

Elyse Pickering: VP of Student Life, VP of Programming

Why are you interested in these positions??

I am interested in these positions for a multitude of reasons. First, I served in the Teter Quad Student Government my freshman year and really enjoyed it. Because of that experience, I applied for the executive board for my sophomore year and luckily was voted into this position. I spent the year as the Vice President of Student Life and was able to chair the Student Health Committee and the Sustainability committee. I enjoyed being able to interact with representatives from every residence hall on campus. I have thoroughly appreciated being able to see the impact that my position as well as RHA as a whole has had on the residents.

How do you feel you would contribute to the Executive Board??

I hope to bring an attitude of positivity and productiveness to the Executive Board as I am a goal-oriented person who enjoys being able to communicate and collaborate with others to achieve common objectives. I enjoy conversing with people about different issues and then being able to talk out a solution or at least an approach. On top of that, I have gone through training in interpersonal communication and situation diffusion through both of my jobs, as a contact tracer and as a lifeguard. While this is not exactly like either of those jobs, there are certain aspects of that training that apply to this organization. Also, I have learned how to listen attentively so as to make people feel heard while also understanding what they are saying.

What experiences have you had that make you qualified for these positions??

I have been involved in RHA since my freshman year and served as the Vice President of Student Life this past year. Because of this, I have working knowledge of this position and its demands as well as the organization and what RHA stands for. This past year, I attended various meetings with different campus organizations and participated in forums to advance the conversation of sustainability on the Indiana University Bloomington campus. On top of that, I have been able to meet with Sustain IU individually to discuss campus wide initiatives and share what residents would like to see implemented. Because I served in this position last year, I understand the importance of this position as well as how to balance the demands of the position with my work and school schedule.