



Missouri S&T NRHH Shamrock Chapter

Dear NRHH Shamrock Chapter Alum,

I first joined NRHH at the end of April 2007 not knowing what to expect or how involved I should be. I remember walking back to Holtman that night talking with Shaun Dierker. I asked him what being a member of NRHH meant. I knew all of the little things like concessions, OTM's and such, but the true meaning behind being a member of NRHH still hadn't sunk in. Shaun explained to me the following.

"Being a member of NRHH means being a member for LIFE. So now that you're in, you can never get out. But that doesn't mean it's all downhill. As a member of NRHH you have a responsibility to the halls, but that responsibility is different for each member." I moved out of the halls this year and started to reflect on what I felt my responsibility to the halls would be now that I no longer have a constant presence there. Things like attending programs, hanging out in the lounges, and being available for RA's is now much more difficult for me. Because of this I decided that my main focus would be towards NRHH.

Being a member of NRHH means a lot to me. It means I still have a connection to the residence halls that I called home for three years. It also puts me in an excellent position to give back to the halls what was given to me. Through my involvement as an RA and an SRA I grew as an individual becoming more outspoken and more able to take charge in a group. Seeing my residents become president and vice president of hall governments truly makes me feel like I have given back. Nothing meant more to me than to see one of my own residents join NRHH and thank me for all of the encouragement I gave her. Helping students be more than what they think they can be is why I am a member of NRHH.

I hope that in reading this letter you think back to when you joined NRHH and how your role in the residence halls changed over the years. I went from a direct influence on residence to encouraging new members of NRHH and making them feel at home in the organization. I have come to the realization that no matter how old I get I can take an active role in NRHH because no matter how old I get I will always be a member.

Sincerely,

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