Prep**
 - Kent, OH-- 2017- Present
 - Job Duties- Lead talks for clubs to promote the brand, promote current campaign to students and post of social media, and attend weekly meetings remotely with other college ambassadors
 - Skills- Leadership and communication skills, social and public speaking skills, and organization skills
- **Sales Associate, Old Navy- Strip Ave.**
 - North Canton, OH-- 2015- Present
 - Job Duties- Assist customers with friendly guest service on sales floor, register, and fitting room; unpack and stock product on the floor; complete markdowns and reticketing
 - Skills- Problem solving and quick-thinking skills, sales and communication skills, organization skills
- **Faith Family Formation Teacher, St. Paul's Church**
 - North Canton, OH-- 2012- 2016
 - Job Duties- Planning lessons for 1.5 hour blocks, leading a classroom in an effective manner, and organizing activities with creative and detailed thoughts



PERSONAL DUTIES AND HOW I WOULD ACCOMPLISH THEM:

- **Relay for Life/Flashathon-** I have been a part of the fundraising efforts for both of these events before. We have done amazing fundraising in the past for both of these events and I would build upon these ideas. I would also oversee the formation for a team for both of these events.
- **KIC Community Partners-** There are amazing organizations throughout the city of Kent-- there are also amazing organizations on campus. I would like to choose one organization from the community and one on campus to fundraise for as a major organization on campus. For example I could like to fundraise for the Women's Center and Kent Social Services.



- **Hall Council Community Partners-** Fundraising for community partners does not just have to be in larger events put on by KIC-- hall councils may also help fundraise and obtain donations for the community partners. I would go around to each hall council and make sure that if we are having a drive that each council is well informed so that they may relay the fundraising efforts to their residents in order for it to be successful.
- **Hall Council Bonding-** A fully successful hall council is hard to achieve; it takes a lot of hard work from every member. Each hall council is unique and some are closer than others-- through more council bonding each hall council will be stronger as a unit. After bonding each hall council should have a mutual respect for each other and each council should respect its own members.
- **Charity Fundraising/community drives-** I would like to bring more awareness to different fundraising opportunities. I want to really get each hall council involved and make it a fun event and something to look forward to.
- **Coordinate Building Buddies-** Building buddies is a great for each hall council to build a relationship with a board member. I know it is difficult for each executive board member to try and make it to all the hall councils assigned to them. I want to implement that each board member should meet with the hall council members before their first residence hall event of each semester. This will give each hall council a bit more guidance and help to plan their first event and make it a success.
- **Coordinate Hall Council roles into large scale programming-** Sex week, blizzard bash, and sibs and kids weekend is always a huge success; I want to make sure that each hall council has the resources they need to plan a successful booth for each event.
- **Resource Binder for Hall Councils-** The resource binder will be color coded and have a list of each booth put on at each large scale event so that hall councils may come and get ideas for themselves.



ESSAY QUESTIONS

My goals for this positions and how I plan to achieve them-

In this position I hope to create more of a bridge between fundraising and the hall councils. I also hope to support the hall council with more effective hall council bonding and building buddies.

Personal benefits I hope to receive from this position- In this position I hope to learn and grow as a leader at Kent State. Kent Interhall Council gets to be a part of many major events and decisions and I hope to be a part of that and to learn from the other executive board members and make a difference on campus.

How the organization will benefit from me having this role- I am very organized and driven. Hall council these past two years have helped shaped my organization and my passions. I hope to be able to contribute back to KIC what KIC has given to me. I want to preserve what makes hall council as amazing as it is.

Why I think getting involved on campus is important-

Picking the right college is a tough decision, but making the most out of the experiences you are given is how you grow as a person. In college we are given so much more freedom compared to at home. Being involved on campus means bettering yourself as a person and surrounding yourself by the people who make you the best you. Being a part of KIC and hall council has given me more responsibilities, more opportunities to make a difference, and more time to just have fun. I hope to provide the same experiences to residents as I have been given.

My leadership style and approach- I believe that my leadership approach is building a strong relationship with the members. If you have a good foundation in the beginning I believe that good results will come from it. I believe in teamwork and mutual respect are keys to success--understanding that we are one amazing unit and that we are better together. Some disagreements will be made and problems will arise, but working through those conflicts together is what makes KIC a successful organization.



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