



*Ivy McCombs*

*Director of  
Community  
Development*

## *Student Information:*

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Number of semesters lived on campus: 2

Stopher/Johnson Hall Fall 2017-Spring 2018



## *Leadership Experience:*

- KIC Representative Stopher/Johnson Hall council
  - Sex Week – Participated in coming up with individual booth idea, purchased items for the event, helped advertise for all Sex Week events.
  - Casino Night – Volunteered with helping to set up the event, call out Bingo numbers (until I was hoarse), and helped with tear down of the event.
  - Recyclemania – Volunteered with set up and tear down of event, as well as during the event by passing out raffle tickets and getting participants involved with the festivities.
  - Sibs and Kids Week – Participated in programming board to help create ideas for the event, as well as come up with individual Festival of Nations booth.
- Alpha Lambda Delta (inducted Spring 2018)
  - National Honor Society on campus that stands for academic greatness and integrity on campus. Only available to students of a 3.5 or higher GPA and in the top 20<sup>th</sup> percentile of their class. Building community through service and education
- PLTC Course
  - Section #1 (We're #1 for a reason)
    - Have trained to be an effective leadership influence on campus, as well as how to create a happy, community filled environment on campus.
- ALICE training (Fall 2017)
  - ALICE (alert, lockdown, inform, counter, evacuate) training prepares individuals to handle the threat of an active shooter. ALICE teaches individuals to participate in their own survival, while leading others to safety. While this training does not guarantee 100% safety, it greatly increases your chances of survival.
- Green Dot Training (Spring 2018)
  - Certified Green Dot Active Bystander
  - Teaches students about the warning signs of sexual and domestic violence, as well as stalking, and how to combat those “red-dot” behaviors in an effective, yet safe, manner.

## *Volunteer/Job Experience:*

- Striplight Community Theater (Weirton, WV)
  - Volunteered as an actor, backstage crew, greeter at stagedoor, etc.
- National Honor Society
  - Volunteered for events and programs for my high school's chapter of NHS, including volunteering at an animal shelter, fundraising, and creating, setting up, and tearing down for events.
- SPICE
  - On campus organization, promoting the betterment of student's dining experiences of on campus dining halls and restaurants by providing insight into food quality, customer service, and possible improvements that could be made to better KSU dining.
- KIC
  - Volunteered to help set up events as well as tear down
  - Programming board
  - SJA meetings
- Study Soup
  - Online service to help college students improve on notetaking skills, as well as provide materials for specific courses.



## *Essay Questions:*

Q: What are the positional duties and how would you accomplish them?

A: The Director of Community Development does exactly what the title implies: creates and build a strong community within KIC and throughout the individual residence hall's councils. I would continue to incorporate the "building buddies" idea and try to promote more collaborative programming within the hall councils. I would also like to visit each hall and discuss how to build a better community within their hall council and their general residents. I would also like to encourage residents to be more involved with fundraising programs and build better community by having more participation in these events.

Q: What are your goals for the position and how do you plan to accomplish them?

A: I want to know the majority of people that are involved on their e-board for their hall councils and try and know the majority of people by name, so they feel like they have a better connection to the executive board and feel more encouraged to be involved in events. I would also like to visit each hall's executive board meetings at least once a semester. Another goal would be to have one small bonding event each month, and one big one per semester. I also want more halls to be involved with events for the community, like Blizzard Bash, by opening up more opportunities to have fun, creative booth ideas.

Q: Personal benefits you will get from the position?

A: Getting to know a lot more people and make new friends, learn new leadership abilities by working with a team with a bigger priority, learn to navigate campus and help make Kent residents more involved with KIC and their hall councils.



Q: How will the organization benefit from having you involved?

A: Over the past several months of being involved on my hall council and KIC, I have learned a lot about the innerworkings and how to provide for the needs and wants of KSU residents, and how to do so effectively and correctly. I have become very passionate about KIC and what it represents: representation for those KSU students living in the residence halls and providing a

safe, enjoyable environment for them where they will benefit from the experience. Though I am a first-year student, I am very passionate and dedicated to whatever it is I do, and always try to put in my 100% effort into making the best out of any situation. I am very responsible, and always have a backup plan if something were to go wrong.

Q: Why do you think getting involved on campus is important?

A: For residents here at KSU, I feel like it is especially important to get involved on campus so that you feel like you are getting the most out of the time you have here on campus and you are able to get the most of it. Having fun events like Sex Week and Casino Night offer time for students to get away from their studies and either learn something or have fun, and sometimes do both.

Q: What is your leadership style and approach to a leadership position?

A: I am a very vocal person and am not shy to play the devil's advocate when I feel necessary. We need to look at all aspects of a situation and try to look at things from every angle. I also like to be very collaborative, but I am not afraid to do something on my own if it is delegated to me. I work every day as part of a team on hall council and help to create and establish events and do it so that everyone is happy and we feel it is going to be successful. I also feel like I am a very creative person and try to work collaboratively in order to make those ideas work well. I feel like I command attention and am able to ask questions to make sure we are on the right path, as well as know when to be serious and when to be a bit more fun.

*"Once you choose Hope, anything is possible"*

*-Christopher Reeves*

*"There are no Secrets to Success"*

*"Sometimes the hardest thing and the right thing are the same."*

*Thank you for your consideration. I hope to gain your vote and live up to your expectations! - Ivy*

