



A Bid for
*Lauren
Hartsky*
as
CAACURH
Associate
Director of NRHH
& Recognition

Presented to the
National Communication Coordinators,
NRHH Representatives,
and the CAACURH RBD
No Frills 2011
“The Power of One”
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio



January 21, 2011

Hey CAACURH!

My name is Lauren Hartsky and it is with great CAACURH and Diamond Pride that I present myself as a candidate for CAACURH's Associate Director of NRHH for the 2011-2012 academic year.

My first experience with CAACURH happened during the Fall of my sophomore year at UMBC. It was my first year as a Resident Assistant, but I was also chosen to be part of the delegation for the 2008 CAACURH conference. I received my first taste of the excitement and dedication of our region to student life.

I continued my local and regional experience after being inducted into NRHH in the Fall semester of my sophomore year. Immediately after inductions, I decided to run for the open executive board secretary position. After a smooth transition into the position, I was able to take an important leadership role in the chapter. I planned the first formal induction ceremony as part of my duties and kept all of the records for our chapter.

I continued as the chapter secretary throughout my junior year at UMBC. I supported the new executive board as the only returning executive board member. I was able to support the chapter through a change of leadership and direction for the chapter. It was a challenging year, with a lot of setbacks, but I was able to hold the chapter together.

Currently, I am honored to hold the title of Chapter President. In a little over a semester, I have been able to completely turn around the direction and motivation of our chapter. We have increased our membership, number of OTMs, and our commitment to service projects. I believe that encouraging and maintaining a strong chapter has prepared me for the role of AD NRHH.

Moreover, I will be graduating from UMBC this upcoming spring. For the past three years, I have been a Resident Assistant and NRHH Executive Board Member. I am ready for a new challenge and I believe that an RBD position will allow me to continue my leadership growth and experience as a graduate student. I have already planned for my changes as a student and I prepared to take on a leadership role with new levels of responsibility. It is my sincere hope to bring my experience and enthusiasm from a local level to the regional level.

Thank you for your consideration and I wish you all the best of luck in boardroom.

With Diamond pride,

Lauren Hartsky
Candidate for CAACURH AD NRHH
NRHH President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Lauren Hartsy

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Major: Interdisciplinary Studies: Emergency Care Management

Sophomore Year 2008 - 2009

Midnight Breakfast Committee Chair, Resident Student Association
Inducted into National Residence Hall Honorary, Fall 2008
Elected Secretary, UMBC NRHH Chapter (Spring 2009)
Inductions Committee Chair, UMBC NRHH
Executive Board Member of the Month, April 2009
RSA/NRHH End of Year Banquet Chair, RSA
CAACURH Bronze Pin, RSA/NRHH End of Year Banquet 2009
RSA General Body Member of the Year
Assisted with UMBC's NRHH Building Block of the Year bid (Regional Winner)

Junior Year 2009 - 2010

Secretary, UMBC National Residence Hall Honorary Chapter
Inductions Committee Chair, UMBC NRHH
Executive Board Member of the Month, April 2010
UMBC Office of Residential Life Service Award
Harbor Hall Paraprofessional of the Year

Senior Year 2010 - 2011

President, UMBC National Residence Hall Honorary Chapter
Director of Service and Recognition, UMBC RSA
Selection Committee Chair, UMBC NRHH
Executive Board Member of the Month, July 2010 & November 2010
Regional Executive Board Member of the Month, October 2010
CAACURH NRHH Regional OTM Committee
Co-presented a program at CAACURH 2010 regarding service in NRHH
Collected information from other schools to help inform decisions about NRHH development and growth
Assisted with UMBC's NRHH Building Block of the Year bid
Bid for CAACURH AD NRHH at No Frills 2011

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Other Residential Life Experience

2008-2009:

Resident Assistant, Chesapeake Hall, 2nd North
Community Action Board (CAB) Advisor, Chesapeake Hall

2009-2010:

Resident Assistant, Harbor Hall, 4th North
Community Action Board (CAB) Advisor, Harbor Hall
UMBC Office of Residential Life Training Committee

2010-2011:

Resident Assistant, Harbor Hall, 3rd East
UMBC Office of Residential Life Training Committee
Community Action Board (CAB) Advisor, Harbor Hall

NACURH Conference Attendance

CAACURH 2008, Stevenson University

No Frills 2010, American University

NACURH 2010, University of California, San Diego

CAACURH 2010, University of Maryland, College Park



Goals

Throughout my term, it is my hope to be able to work with the rest of the RBD to achieve the following goals in order to improve NRHH, as well as CAACURH.

Identify ways to improve CAACURH NRHH

- ✓ Maintain the NRHH “Dropbox” to allow chapters to share best practices
- ✓ Encourage monthly status reports from Chapter Presidents to support struggling chapters

Identify ways to improve NACURH NRHH

- ✓ Support recognition and service efforts at the national level

Ensure timely communication

- ✓ Continue constant contact with members schools
- ✓ Provide updates to NRHH chapter members at a minimum once every month

Goals

Provide support for the growth of NRHH

- ✓ Continue the buddy program started this year with affiliated chapters
- ✓ Provide opportunities for chapters to try new programs

Encourage transparency throughout the organization

- ✓ Support the use of a “Dropbox” to house all regional documents to make them easily accessible
- ✓ Provide forums for NRHH representatives to ask questions and share accomplishments

Encourage new ways of recognition

- ✓ Supply every chapter with a guide to traditional forms of recognition including ways to recognize NRHH members outside OTMs

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January 24, 2011

Dear CAACURH Regional Board of Directors,

I am writing concerning the position for Associate Director for NRHH position. I want to state up front that it is my honor to emotionally and financially support Lauren Hartsy as a candidate for Associate Director of NRHH and Recognition.

Lauren is truly a remarkable person and I highly recommend her. I have known Lauren for almost three years now and serve as her supervisor. Lauren is President of our NRHH chapter and has also been a Resident Assistant for our program for several years. She is very involved in RSA as well. Lauren is a rare student who is so committed to students and serves as a tremendous leader in a quiet but strong way that has made quite an impact on our campus community. Further, she is an excellent student and has balanced her activities and school work very well.

Lauren has transformed NRHH this year. She met with me this summer to explain the goals they had set forth and they have met and exceeded every goal. They have won both regional and a national OTM's, had strong participation and broadened that outreach of who submits OTM's dramatically. In addition, the chapter is incredibly active with service and outreach to the larger campus community. The amazing thing about this work is that Lauren has not done it alone. She has led her chapter – guided and motivated them to want and be more and they have thrived. It is her quiet, yet strong “can do” spirit that will serve NRHH so well.

She was voted RA of the year last year for her community, always willing to be there for her residents and her fellow RA's. She is a great listener and that will serve her well when working with a team that has to meet via conference call and work on OTM's. She does not fear conflict and has a special knack for resolving it with the least amount of drama as well. Her laid back attitude draws people to her and helps reach resolution.

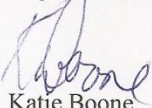
Finally, Lauren simply cares about people. You see it in all that she does. Whether it be organizing gifts for the-adopt a family program, remembering the hard work a department has done for students, or a resident who seems to need a hug. She is also able to forge great relationships with people. Whether it is her peers, administrators on campus, the director at St.

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Ann's Place, faculty or the emergency personnel she volunteers regularly with for her major. She is perceptive and caring and it will serve NRHH incredibly well.

I fully support and recommend Lauren for this position. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Regards



Katie Boone
Director of Residential Life
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Dear CAACURH Regional Board of Directors,

It is with great pleasure and without any hesitation that I write to you in support of Lauren Hartsky's bid for the position of Associate Director for NRRH and Recognition in the Regional Board. As her advisor in her position as UMBC's NRHH Chapter President, I feel as though I have a strong understanding of Lauren's outstanding work ethic and commitment to the region and to NRHH. You will have a difficult time finding a candidate for the AD-NRHH position more qualified and committed to the pillars of NRHH than Lauren.

I've had the privilege of knowing Lauren for two and a half years and have also supervised her in her position as a Resident Assistant. I have seen her develop as an outstanding campus leader – one who holds herself to a higher set of expectations than any set by me or her other supervisors. Lauren is strong in almost every skill area required of a good leader. This is particularly true of her administrative skills, her ability to hold her fellow officers and members accountable, and her genuine care and support she shows for those whom she leads in our chapter. She is the first to offer support to a fellow officer who is struggling to meet a deadline. She is the first to give recognition for a unique accomplishment of a member. She is the first to suggest a new program or an additional way to improve our chapter's service to our campus. She is the first student leader that I have worked with in NRHH to set standards of member accountability which are higher than my own.

Lauren does not do all of these things for the well-deserved praise that she receives, nor to simply add another title to her resume. She does it but because she sincerely believes in her heart that through recognition she can make someone feel important enough to persist and enjoy their time at UMBC. She can and has helped residents and her fellow student leaders at this institution learn responsibility and feel valued.

It is for these reasons, and many others that I strong support Lauren's bid for the Associate Director for NRHH and Recognition position. She is an individual who exhibits the skills and commitment necessary to fulfill the responsibility as a RBD member. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Doug Copeland
Community Director
NRHH Chapter Advisor

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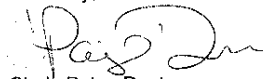
We are writing in support of Lauren Hartsky's bid for Associate Director for NRHH and Recognition for the Regional Board. As the advisors to the Resident Student Association, we have had the luxury of watching Lauren in her role as an outstanding student leaders and RSA/NRHH executive board member. We are thoroughly amazed with the different skills and talents she exhibits, along with her ambition to enhance her leadership skills by getting involved on the RBD level. With the past semester, Lauren has acted as Director of Service and Recognition within RSA and President of NRHH, stepping up from being a general body member within both groups. Furthermore, she continues to contribute to the development of a strong community through her position as a resident assistant. Through these roles she has been instrumental in building respect and strengthening the influence RSA and NRHH has on our campus community.

We are extremely impressed with her enthusiasm and dedication to the residential community and more specifically NRHH. She has exhibited strong administrative and leadership skills, lead this year's NRHH through three successful service programs, and brought recognition of programs and individual accomplishments to a whole new level. This year we have seen tremendous growth in the relationship RSA and NRHH and that can only be attributed to Lauren's dedication to her position and purpose of the two organizations. The excitement we see Lauren exhibit from attending conferences, such as CAACURH, No-Frills, and NACURH, is refreshing and would be a great asset to the CAACURH RBD Team.

We have been proud to witness Lauren grow as a student leader and continue to serve UMBC with dedication and motivation. Her dedication to our residential community and the NACURH organization are evident by her stepping up into these roles during her senior year at UMBC, when many other students would set their sights on graduation and moving on. Lauren is focused on what her legacy here will be. Our personal experiences working with both the NBG and RBD through hosting different conferences in the NACURH, CAACURH and NEACURH regions, shows our commitment in the support of resident student leaders. Lauren Hartsky is a person who exhibits the skills and commitment necessary to fulfill the responsibility as a RBD member and we offer full financial and emotional support in her bid for Regional Director of the CAACURH RBD.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact either of us at (410) 455-3932.

Sincerely,



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National Residence Hall Honorary UMBC Chapter

January 20, 2011

To the CAACURH Regional Board of Directors, National Communications Coordinators, and NRHH Representatives:

It takes a lot for someone to command the level of respect I have for Lauren Hartsky. Without a doubt, she is an outstanding candidate for the office of Associate Director for NRHH, and I am very honored to have the opportunity to recommend her for this position.

I have known Lauren since my first year as a Resident Assistant, and from that first meeting Lauren has consistently demonstrated that she is a very organized, motivated, and determined individual. Despite whatever setbacks may exist, Lauren will consistently put her full effort into whatever tasks she has been assigned or taken on herself. While she continues to demonstrate that in her third year as an RA, what has most impressed me since I've known Lauren is her selfless dedication to the Resident Student Association and NRHH.

Last year was a particularly trying year for UMBC's NRHH Chapter, characterized by low activity from our membership and a disconnection between the chapter and the Resident Student Association which supports it. Were it not for the efforts of Lauren, our chapter may have collapsed then; she was Secretary at the time, but effectively served as President when the actual President failed to fulfill her duties.

This year, Lauren is now our Chapter President and has almost single-handedly overhauled our chapter so it is barely recognizable from what it was last year. Thanks to Lauren's guidance and dedication, our chapter is active, larger than before, and is achieving much more than it has in the past several years. Lauren continually checks in with her executive board to ensure that we are on task and yet still doing well ourselves, and will often take up any slack herself without complaint.

Furthermore, Lauren's qualifications for this position are demonstrated in the recognition she has received. Last year, she received a Commitment to Service Award at the annual Residential Life Banquet, one of five awards given by the Director of the department for outstanding dedication to residence life. Furthermore, Lauren has been nominated for Of The Month award 16 times since October of 2008 – most as an Executive Board Member – and was awarded Campus Honorable Mentions twice, Campus Winner four times, and Regional Winner once (in October 2010).

If nothing else, Lauren's support to me as her Vice President of Recognition has been phenomenal. Despite going through a training program this winter break where she had extremely limited phone and computer access, Lauren made sure to follow up with me every day on the progress of our chapter's award bids and the sections other Executive Board members were assigned. This level of dedication clearly demonstrates to me that if you select Lauren Hartsky as your AD/NRHH, you will be making an excellent decision that will most certainly not be regretted.

With Diamond and Cougar Pride,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett W. Reynolds".

Brett W. Reynolds
Vice President for Recognition, UMBC Chapter NRHH, 2010-2011
Resident Assistant, UMBC, 2008-2011
National Communications Coordinator, UMBC RSA, 2008-2010