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Position: RHA President

I am writing to apply for the position of RHA President. I've been involved in Residence Life since the beginning of my college career as both a student living in residence halls and in different organizations. I was Straz Tower's CPC as the Chair of Marketing my freshman year. This past year I have been the VP of Marketing for RHA and last semester I was inducted into NRHH. My experiences as a part of CPC, RHA, and NRHH have made me care so much more about the experience of people living on campus and attending Marquette in general. RHA serves the Marquette resident community, and over the past year as a VP I have loved helping the community in a new and different way than I thought I could.

Even though executive board both positions I have held were marketing focused, this doesn't mean that I don't have experience in other aspects of RHA. One of the best parts about being the VP of Marketing is that I can work with each position and committee to assist them, and as a result learn about them from an inside perspective as well as a co-worker. I've been involved in the strategic plan, elections, program planning, and designing various materials for other positions. These different experiences helped me develop skills that are required as President, such as delegation, confidence leading, and planning.

As President next year I would like to continue to build the community within and between residence halls through relevant programming. Programs are some of the biggest things RHA can offer to the campus, so keeping them relevant is extremely important. Over the past school year the rest of the e-board and I have discussed how effective or programs some of our events are and what we should change about them to make them better. I believe that I will be able to continue what Nicole started as president to make various RHA programs the best they can be. We need to keep evolving them to stay current with the resident population and be best able to suit its needs.

Being on RHA e-board has been the best experience I could have had in college. As someone who was on CPC my freshman year, I wasn't able to work with RHA until this year. I've learned so many new skills from the others on my e-board. They have been able to help me develop myself in leading people and working as a part of this team. Running a program like Greater Than One helped me realize that I am a capable leader and that everyone has the ability to help make something great. Co-chairing the Networking and Marketing committee taught me that working with other people can be productive and exciting. My biggest takeaway from my year as VP of Marketing is that RHA is a great team to work with, and I would like to do it for another year as President.