

Colleen Nelson

President of the Year

Andrews Hall 09-10



SUGAR, SPICE, & EVERYTHING NICE

is what makes up Colleen Nelson. Enthusiastic, motivated, and cheerful are just a few words that can describe the Andrews Hall President. She has great ideas and brings the entire executive board together to work towards our goals. She is truly the best candidate for president.



Ingredients:

3 spoonfuls of sugar

1 ½ scoops of spice

2 helpings of everything nice

4 parts Chemical X



Sugar



“You bring sunshine to all who surround you!”

These words are what Colleen takes to heart in her everyday endeavors. She is a kind and caring person. She tries to get everyone involved and interested in council. She is extremely energetic and fun. Colleen is never upset. She is full of life, and she brings that sparkle into our hall council programs and meetings. Hall council would never be as much fun if it didn't include her. She truly brightens up everyone's Wednesday during our programs or meetings.

Spice



Colleen Nelson has the spice and perseverance to accomplish so many tasks every day. She always goes to class, studies, cares for her many friends,

and participates in several extracurricular activities. Colleen tackles 19 credit hours and continues to hold onto her 3.2 GPA. She is very devoted to her studies. She is also involved in Epsilon Sigma Alpha, National Residence Hall Honorary, Best Buddies, and Panther Ambassadors. During the little extra time she has, Colleen tutors a second grader. While Colleen

is busy with many other organizations, she truly puts her heart and soul into Andrews Hall. And it shows in the amount of work she has done to improve our hall or hall council.

Everything Nice

An undeniable characteristic about Colleen is that she cares so much for Andrews Hall and all of its residents. Colleen never leaves anyone out of programs and tries to get as many individuals involved as possible. Also, she is there if anyone needs a friend or someone to talk to. She is the definition of a great friend. Colleen encourages all to reach their potential. She is an inspiring person to our girls because even if things do not work out well for her, she still smiles through it all. She does not let the enemy defeat her or let her



become distracted when she works. She motivates everyone to be enthusiastic about Andrews Hall. This makes her the perfect president because she gets everyone excited for hall council and hall programs.

Chemical X

“Your quality is that of a leader—others are sure to follow you.”

Colleen’s true superpower is her leadership skills. Colleen has accomplished many things during the year with these skills. She runs meetings, makes agendas, attends





meetings with our Assistant Resident Director, plans executive retreats, discusses current issues with hall council, creates the Floor of the Month Award, continued the Resident of the Moment Award, has started a Theme Award, and carries on Andrews Assets. Whew! That is a lot. During our opening week, she rounded up all of the hall council members and made sure everything was ready to go. She always wants our hall to be successful, and with Colleen as President—it is successful! She also helps other exec members if they need help. She brainstorms and works on programs along with our programmers. We no longer have a publicity chair, so Colleen has stepped up to fill in that role. She helps to make signs, and she advertises all of our programs and events.

As President, Colleen has started numerous awards and recognition during the year.

- **Floor of the Month Award-** This award is given to the floor that has improved attendance at hall council, is being more social with their floor by leaving their doors open, or attends floor programs. Colleen decorates paddles to give to these floors. The paddles are presented to them at hall council meetings.
- **Recap-** Colleen recaps important things discussed during the meeting before everyone leaves. She gives reminders about upcoming programs, themes, and events on campus.
- **Theme Award-** For every hall council meeting, the executive board decides on a theme on what to dress up like. We advertise to inform the residents on what the theme is. We have had twin day, wacky day, EIU spirit day, and pink day, among others. Residents dress up during our bi-weekly meetings. At the end of the meeting, they go to the front of the group. The attendees sitting down will clap for who they think the winner should be.

Once the winner is decided, they receive a gift card for the EIU bookstore. Hall council has been a lot more fun seeing everyone dressed up in crazy outfits.



Colleen also continues the Resident of the Moment Award and Andrews Assets. Resident of the Moment Award is when residents submit another resident's name into a drawing for having the best grades, being more sociable, being most involved, or for many other reasons. The exec board will then choose the winner.

Andrews Assets is when students get points for attendance at hall council or programs. They also receive points for dressing up in theme. At the end of the semester, residents will then get prizes based on the number of assets they have.

Colleen also works with our executive board on many things.

- **Events-** Colleen encourages all of the exec board members to participate in RHA events including ROC Fest, RHA retreats, and the NRHH retreat. She wants all of our members to know the rest of RHA, not just our representatives.
- **Retreats-** She helps plan our exec board retreats. These help us learn about the responsibilities of our positions and the board. It also gets us to bond and work together as a team. Colleen gets us excited for working together during the semester.

One bigger thing Colleen has done was helping with Kids & Friends weekend. She planned the games for the kids to play in our hall. She wanted to make the program great and represent our school. All of the kids that attended had a great time, even the college kids had a blast acting like a child for a day. She thought of making the life size Chutes and Ladders board in the middle of our lobby. It was such a simple game, but the kids had tons of fun playing on it. She organized many other games for the kids to play after the game finished. The day was very successful.

Colleen really has done many things to improve our hall and she has grown tremendously as a leader. Our hall would not be the same without her. With her toughness, laughter, and leadership... Colleen Nelson saves the day!



Letter of Support for Colleen Nelson

President of the Year

Dear NRHH members,

This letter is in support of Colleen Nelson for President of the Year. Colleen has grown immensely as a leader this year and as the Andrews Hall Council President. She has been an integral part of creating a strong and spirited council. Colleen has a great enthusiasm for all she does, and she works hard to share that with other and get them excited too!

Colleen served as a Programmer on the Executive Board during Spring, 2009. Colleen was a refreshing presence and brought new and exciting programs to the building. I was excited when she decided to run for the Executive Board for this year. She initially ran for President and did not win that position. Instead she was elected as our Vice President/Treasurer. When our President was hired as a Resident Assistant the week before fall opening, Colleen stepped up to fill the role of President and pulled the remaining executive board members together to pull off a flawless opening.

Colleen exudes an enthusiasm that makes others want to get involved. She's definitely not afraid to put herself out there and meet new people to get them excited about Hall Council. Because of this, we have seen the numbers of residents attending programs and meetings rise considerably this year. We have also had many creative programs, which Colleen has helped the Programmers brainstorm and create. As her advisor, I have seen a great deal of growth in Colleen this year. She has become more confident in her skills and has stopped second guessing herself. She is learning to delegate more and take on less herself, which is wonderful to see as she was getting overwhelmed in the beginning of the year.

The part of my work that I enjoy the most is seeing student leaders grow and find their confidence. Colleen has certainly done that, and in the process she has helped others to grow and well, and she has gotten countless others involved. I am excited that Colleen will be taking on the RA role next year. Having nearly mastered her role as Hall Council President, I believe that she is ready for that next challenge and to continue growing as a leader. Perhaps the most important quality that I see in Colleen is that she wants to continue learning and growing. This is what makes her so successful.

With all of that being said, I hope you will consider selecting Colleen as President of the Year. She has put in so much work and has still managed to be involved in other activities and be a strong student! She embodies what an EIU student leader should be.

Sincerely,

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