



## Missouri S&T NRHH Shamrock Chapter

Dear NRHH Alum,

Just as so many NRHH members stories begin, mine starts with Leadership Trip. One short weekend of NRHH members, now mostly alumni, teaching me what I needed to know and inspiring me to make a difference. However, unlike many others I did not leave Leadership Trip 2006 thinking “what can I do with these skills?” I left Leadership thinking, “this is exactly where I belong, and I want to plan Leadership Trip someday. How can I get there?”

Two years later, I accomplished my dream by being elected the LT/Lock-In chair. I feel like this position has completed my leadership cycle in this organization. I learned the skills, practiced the skills, and now I have the chance to teach the skills. I have the chance to make others feel like they belong in our Residential Life family and inspire them to make it this far, just as I was inspired. The recent Leadership Lock-In that was held in January was an incredible success that, through the comments people made, made me believe that they saw the true value in the collective knowledge contained in Res. Life and NRHH. They were eager to learn and eager to apply their new skills to make a difference. They wanted change and excitement, and NRHH gave them the tools they needed.

I recently discovered after some digging that this upcoming Leadership Trip will mark its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It is also its 15<sup>th</sup> year as an off campus event. 20 years of welcoming young minds to the family! It's no wonder that our leadership is as strong as it is on this campus knowing that for 20 years a program like LT has held strong, always adapting to the needs of the newest generation. Without the fantastic history and legacy the alumni of this organization have set up, I don't think I would be as motivated as I am to put hundreds of hours of dedicated care and hard work into making this event perfect. I am honored to be able to provide the starting place for 100 new members, to start the leadership cycle over again, so that one day they can sit down to write a letter not unlike this one.

Thank you, alumni, for leaving behind your years of wisdom for me to draw from. Thank you for setting me up to impact the next generation. Come out to celebrate Leadership Trips 20<sup>th</sup> birthday with NRHH on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009! Come see your legacy in action.

Sincerely,

Matt Hume

2009 LT/Lock-In Chair