

February 1, 2005

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Reason of Interest

I chose to bid for the position of A.D. because I wanted to get more involved in RHC and learn my about how things are done. The executive board of RHC told me the best way to that is to attend IRHO conferences. The reason I chose A.D. over Director is because I did not want to get too in over my head. This coming IRHO conference will be my first and because I have not had a lot of experience with IRHO I felt that I shouldn't be leading it. The A.D. position allows me to see what is going on, be at the heart of it and get the most out of the experience.

Reason of Involvement

I wanted to become more involved with RHC and help improve it in any way possible. And the best way to get ideas, examples of different procedures and gain experience at the executive level was to attend IRHO. I want to participate in IRHO to further my knowledge of Student Go vernment for the resident halls and take back what I have learned and participated in to my university and put it to use by improving my own council.

Goal/Platforms

It is my goal to fulfill my duties as they are expected of me. I plan to exceed what is expected of me by not just doing the work and getting it done, but getting it done in a timely manor and with enthusiasm, pride and devotion. I will do my best to improve the number of schools attending IRHO and make their first IRHO experience the best so they find it important to come back. And with each additional school we will get more ideas and different experiences to help improve IRHO for the next meeting. I already know Ryan, the RCC, so I know I can work well with him to recruit new schools and keep the original members here. I can be quite persuasive and I know I can get a few new schools to attend. And while recruiting new schools, not one of the original member schools will miss one meeting or minute's list because I will be on top of all the communication and make sure everyone is at the conference and are well informed. In addition, not only will I be recruiting new schools, keeping the original member and new member colleges up to-date on Governing documents, mailing lists, contact information and anything else they need, but I will also create the newsletter for IRHO as well. This seems like a lot, but with greater tasks, comes greater rewards.

Visions

I would like to see the Conference grow in size by at least 3 new schools in my time as A.D. And I will do all that I can to make that come true. I don't care if I have to go to the school and pick up the kids myself; the greater the number, the greater the possibilities.

University Experience (At Purdue – 2 years Attended)

- Floor Representative (Cary Quad 2003-04)
- Building Senator (Hilltop Apartments 2004 Fall Semester)
- C.C. between Ambassador's Club and RHC (Hilltop Apt. 2005 Spring Semester)
- RHC Representative (For Hilltop Apt. 2004-05)
- Vice President-elect for RHC (RHC Executive member 2005-06)
- National Resident Hall Honorary inducted member (2004 Fall Semester – for life)

Strengths/Weaknesses

- Strengths
 - Out-going
 - Easy to get along with
 - Resourceful
 - Problem-solving skills
 - Open-minded
 - Good listener
 - Efficient
 - Past leadership experience
- Weaknesses
 - I can be impatient (I don't like to drag things out, lets get them done and over with and move on to the next problem or issue.)
 - On the occasion, I can be stubborn and do things the way I think they should be done.

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RESIDENCE HALL COUNCIL

01-31-05

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Francis Ripberger. I have known Francis for over a year in my leadership position as President of Purdue's Residence Hall Council. During this time I have come to know him as a responsible and knowledgeable person.

There are two major character traits that Francis imbues that I think are noteworthy. First, he is a genuine man of integrity. If I needed a straight answer, Francis is one of the first people I would ask. He is not afraid to do what is right, even if it is unpopular.

Second, he is focused. He is very effective in his ability to sight problems and find solutions. When we have had difficult problems in the council, Francis has always given well thought out ideas and suggestions. Francis has a singular focus on making things better. I notice as well, that even in his position on the council he has never been egotistical. He is an excellent team player.

With this in mind I offer my highest recommendation of Francis. He is an effective member of our council, and I'm sure he has much to contribute to you as well. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Benedict F. Valliere

**Benedict F. Valliere
President
Purdue Residence Hall Council**

February 1, 2005

Dear IRHO,

It is with great pride that I write to you today. One of our very own is appearing before you, seeking election as your Assistant Director. Please accept this letter as documentation that Francis Ripberger has the support of our department, and is in good standing with Purdue University, to serve IRHO in this capacity.

Francis Ripberger has dutifully served as a student leader on our campus for the past year. In that time, we have watched him grow and develop as a leader and a person. He began his leadership career as a Residence Hall Council Representative for Hilltop Apartments, where he proved himself a very hard worker. In fact, he was recently inducted into the Boilermaker Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary. He has moved up the ranks and is currently Vice President-elect of the Residence Hall Council.

You would be hard pressed to find another student leader with the loyalty and determination of Francis Ripberger. He is a valued asset to any group fortunate enough to attain his membership. Francis is now looking for a new challenge. We believe his experience will serve you well in this role, as it has here at Purdue.

Sincerely,

Chad M Clark

Mr. Chad M. Clark
Co-Advisor, Residence Hall Association
Advisor, Boilermaker Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary
Purdue University

January 31, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have had the privilege to have Francis serve as Hilltop Apartment Residence Hall Council Representative for the academic year of 2004-2005. During this year Francis has consistently met and exceeded all expectations and obligations set before him. He has worked to transform the RHC rep. position in our hall from an appointed director position to an elected executive position in our hall. He has taken on the increased time and responsibility to oversee his transaction and ensure that the RHC rep. position is seamlessly integrated into our hall to allow for better communication and coordination between our hall and RHC. The dedication and passion he has poured into position has been extremely beneficial to the hall and has set a great standard of measure for future RHC representatives.

I highly recommend Francis for this position because I feel he has shown the consistency and dedication that would make him successful in any endeavor he chooses.

Sincerely,

Kyle Snavely
President Hilltop Ambassador Club
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UNIVERSITY RESIDENCES DIRECTORS' OFFICE

January 31, 2005

Dear selection committee:

This letter is in support of Francis Ripberger's bid to be the Assistant Director for the Indiana Residence Hall Organization. I have no doubt that he would be an incredible asset to the state (and IRHO) as AD.

Francis has tremendous leadership experience. He has been active in a variety of areas while a student at Purdue both in his hall and within our Residence Hall Council. He has proven himself successful balancing extracurricular with his academics. Francis continues to grow his leadership skills taking advantage of new challenges and opportunities as they present themselves. He continues to climb through the "political ladder" of opportunities moving from floor representative to building representative to most recently being elected Vice President of our Residence Hall Council for the coming year.

If selected, Francis will have the full support (physical, emotional and financial) of this department. I am confident Francis will represent Purdue and IRHO well and be an invaluable resource for the organization. If you have any questions or would like to discuss his background or experiences in more detail, please contact me at (765) 494-1000. I hope you accept Francis' nomination for Assistant Director.

Sincerely,

Thomas M Paczolt
Director of Residential Life