

Executive Board Member of the Month

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On-Campus Population: 5600

Chapter Size: 56

Please explain the **outstanding** contributions of the nominee **during the month of nomination**

It is difficult for any resident to be a full-time student and serve on an RHA Executive Board. It is even more difficult for a resident to step up in the middle of the year and serve as a replacement on an Exec Board. And it is nearly impossible for a resident to begin their duties during dead week and get into the bulk of their work during final's week, yet that is exactly what Tyler Boonstra has done since being appointed as the Director of Administration and Finance (ADAF) for the Residence Hall Student Association (RHSA) at the University of Washington.

At the end of November the previous ADAF resigned for personal reasons. When Tyler was asked to serve on the executive board by the RHSA President he did so immediately and without a second thought. Since arriving on the RHSA Exec Board beginning December 1, he has been a terrific addition to the board that has strengthened the board immensely. On his first official day was an RHSA Exec Board meeting. Tyler was not afraid to express his ideas and put forth suggestions for the rest of the board to consider, including important things that the board had not considered previously.

In addition to being a valuable asset in exec board meetings, Tyler also immediately dived into his new responsibilities with a passion and devotion for the job that is second to none. One of the main jobs of the ADAF is to be the Treasurer for RHSA and to distribute funds to the nine Hall Councils and reimburse residents when they spend their own money for events. Tyler had to complete this process for all nine halls as the previous week had been a week-long event that all the halls participated in. Tyler was required to check over their purchases to make sure that they were divided properly on their receipt and were following the guidelines and funding permission that they had been granted by the RHSA General Council. Tyler did this in record time completing all of the funding and reimbursement forms in less than a week, something that is extremely impressive considering that there were over a dozen forms he had to fill out and had only just been trained on them.

One of his other job requirements is to update and run the RHSA website. Upon his taking over of the position it became clear that the website had not been updated in a few weeks and that it needed to be fixed immediately. Tyler immediately began to work on it and improved the website dramatically within only a few days of taking over. Additionally, when the RHSA website had technical issues over Winter Break, Tyler got right on trying to solve the problem and figure out what the issue with it was. By the time residents returned to school following Winter Break the website was back up and running properly. The website working correctly was extremely important as it had to be ready to go and functional so that residents could find out about all of the great things that RHSA and the hall councils do and apply to be on the RHSA Executive Board.

Finally, all of Tyler's work occurred during dead week and final's week, two of the most stressful, if not the most stressful, weeks of any year for any student. For Tyler, a triple major, this time is even more stressful than most. Yet, Tyler gave up his sleep and study time to give all he could to RHSA, the mark of an extremely devoted executive board member.