

Ricky Lovell
Director of Student Relations



*When we come together and engage in conversation, there is
always a solution to be found.*



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Professional Summary

Innovative educator passionate about empowering students to be strong citizens who are actively engaged in democracy through community-based civic action. Strong believer in creating inclusive environments that promote discussion and critical thinking

Work Experience

- Kent Interhall Council: Director of Student Relations (March 2016 – present)
 - Chair Social Justice Committee
 - Plan programs to promote diversity and inclusion
 - Identify and advocate for the needs of students to administration
- College of Education, Health, and Human Services: Learning Community Mentor (May 2015- May 2016)
 - Connect students to faculty and staff
 - Promote Pillars of Service, Leadership, and Academics
 - General resource for first-year students
- North Canton YMCA Child Development Center: Summer Camp Counselor (May 14 – present)
 - Planned and Supervised Activities for children
 - Created inclusive atmosphere
 - Ensured the mental and physical health of campers

Civic Involvement

- Kent State Major Mentor (September 2016- present)
- o Buckeye Boys State (June 2013)
- o I9 Sports Flag Football Coach (April 2013 – present)
- o 8th Grade CYO Basketball Coach (Winter 2016-2017)

Honors

- Academic Wall of Fame
- Fall 2014 Presidents List
- Spring 2015 Deans List
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- o Spring 2016 Deans List

Education

- Green High School
 - High School Diploma - 2014
- Kent State University
 - Bachelor of Science: Integrated Social Studies Education – in progress



Positional Duties

1) Open Student Forum

OSF is a great KIC tradition. I feel the two forums this past year were very successful as they returned the power back to the students that had missing in previous years by allowing for open question sessions. I would like to continue this general model of Open Student Forum by having representatives from different areas of campus that meet the current needs of students based on campus dynamics at the time. My ultimate goal is to have President Warren attend an Open Student Forum.

2) Open House (Fall)

Open House in the fall is a great way for the executive board and hall council members to get to know each other on a more personal level in an informal setting. Whereas Open House has traditionally been held right before a meeting, I would like to move Open House to an event separate from a meeting. In many ways it would be a general bonding event where KIC would have a mini carnival feel with games and food coordinated with small team building activities. The overall goal of this event is to build bonds and create the KIC family atmosphere early in the semester while also showing all the resources KIC has to offer that many students never know about.

3) Open House (Spring)

As has traditionally been done in the past, I think Spring Open House should largely be focused on the upcoming elections and give attendees a chance to ask questions and figure out what position is best for them. The overall interest in running for KIC has declined over my three years here and I would like for this to be one aspect of a more active recruiting effort to bring the best and brightest to KIC.

4) Do it in the Dark/ Recycle mania

These Residence Services based sustainability efforts are a great opportunity for KIC outreach. I have no major changes planned for these. I think Alycia has done a great job advertising them and offering incentives for participation. These are all things I would like to continue. The only thing I would consider adding is a small program in a public space like the Rotunda or Student Center to raise awareness.

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Junior

Integrated Social Studies

Stopher-Johnson (2014-2015)

- Hall Council President

Mcdowell (2015-2016)

- KIC Rep at Large

Mcdowell (2016 – present)

- KIC Director of Student Relations

Personal Benefits

This position would provide me great benefit if I have the honor of continuing in the role for another year. I have a deep passion for fighting for social justice and making sure students voices are heard. This position will allow me to continue to grow in listening to the needs of students and building a consensus solution to the problems we face. It also gives me the great opportunity to meet and interact with diverse students who help me grow personally and expand my worldview.

How the Organization will benefit.

Over the past year I believe I have brought student advocacy back to KIC. I am very proud of the legislation we passed for Gender Equality at the Rec, the evaluation of student needs and decision to end the USA today program, the formal support our organization extended when SALSA was targeted at homecoming, our support for feminine products on campus with USG, and our support for our international students. I plan to continue to work with students to make sure their voices are heard and that they have a platform to enact real change in their communities. I believe my dedication to putting in the research to find answers for students is a large benefit to the organization. I also believe I can continue to work to create a safe and inclusive atmosphere for every member of the KIC family. Our strength is derived from our diversity of identities and experiences and this is something I will continue to promote within KIC. Throughout this year, I have been dedicated to ensuring that students have their voices heard and tangible actions are taken to address their concerns. This is something I am proud of and will continue to do within the role.

Why getting involved on campus is important

Getting involved on campus is the difference between going to school somewhere and finding a home. Involvement on campus was the difference between transferring and going back home and finding my stride for during my freshman year. It is through involvement that you have so many opportunities to meet new people and gain new experiences. I firmly believe that half the value of a college education comes through the experiences you gain with the organizations you are involved with. I am thankful every day that I was able to find this organization that provided me a community to rely on and be successful within. I have grown so much as a person because of my on-campus involvements.

Leadership Style

My leadership style is rooted in consensus building. I believe that strength is derived through diversity. This includes diversity of thought. Thus, when leading I think it is important to hear from people who disagree with you. There is always a compromise if you are willing to look hard enough to find it. I believe in bringing people together and having hard conversations that in the end will create the best possible solution that everyone can rally behind together. I also believe when leading it is crucial to show appreciation and support for those who are working with you. If people do not feel valued, then they have no incentive to continue to give their best effort. Everyone has strengths they can contribute to a cause. A sign of a good leader is being able to identify those strengths and place team members in a position to be successful. Overall, my leadership style is about bringing people together because I firmly believe we are stronger when we come together and objectively look for solutions

**"UNLESS SOMEONE LIKE YOU
CARES A WHOLE AWFUL LOT,
NOTHING IS GOING TO GET BETTER.
IT'S NOT."**

-THE LORAX

