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HALL COUNCIL OF THE YEAR

2019-2020



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LETTER OF SUPPORT

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this letter in my support of Lincoln Hall Council's bid for Hall Council of the Year. As the Lincoln Hall Council Advisor, I know well the goals, strengths, and success of Lincoln Hall Council. I am immensely proud of them and the hard work they have accomplished this year.

Lincoln Hall Councils executive board is built of a group of strong women who embody what it means to be a leader in their community. When this year started, we had a very strong returning group of Hall Council executive board members. With this group we were able to set big goals and get the year started on a strong footing. To kick the year off the board used ROCFest as a way to get new interest in hall council and excited people about being a part of the Lincoln the community. Very proudly the council was awarded best boat design in the contest and placed third overall. This fall we were able to have every hall council executive board member create and host a program. This allowed us to showcase individual interests and empower all members to learn to lead and create. Throughout the year they hosted educational programs like financial management, and sexual assault prevention. And social programs like pimp your pancake, and the ever-popular bachelor night, and galentine's day. When we transitioned into the spring semester with it came the loss of some members due to graduation and internships. The group bounced back quick, recruited new members. Together as a team they were able to use their mutual strengths to build a new group connection emphasizing group bonding and trying new never before done programs. With the abrupt end of the semester the group continues to prioritize each other making time to meet and plan a final fun virtual night for the residents of Lincoln.

There is something so special about being a part of a group of women who truly encourage, support, and empower each other. It is something that you do not see often. The way that the council takes time to not only invest in the building but in each other is inspiring. I have watched as they have celebrated each other and helped lift each other up when they are down. Together as a group they have challenged themselves to think outside the box and grow. Due to the high athlete population Lincoln can at times be a challenging community to reach. With many competing interests you have to be able to make your efforts seem worthwhile to the community. The council has continually faced this challenge with grace and perseverance. Taking note of the successful things and challenging themselves to think when they are faced with an obstacle. They have made efforts to get to know residents just not in the hall but attend their other interests like sporting and club events.

They say that when one woman shines, she helps other women shine along with her. Hall Council has built an organization that shines. They have built a community that is caring and intentional. I am proud to be their advisor and learn from all of them every day. It is for all these reasons and many more that I support their bid for Hall Council of the Year.

Libby Siecinski
Lincoln Hall ARD

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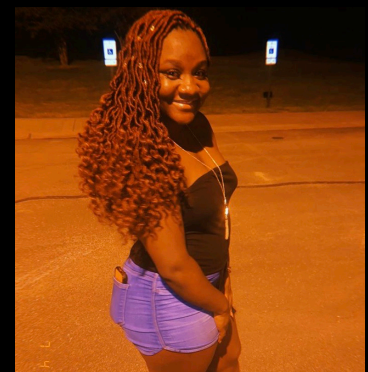
Kelsey Summers
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Coordinator



Caitlin McCoy
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Coordinator

The structure of our hall council is set within a hierarchical format that starts at Libby as our advisor and then moves to Mariah our president from there on things begin to even out and everyone takes on an equal amount of responsibilities. In the spring semester, Mariah, Libby, and Arielle have worked toward reshaping the vice president role in which gives the vice president more opportunities and room for growth within their position. Everyone is eager and ready to step in and help wherever they are needed.

F•A•L•L P•R•O•G•R•A•M•S

- Nominations & Popsicles
- Trick or Treat for Tampons
- Paint N' Dip
- Cookies & Cocoa
- Spa Night
- Pimp Your Pancake
- Sexual Assault Awareness
- Money Management
- Vision Boards

S•P•R•I•N•G P•R•O•G•R•A•M•S

- Spaghetti Tacos & Trivia
- Throwback Monday
- Bracelet Making Service-to-go
- Bachelor Night
- Galentine's Day
- Diversity Cupcakes



GOALS

- **Place in ROCFest**
- **Eboard bonding initiative**
- **Raise attendance at general assembly meetings**
- **Host a variety of programs to meet each PSI category**



One activity we did as an executive board as an icebreaker at the beginning of the semester was one in which each member took a post it note and wrote a goal they had for hall council this year. Here are some of the things the executive board wanted to work toward.

S•E•R•V•I•C•E T•O O•U•R C•O•M•M•U•N•I•T•Y



**Collecting tampons and other
feminine products**

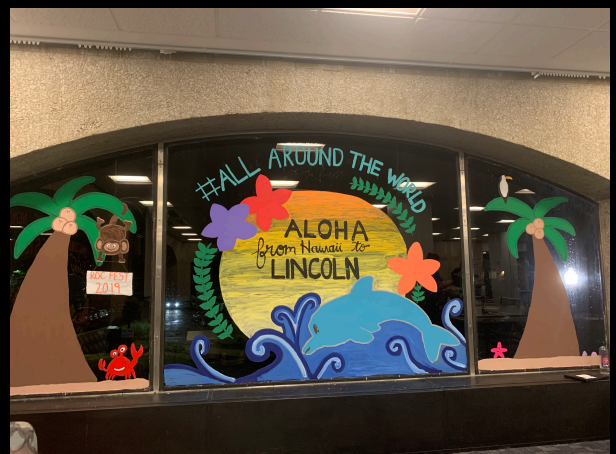
All donations will go to the HOPE Foundation, which is an organization that provides domestic violence victims with housing, counseling, and other resources. Donations can be placed in any of the pumpkin buckets located on each floor of Lincoln.

October 28th- November 1st

Each year we have kept the community service program Trick or Treat for Tampons a tradition in Lincoln Hall. For this program, we door knock every day for a week to collect feminine products to donate to SACIS the week leading up to Halloween. We also placed Halloween buckets on each floor to encourage residents to donate. This is a program that always has always received so much participation from our residents. Everyone is always willing to help out those who are in need of these products. Due to feminine products being expensive and not easily accessible, Trick or Treat for Tampons is a program that is a step to fixing this issue.

A•C•A•D•E•M•I•C I•N•I•T•I•A•T•I•V•E

In Lincoln, hall council and the RAs tackle academic initiative together. Our RA typically put on programs that are geared toward academic initiatives and hall council support them by advertising at our meetings as well as attending them. This year our RAs had 'proud RA fridges' where residents could hang any good grades they received. Other Lincoln wide programs that were directed toward academic initiatives were time management. This allows balance and prevents over programing in our hall.



B•U•D•G•E•T

Lincoln Hall Council started the year with \$988 dollars as well as \$150 dollars in discretionary funds that we use to purchase paper products such as plates, cups, and plasticware. Using this discretionary for these essential items allows us to spend our programming funds more efficiently. Hall Council has worked hard to be a good steward of our funds. Able to budget our money to be able to provide bi-weekly social programming for the hall as well as providing snacks at general assembly meetings. The most we have spent on a single program is \$75 dollars. Lincoln has worked to make sure they use creative ways of spending money. An example of this is often instead of using pre-made goods the eboard either makes treats for programs for the residents or include the residents in making the treats for the evening. Although the semester ended abruptly, which did not allow us to follow through with our plans of a large end of the year program, we are still working hard to brainstorm how to use the remaining funds in our budget to benefit hall council in the fall.



W•E W•E•R•E O•N A B•R•E•A•K

After the abrupt ending of the spring semester, we knew as a hall council we wanted to continue to serve the residents in Lincoln. We have done this by continuing to have executive board meetings weekly as well as planning a virtual game night program and staying active on our social media pages. Along with continuing Life Tips With Libby virtually, we also stayed engaged with residents by posting interactive Instagram stories.

Life Tips With Libby:

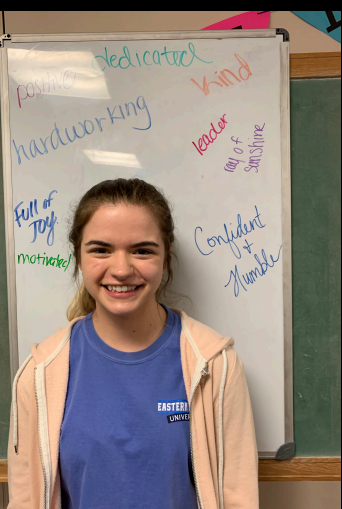
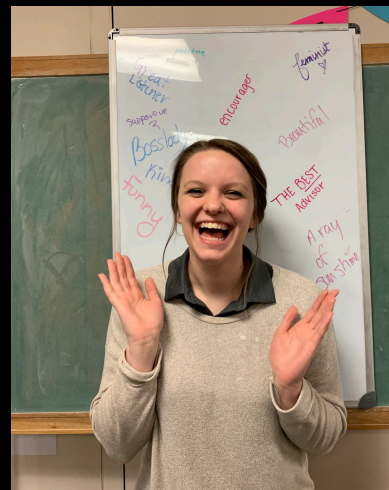
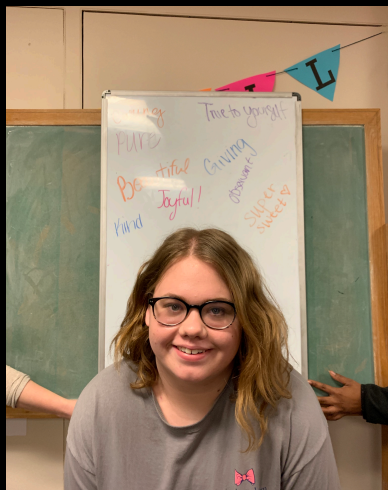
If your days are starting to mush together try making a goal for each day, and then journaling your celebrations at the end of the day. It will make you feel accomplished (for even doing things like drinking water) and help give some structure to your day once again!



P.O.V.O.T.!

After the first semester we had a change of presidents as our president from the fall semester, Cassie McCleery, took the spring semester to student teach. At the beginning of the spring semester we held elections and Mariah Slaughter, our previous public relations coordinator, was elected. With this came a period of growth for our executive board, an initiative that Mariah had put in place was one to develop and grow more as a team. This was executed by weekly team and individual development activities. Mariah also met 1:1 with each executive board member to touch base with each of them personally and make sure they were getting what they needed out of hall council as well as to help them set goals for themselves.

One of these activities, and maybe the most impactful one, was an activity where you stand in front of a white board while the rest of our team surrounds you in positive words by writing them all around the white board and then you get to turn around and see all of the things that were written about you.



HOW YOU DO/ON'

STRENGTHS

- Heavy on and off campus involvement:
 - Won 4 Of the Months
 - Advisor of the month-Libby Siecinski
 - Program of the month-Pimp Your Pancake
 - Program of the month-Money Management
 - Program of the month-Spa Night
 - 1st place ROCFest boat decorating
 - 3rd place in ROCFest
 - Sent 2 delegates to GLACURH
 - Presented a personal development program
 - Sent 2 Camp New Hope Delegates
 - Fall Leadership delegates
 - Spring Leadership delegates
 - Program presenters
 - Sent 1 IRHA delegate
 - Program presenter
 - Volunteered at Girls on the Run
- Full executive board all of 2019-2020 (10+ eboard members)
- Heavy move-in involvement
 - Provided each resident with a Lincoln Hall lanyard
 - Gave out free popsicles to residents on move-in dat
 - Executive board members wandered around offering assistance to new residents, greeting and introducing them to hall council
- Executive board bonding events held monthly
- Successfully transitioned after eboard members graduated in the fall
- Each eboard member planned a program allowing for more diversity in our programs as well as allowing individuals to develop programming skills

WEAKNESSES

- Due to the high athlete population in Lincoln, It can often be a challenge to reach high numbers of attendance at our programs
 - We worked to overcome this obstacle by moving the location of our programs from the lower level lounge to the first floor lobby to make our programs more accessible to those who are just walking through

A•T•T•E•N•D•A•N•C•E

One of our goals this year was to raise attendance at both programs and general assembly meetings. We accomplished this by using a variety of advertising methods such as placing quarter flyers in each resident's mailbox, finding unique places to hang flyers around the building, as well as writing on bathroom mirrors with dry erase markers and door knocking. We were able to consistently raise attendance at our programs. For general assembly meetings, we provided snacks and an activity such, as a service to-go project, to gain resident's interest.

R•E•C•O•G•N•I•T•I•O•N

This year we wanted to incorporate an activity for all of our general assembly meetings to recognize Lincoln's residents, hall council members, and Resident Assistants; and we thought that snaps would be the perfect activity to do so! Each week we passed around a jar filled with slips of paper for everyone to write an uplifting message about someone, whether it's to our RA staff for doing a great job or a friend who aced a test. We would then read the messages out loud at the end of the meeting to leave on a positive note! This is a simple activity that gives everyone an opportunity to be recognized for their accomplishments!

