

Hello to all of my fellow honor students,

For those of you who I have not had the pleasure to meet, my name is Courtney Rhoades and I am running for Vice President of Community Service for the 2015-2016 school year. I am in the process of completing my junior year here at the university and am majoring in biology. As a long standing honors member and as the previous HSA Treasurer for the 2013-2014 term, my platform for running is interaction. I hope as Vice President of Community Service to provide opportunities that allow members to connect with our campus and the surrounding area.

As Vice President of Community Service I shall assist my fellow board members with planning events and volunteer opportunities which members will take an interest in. I propose the idea of "Monthly Causes" which allow us, as a program, to pick an organization or cause to assist or raise funds for each month. I would also hope to set up events in the Honors Residential Learning Community, which I also reside in. As a board member, I will delegate my time to act as a connection between students and administrators. I also recommend the idea of introducing a mentor program for incoming honor students to assist in the adjustment from high school to college. My former leadership background includes the Vanguard, Sophomore Class Events Manager, 2013; Mentor for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, 2014-2015; and Secretary of the Biology Society, 2014-2015. These positions have allowed me to shape my leadership skills to include; communication, inventiveness, and amiability. I am also employed at the local regional hospital as a medical scribe and in my free time I volunteer on the oncology floor or at the local animal shelter. Likewise, I participate on several crews which organize beach clean-ups and assist at the small ruminant farm on campus.

Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider electing me as your Vice President of Community Service for the 2015-2016 term.

Courtney Rhoades