



AROUND THE WORLD

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Director of Programming

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Intro

Hi! My name is Kaitlyn and my journey began in a small city in Northeastern Ohio called Warren. I grew up in a low income, single mother home but that never held me back from chasing my dreams to travel. In high school I was a part of organizations that allowed me to explore the States and eventually go overseas. Two years of challenging work and fundraising allowed me to take the trip of a life time. Please, follow my journey around the world where I had the opportunity to learn more about myself and who I was as a person

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Professional Summary:

Motivated and dedicated worker who is focused on working with my community and communicating with students to better plan events they'd enjoy and collaborate on. A firm believer in creating a safe and inclusive environment for all those who are interested in getting involved with the democracy of our community.

Work Experience:

Subway (Warren, Ohio) 2015-present

- Single handedly opening the store
- Closer
- Handled transactions on register
- Created a welcoming environment for customers



Tacobell (Warren, Ohio) summer 2016

- Drive Thru worker
- Effectively talked with customers while making drinks and cashing customers out

Grazers (Kent, Ohio) October 2017-present

- Server
- Prep food, welcoming and waiting on customers

Civic Involvement:

St Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen (Warren, Ohio) 2016-2017

- Gathered every 3rd Sunday to cook a meal and feed the homeless within my community

American Red Cross Blood Drive Liaison (Warren, Ohio) 2016-2017

- Organized 5 successful blood drives through the American Red Cross

Bumble Bee Soccer coach 2016-2017

- Coached 3-4-year-old in my community
- Organized practice twice a week
- Effectively communicated to parents

Volunteering at Voting Polls (2016)

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- Trained for the May Preliminary elections

Relay for Life- WGH Marching Band

- Successfully completed 24 hour walking
 - 2014
 - 2015
- Vice President of the Interact Club
 - Provided opportunities for students 9th -12th grade to get involved with their community through service

Education:

Warren G. Harding Highschool

- Graduated with Honors-2017

Youngstown College Credit Plus (2016-2017)

- Calculus 1

Eastern Gateway Community College Credit Plus (2015-2017)

- Intro to Sociology
- Intro to psychology

Kent State University CCP (2015-2016)

- Black Experience 1 (PAS)
- Education in a Democratic Society

Kent State University

- Bachelor of Science-
 - Major- Biology/Pre Medicine- in progress
 - Minor- Psychology



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Honors:

- Rank 11/274 in the graduating class of 2017 at Warren G Harding with a 4.4 GPA
 - Graduated with honors
 - Graduated with 19 college credit hours
- Recognized for outstanding Academics and Athletics (Johnson Award)
- National Honor Society (2015-2017)
 - Blood Drive Liaison (2016-2017)

Kent State University:

Provost Leadership Academy

- Meet during fall semester to understand our leadership style, each other, and the community through activities and programs, from which we generated a list of possible areas of concern within the university community that could be addressed.
- Spring Semester we explore and work to improve one of those areas of concern. At the end of the semester, we present our final project to Todd Diacon, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Hall Council

- KIC Representative
- In charge of Creative Minutes
- Assisted Hall Council in building community within our hall
- Merging Prentice and Dunbar Hall Council
 - Talked to 75% of Dunbar Residents about Hall Council and about how merging would affect them
- “Let’s Taco ‘bout it” Fall 2017
 - Assisted in programming this event that allowed hall council members to sit down and talk to residents about future programs and overall introductions
- “Brunch Bash” Spring 2018
 - Assisting in programming this event before the stress of finals week takes over
 - Breakfast and lunch food available as well as games



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Goals for some of the Programs:

Moovers and Groovers:

For Moovers and Groovers I was thinking of a theme along the lines of “Welcome to the Jungle” with our wonderful volunteers being the “tour guides” of the zoo that is campus life. Volunteers are a vital part of making sure this program runs smoothly. I’ll spend most of the summer reaching out to find volunteers to help keep this event successful. I’d like to ensure that there is a strong and open line of communication during this event, so we can effectively work as a team through the chaos.

Sibs and Kids Weekend:

The past few years Sibs and Kids Weekend has been combined with Festival of Nations, I would like to try to separate these events, so they can get their own recognition. As for coming up for a theme for Sibs and Kids Weekend I would like to work with my peers and programming board to come up with a fresh and exciting theme to present our students with.

Sex Week:

When it comes to Sex Week, I would like to continue to include popular programs within the jam-packed week by getting student feedback on which events this past semester they enjoyed the most. I’d also like to reach out to the Women’s Center and SRVVS and plan events to educate our community about personal safety and violence prevention. I’d also add an event to empower students and educate them on how to build healthier relationships and help students in need.

Diversity Event:

For the Diversity Event I have already reached out to the new Director of Student Relations and have expressed my interest in collaborating on an event that matches up with their idea of celebrating a culture monthly. I would also like to collaborate with anyone on the Executive Board who is looking for help in programming events.



Questions:

- 1.) Describe the position in your own word

I believe the Director of Programming is a vital part of KIC, an important goal for KIC is getting the students involved with their new community here at Kent State. Especially being new to the campus, getting involved from the beginning is an important aspect of being at home and working within your residence halls to execute events is an excellent beginning. The Director of Programming is crucial when it comes to interacting and working and collaborating with the students, so you can plan events that the people want.

- 2.) Explain how you will benefit from this position and how the organization will benefit from having you in this role.

I believe I have immense potential and have been doing a great job at planning events to build community within my hall council and I would like to bring this to KIC. I believe this position will benefit in having me as this role because I love to work with others and try new things. I'd love to work with the other Executive Board members to plan events that can reach our diverse population of students here at Kent State. Personally, I believe this position will help me when it comes to altering my leadership style with taking on the new responsibilities of this role. It will allow me to network with new areas of campus and all me to use these connections to grow KIC and myself.

- 3.) Why did you choose Kent State University?

In high school, because I come from a first generation, low income house hold I had the opportunity to get involved with a program called Upward Bound. Being in this program I had the privilege to stay on campus for 6 weeks over the summer and take college classes while I was still in high school I got some early networking in with the faculty and residence halls, I even went to a football game with President Bev Warren. I did this for two summers and already felt that Kent was my home. My senior year I applied to Kent and never looked back, I already found my new home where I could grow academically and personally.

- 4.) Why do you think getting involved on campus is important?

Getting involved on campus is important, and what better way to do so than KIC? The first few weeks of school, I was going home every weekend because I hadn't found my purpose in this new lifestyle and not only did that affect me as a student, but also socially. When you get involved with amazing organizations such as KIC, you get to meet and collaborate with diverse student bodies all working to a similar goal. Working with KIC and my hall council kept me in

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Kent over the weekends working with others to plan events for my hall and volunteer with KIC. Being a part of organizations teach you not only how to be a good leader, but how to be a good follower.

5.) What do you consider one of your leadership strengths?

I believe one of my leadership strengths is my communication. By having a strong and open line of communication I can ensure that all parties working together to execute an event are thoroughly educated on what their part of the big picture is. This also gives me the opportunity to get to know each of my peers helping me on an event and ensure that everyone is playing to their strengths. We as individuals are perfect at one thing, and when we all come together we have the ultimate dream team and don't have to individually worry about being perfect at everything.

F. What are your plans for programming and the programming board?

For programming board, I'd love to work with anyone who has the same drive for outreach and working with others as I do. I'd do this by spreading the word of the creation of the programming board through emailing all residents as well as having a booth set up for the Black Squirrel Fest. I understand that we are all busy college students and I'd like to insure we always have a full teamworking, so I would create two teams. After analyzing students schedules I'd work with them to find the days that they are free to help with programming, as well as so the same students don't get stuck doing most of the planning. I'd like to take the first programming board meeting and utilize it as a time to get to know those who are joining. These same people will be helping execute programs, so I'd like to get to know everyone so when it comes to organizing and planning everyone can play to their strong abilities.



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What's Next...

In the end, it was time to come home. As amazing as it was to immerse myself in a new way of life, leaving the troubles of my hometown behind, I had to return so I could better my community. That's what I want to do at Kent State, positively impact my community and leave it better than I have found it. I know I am new to my campus, but with your help I would like to see where I can take this position and where this position can take me. Thank you for taking the time to look through my bid and consider me for this position.

