

Joseph Rasamat: President, VP of Finance

Why are you interested in these positions??

I am interested in serving on the RHA executive board to make a change and actualize some developments within Forest and across campus. In the many leadership experiences I've been a part of, I've developed my leadership skills in a way I want to continue to develop as a part of the RHA executive board, and as a member of the IU student body. I've enjoyed my time as an on campus resident and as a representative for my floor, and the prospect of bringing about change as President of the RHA excites me. Beyond expanding what the position and organization's role currently is, I also want to be a warm and welcoming face of what it is that the RHA does. As a current freshman, perhaps my naivete is getting in the way, but I'm excited at the thought of getting to work.

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

For one, I think I'd bring a newfound focus on the RHA to the members that it comprises. I know for a fact that within my building (Forest), the commitment was not one that was taken seriously by many of our members. So, in a sense, I think one thing that I can bring is a bolt of excitement. This past week when I thought about all the sealed and unused toiletries I was going to end up throwing away when moving out of my dorm, I approached my building floor senators with the idea of a toiletry drive at the end of the semester, but the idea has stalled out and I haven't been contacted by anyone who said they'd get back to me. Beyond that excitement and ideas like those, I also want to bring some publicity to what it is we do within the RHA and continue working to build a community here on campus and especially within our dorm buildings.

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

Beyond my finance major that makes me excited to pursue the position of VP of Finance, I also have experience in leadership from multiple clubs and organizations from my hometown, and here at IU, I'm a part of a few clubs I hope to one day also assist in leading. I've lived in IU dorms throughout this COVID pandemic, and quite frankly, I think I bring a type of personality to the table that isn't often seen in RHA.