

Dear Potential Candidate,

I am very pleased that you are considering this opportunity to make a difference on Winthrop's Campus. This is not a venture to be taken lightly. The two people that occupy the President & Vice-President seats on the Council of Student Leaders are advocates, ambassadors, servants, and cheerleaders for our University. It will be time contribution and legacy you can leave on the future of the university.

There are minimum qualifications for holding the position. By signing below, you confirm that the information provided on the Council of Student Leaders applications is, to the best of your knowledge, correct. In addition, you consent the release of confidential data including grade information. You are also aware that any information in this application may be used for promotional or other uses as the Council of Student Leaders sees fit.

*The resume, leadership portfolio, and platform statement as well as the names on the ticket will be posted on the CSL website.

Candidate Release: I consent to the release of confidential information on this application including grade information. The information I provide will be posted so that students may review my application prior to casting their decision.

Electronic Signature Release: Rachel Griffith, 03/08/2023

RACHEL GRIFFITH

EXPERIENCE

RESIDENT ASSISTANT

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Winthrop Residence Life, Rock Hill, SC | Aug 2021 - Present

- Make regular rounds to ensure that residents and areas are safe and secure.
- Mediate interpersonal problems between residents.
- Observe students to detect and report unusual behavior.
- Communicate with other staff to resolve problems with individual students.
- Hold regular meetings with each assigned resident.
- Determine the need for facility maintenance and repair and notify appropriate personnel.
- Collaborate closely with your Residential Learning Coordinator or Residence Director.

NIGHT/OFFICE HOST

Margaret Nance, Rock Hill, SC | Sep 2020 - Present

- Fully and accurately complete all assigned hall office paperwork and procedures for every shift.
- Act as a good role model, and be knowledgeable of, enforce and follow Residence Life and University policy, as well as state and federal laws.
- Maintain a professional work environment in and around the hall office.
- Maintain confidentiality with regards to Residence Hall policies, hall records and hall incident reports.

STARBUCK BARISTA

Starbuck Barista, Rock Hill, SC | Sep 2019 - Sep 2021

- Perform several job duties and provide customer service.
- Take orders and make coffee, tea, and other drinks to customer specifications.

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EDUCATION

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Rock Hill, SC

Mass Communication Major

Social Work Major

Marketing Minor

(Expected graduation May 2024)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Cash register

Leadership

Customer Service

Dependability

Engaging Personality

Multitasking

Active Listener

Computer Skills

- Described menu items to customers and suggested products based on stated preferences.
- Operated the cash register, collected payments, and provided accurate change.
- Maintained clean and organized workspace, enabling coworkers to locate resources and product.

Oral Communication

Multitasking

Organizational

Photography

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Student Alumni Council, Rock Hill, SC | Oct 2021 - Present

ROLLING IN ROCK HILL

Student Alumni Council, Rock Hill, SC | Sep 2021

DONATIONS

SOAR, Rock Hill, SC | Mar 2021

PEIDMONT CARDS

SOAR, Rock Hill, SC | Mar 2021

PILGRIMS INN

MLK DAY, Rock Hill, SC | Jan 2021

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

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Member, Rock Hill, SC, Sep 2021 - Present

- Focus and to incite an exponential increase in growth in oneself, community, and world.
- Attend Meetings
- Participate in events and programs

NAACP

PAC and Community Service Committee, Sep 2021 - Present

- Attend committee meetings
- Coordinate Events
- Educate My Peers

- Civically engage the campus

WU VOGUE

Marketing and Photography Committee, Sep 2021 - Present

STUDENT ALUMNI COUNCIL

Member, Rock Hill, SC | Aug 2021 - Present

- SAC members serve as the resident "tradition keepers" who promote the spirit, history and tradition of Winthrop and provide opportunities for students to develop into active, engaged citizens and future alumni.
- Attend Meetings
- Create flyers for events
- Control social media
- Work closely with other members

ALPHA KAPPA PSI PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS FRATERNITY

Member, Rock Hill, SC | Apr 2021 - Present

- Prepare transition into being premier principled business leaders.
- Attend resume workshops, professional dress programs and other various professional programming on campus and in our community.

SOAR

Member, Rock Hill, SC | Oct 2020 - Present

- Make an impact on the campus community and surrounding areas.
- Participate in community service projects
- Donate a plethora of items i.e., hygiene products, canned foods
- Create cards to give to children, elderly & special needs
- Volunteer at Pilgrims Inn

WOFFORD HALL COUNCIL

Secretary, Rock Hill, SC | Sep 2019 - May 2020

- To create a sense of community within Wofford Halls and to promote friendliness and personal growth through academic and social activities.

- Participate in bi-weekly club meetings
- Plan and Host events for resident
- Create Flyers to promote programs

LEADERSHIP PORTFOLIO

Rachel Griffith

1. What goals do you have for the Council of Student Leaders and how will you achieve them?

The first goal I have for the Council of Student Leaders would be to ensure that every single student voice is heard and letting them know there is always a place for them on campus to freely and appropriately express themselves. Giving students the opportunity to tell us their needs and not assume what they need. I want to know what they love and hate about Winthrop so I build on that to make their college career the best I can.

Another goal I have is to be accountable for your work. With there being many members of CSL it is important that the work gets distributed evenly, and that people are taking those tasks seriously. If a task does not get completed, I expect members to be mindful of who was associated with that task and have a polite conversation with that person, to understand why. I expect people to communicate with each other when we have things that prevent us from completing our task, so that the nature of the entire group has not been set back.

The third goal is to be cheerful, encouraging and optimistic! At the end of the day we are all one unit, working together to complete tasks that will enhance the Winthrop college life experience for all. If we lack energy and enthusiasm, this can make tasks feel daunting and challenging, and it can also have a domino effect in terms of how other people portray their mood to be too. The CSL is a great opportunity to strengthen your opportunity to be a leader, so take advantage of the opportunity and have fun whilst doing it!

2. As the Chair/Vice Chair of the Council, you are often in the spotlight and criticized. How do you respond to criticism and what do you take away from it?

As Vice Chair, I understand that I am often in the spotlight and criticized with that being said I do know that I won't be able to please everyone but I would love the feedback from people. Me personally criticism doesn't bother me but it helps me. I always love feedback so I can know what else I can do to become a better leader and a better person. I would maintain an open mind and prepare to ask question for more understanding.

3. What do you believe is your greatest strength and weakness when it comes to leadership?

I believe that my greatest strength when it comes to leadership would be how driven I am to impact not my life but others' life too. When it comes to leadership I am not afraid to step up to the challenge and see what more I can do to learn different skills to

become the best leader I can be. I believe a weakness of mine when it comes to leadership would be trying to take on too much and cause burnout within myself. I sometimes don't know how to say no in the instance of taking on more tasks or assignments to add to my plate in fear of it not being done right by someone outside of me.

4. Detail a time that a group was under your leadership and how you lead them and resolved any conflicts that arose. How did you lead, and how did they respond?

A time a group was under my leadership would be when I became Student Alumni Council president after our advisor left and the current president also stepped down. In the transitional period I could see a lot of members start to become disinterested and busy so at the end of the semester I did a "Vent Here" form basically giving any and all members the ability to get everything off their chest. The form provided allowed Exec Board and I to learn how we can become better leaders for them and to gain motivation for it. We are an organization under the Alumni Office and with our advisor leaving when began working them Alumni Team which some people did not enjoy due to some of the changes made. In the last meeting we had a member of the Alumni Team attend and we read the response and answered them transparently. I told everyone that next semester will be a clean slate where would build the organization up within before doing applications so new members wouldn't be coming into a messy transition. During winter break, I sent an email recapping what we talked about and giving members an out, meaning if you are no longer interested in being about of the organization this would be the time to leave and even though some people did leave I had the people who wanted to work still a part of SAC. Now we are an organization bonding and planning ahead in order to lead the organization into greatness.

5. You have heard that Winthrop University students want to decorate their graduation caps, but administration has firmly said no. How would you go about addressing the issue with students and administration?

I believe it is important to uphold both the values of the students as well as the policies of the school, so for a situation like this, a compromise is needed where both parties are heard and respected.

The school has policies put in place for the safety of the students. In this case, the school may decide to not allow students to decorate their graduation caps because conflict can arise if inappropriate or offensive language is displayed on students' graduation caps.

However, one may argue that need's of the students is just as important, because by decorating their graduation caps allows them to express themselves and celebrate the most pivotal moment in their college career.

If I were to be elected onto the CSL, I would look into all areas of concern from the administration's request to not have students decorate their cap, and find a resolution to

it. For example, if the reason being is to prevent inappropriate content from being displayed at the graduation, then I would ask those who are willing to have their caps decorated, be reviewed by administration for approval, prior to the date of graduation. Only those granted permission would be allowed to wear their decorated cap on graduation. By doing so this compromise is effective, and both parties heard.

TICKET PLATFORM STATEMENT

As Gandhi once said “Be the change you want to see in the world”. Change is an unstoppable journey that is not always easy to deal with. As inevitable as change can be, one thing is for certain - and that is the ability to make decisions that can positively impact the course of your future.

Which is why we aim to drive change and promote action. We want your concerns to not only be heard but to be acted upon. We believe everyone should feel comfortable enough to address their concerns, and express how they are feeling. Your student input is crucial and we want to hear it! But most importantly we aspire to drive for change to ensure that you get the best college life experience you could ever have.

One of the things that we want to help students with, would be dealing with stress. We would host monthly events to make sure students are properly dealing with stress in a healthy way. A “Destress Fest” where students would have the opportunity to exhale, and would receive items like stress balls, meditation journals, bath bombs, and more. Students would also be able to make crafts, play games and enjoy the company of their peers.

Additionally, we would want to implement an “Eagle Boutique” which would give students the opportunity to donate or gain from a plethora of items such as clothes, shoes, books, school supplies, and more. Students, faculty, and the community would be able to donate items and receive items, free of charge. What a great way to upcycle old clothing, and create a sustainable environment.

We want to make Winthrop a better and more inclusive place for all. So help us, help you make Winthrop the college of your dreams.

Vote #change.