

Pemberton Hall 2008- 2009

Student of the Year



Ashley Angel Ice Cream Sundae



INGREDIENTS

- 3 scoops academics
- 2 banana desk assistance
- 1 tablespoon personal life
- 4 large squirts sweetness
- 1 hall council community chair

DIRECTIONS

1. Grab a large bowl because this girl has a lot going on.
2. Add 3 scoops academics into your bowl. Ashley Angel is very dedicated to her classes at Eastern Illinois University. She spends several hours pouring over her homework every night. She maintains a 2.65 G.P.A and attends all her classes each week.
3. Slice the banana desk assistance into two parts and place each slice on either side of the 3 scoops. Ashley works 27 hours at Pemberton Hall's front desk. She greets every resident with a smile and asks them how their day is going. Best part: she will listen to the answer.

Ashley goes above and beyond in her position as a desk assistant by decorating the front desk. She creates posters such as "D.A. Chicks" that has each assistant's name with a tid-bit about them. She also made the "Most Likely To..." poster where



every assistant was voted into categories like “steal office supplies” or “end up on America’s Most Wanted”.

Ashley always tries to help out the other ladies by trading or picking up shifts when asked. She even goes the extra mile with residents by helping them open their mailboxes when for some reason the combination they put in five times-isn’t working. She offers to make phone calls when visitors need to get in touch with residents; and, she memorized the Panther Bus schedule.

4. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon personal life over the scoops and banana. Ashley Angel never lets the world see her vulnerable side. She was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis at age 11. Ever since then she has had to balance home life, school life, work life, and a social life around seven brain surgeries. Recently, the doctors have found tumors growing along her spine and behind her right eye that need to be removed. But being the fearless woman that she is, she told the doctors to post-pone the surgeries until the summer so that she could finish the semester out strong.

Ashley has never been one to show weakness; and in moments where things seem their worst, she is still able to walk around with a smile. Ashley is a huge inspiration to me and everyone that meets her. She reminds everyone she meets that life is truly worth living and embracing --just by being so optimistic.



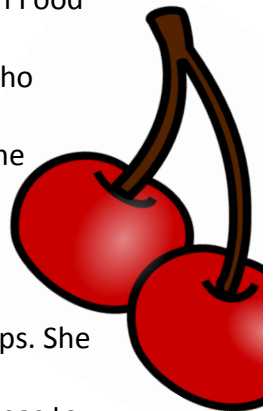
5. Coat the dessert in 4 large squirts sweetness. Ashley Angel has brightened Pemberton Hall for the past two years. No one could ask for a sweeter or kinder

friend. Ashley goes out of her way to bend over backwards, run in circles, and do cartwheels for anyone that needs her help. She has a “the door is always open” policy for anyone who needs a shoulder to cry on.

Countless times Ashley has gotten thoughtful little gifts for her friends-just because. She always goes over the top when it comes to birthdays. For every birthday, she makes a special trip to the dollar store to buy bags of balloons, rolls of streamers, and the perfect card. She will then stay up until 3 am (no matter what time she has class in the morning) to decorate the entire outside of her friend’s door. She bakes cookies and offers them to any resident that may be having a rough day that week.

6. Finally, take 1 hall council community chair and place on top. Ashley has spent numerous hours coming up with and organizing different ways to help out the community. She started the year off with a toiletries drive for the Charleston Food Pantry. This drive helped raise a lot of feminine products for poor women who couldn’t afford them otherwise. She followed this with a clothes drive for the Salvation Army.

Her best community service so far this year was Valentine’s for the Troops. She had residents in the building create Valentine’s Day cards to send out over seas to the U.S. Marines. The program had a huge turnout as residents all over the building crafted their own message to a marine. A month later, she received a letter from the Sergeant of the regiment. He thanked her for having her “class” make such



wonderful cards. "It is always a pleasure to receive cards from children," he wrote. Ashley could not stop laughing and doesn't have the heart to write him back explaining that we were all around twenty years old.

Ashley is currently working on a Post-Secret Program. She placed a tightly sealed box at the front desk for residents to slip their secrets into throughout the month. April 1st, she will open the box and create a book for people to purchase and keep as a Pemberton Hall Community Post-Secret novel for years to come.

7. ENJOY! Pemberton Hall has and our lives could never be the same without her.

