I have several intentions for this office. First of all, I would like to work the WURHA treasurer to establish a Wisconsin-wide on-line forum between treasurers to not only establish better communication between treasurers not only on the RHA-wide level but also on the Hall Council level. This would be used to help counsel new treasurers on their positions, to offer advice on how to work with File Maker Pro, and how to work with wing representatives and other members of executive boards for how to spend their budgets. This forum would be open to everyone who would have questions about the office of treasurer, or to promote, suggest, or ask questions about fundraising.

Secondly, I would personally go to as many Hall Council meetings as possible to promote any and all fundraising activities or other programming for RHA and maintain a close contact with the members of each individual Hall Council. I would pass around sheets to help with fundraising activities in the various residence halls.

Third, I would hope to lead programs not only at MULC but also at WURHA to show what an important position that treasurer is and to show how the treasurer is a vital part of the team of executive board.

Fourth, I would keep a close eye on all of our receipts, purchases, and transactions; I would finish treasurer reports in a neat, consistent, and organized matter.

Fifth, I will act as chair of at least one committee, but I will work with other committees as closely as I can by making suggestions or by becoming a member of those committees.

Lastly, I would help out the other members of RHA executive board in every way that I could, by helping them with philanthropy, coordinating tasks, helping out with organizing MULC or WURHA activities, or anything else.

I must say that I can handle a lot of pressure that is placed upon me. For instance, while employed at my previous place of work, the Holiday Inn Express in New Berlin, I often had to single-handedly provide things like ashtrays, pillows, matches, garbage bags, and towels among other things to guests constantly. I will fulfill the needs of the average residence by helping out in any way necessary to feel like they are a strong and important part of the Marquette community and the residence hall community through strong programming and encouraging involvement with the residence halls.

I have dealt with money in my positions as night auditor at the Holiday Inn and as treasurer of Mashuda Hall. I can quickly learn new computer programs or changes in the current programs quite easily. For instance, I learned through computer training and first-hand
experience how to operate our hotel system of Pegasus, and how to operate File Maker Pro with the help of our Hall Director.

One of my most important qualities is that I never give up. I will never accept the fact that I’m beaten and I will never give in to anyone saying that I can’t do something. I have learned this in the fact that I have applied for four different positions and did not obtain any of them. For instance, I ran for student council president, historian for the Wisconsin Junior Classical League, Mashuda Hall Senator, and RA and was denied all of the positions. I will carry this dedication into the office of treasurer if elected. I show a lot of dedication to everything I do. I put everything I have into everything I do, as I will do for this job if elected.

I admit I do have my weaknesses. I am not a great public speaker. When I have to speak in front of a large group in front of people by myself with all eyes and ears focused upon me, it’s more than a little intimidating. However, I am more comfortable in a discussion setting and I am very approachable in person. Secondly, I may seem a bit shy and introverted at first. However, I am actually pretty talkative and can express my opinions well and clearly. I love to talk to people and I consider myself to be very friendly. I am willing to talk to anyone about anything that’s concerning them, and I support people when they do a great job or when they are down.

Because of all of my previous experience, determination, and devotedness to the people of the residence halls, I believe I would serve RHA executive board well.

Thanks for considering me for treasurer!!!
Qualifications

Although I have been at Marquette for only a short time, I have tried to make myself be involved as possible here. For instance, I have been a member of STAR (Students Taking Active Roles), and have learned to grow on my leadership experiences from attending those meetings and the leadership seminar. Another way that I have been actively involved in Marquette’s community is by contributing to the Mashuda Hall Council. At first during the school year, I have been actively involved as a wing rep during the first semester, and have been one of the co-chairs of the Faith and Service Committee. In the Faith and Service committee, I have actively provided programming ideas such as reading books at Aurora Health Care Center, and helping out with the Senior Citizen’s Prom in March. We have also had a few successful programs this year such as our “Meet the Hall Ministers” program and our “Game Night.” I was recently elected Treasurer in our Hall Council after our old one left Mashuda. Since then, I have been actively searching for new fundraising ideas and participating in some of the fundraisers that we do. I have had previous experience using File Maker Pro as Treasurer.

I have also been involved through conferences such as WURHA and MULC. Not only have these experiences taught me to grow as a leader, but also they taught me how to appreciate how other larger organizations are run and carried out. I also learned the meaning of spirit there and bringing back energy and fun to Hall Council meetings.

Throughout high school I have held several important positions as well. For instance, I was one of the co-presidents of our Latin Club for two years, and our secretary/treasurer for one year as well. I helped with some of our fundraisers such as Candy-Grams, where students filled out a message. After we attached a piece of candy to the message, our “Cupid” delivered the messages to everyone. Another fundraiser I was in charge of was our Entertainment Book Sales. We managed to sell a considerable number of books at the time, although we were very understaffed for selling books at the time. I actually had to hand-deliver the Entertainment Books to the individual buildings in our schools, and fill out spreadsheets in Microsoft Excel for those who bought the books.

I have also worked at the Holiday Inn Express in New Berlin as the night auditor, a job which involves not only running the front desk during third shift but also doing all of the financial paperwork there. This job consisted of doing tasks such as counting the cash drawers, tabulating the credit card profits and purchases for the day, and changing bills for the customers if necessary. In addition, I needed to do normal front desk activities, such as folding laundry, delivering things to rooms, checking people in and out, tidying the front desk, helping customers with questions, and more. Every night I worked alone, in charge of 101 rooms from 11 at night to 7 in the morning.