

Campus Winner

Month: November
2011

NACURH, INC. Advisor of the Month

School: University of Washington

Region: PACURH

Nominee: Marissa Adamczyk

Nominator: Katie
Gudgell

On-Campus Population: 5600

Chapter Size: 56

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

College students encounter many challenges in their classes, extracurricular activities, and in everyday life. When holding a leadership position, those challenges can come very frequently and in all forms. Not everyone has an advisor that they trust when faced with those challenges, but luckily I did. Because of the time she gave, the support she offered, and the impact she made in the last month, Marissa Adamczyk, the Resident Director of Haggett Hall, deserves to be recognized by receiving the OTM for Advisor of the Month. As the Haggett RD, Marissa has a very time-consuming and full schedule. She is always running to meetings, dealing with all kinds of situations imaginable in the residence halls, and advising the Haggett People's Council (HPC). Along with these duties she deals with regularly, she also had to find a new Assistant Director of Communication for HPC. With so many responsibilities, it is inevitable that she faces challenges regularly and I admire her ability to conquer them and create such a great community in Haggett Hall. Ever since meeting her last year in hall council, I have had the greatest respect for her. She knows not only how to make people listen to her, but make them want to listen to her. She receives respect because she gives respect. Most of all, she really cares about her residents and is always there when they need advice. I know this because I came into her office one afternoon to see if she could talk and she met with me right then and there. Over the month of November, I faced a challenge that I wasn't sure how to handle. I really wanted the advice of someone that I respected and could trust so I could figure out the best way to solve the conflict. I immediately thought of Marissa. When I visited her office, she listened intently as I talked and talked about what had been bothering me. She asked questions to help me see the whole situation so we could find a good solution. After that meeting, she met with me the next week, and the week after that as well, so I could update her on what was going on with the situation. She also made sure I knew that I could email her if anything else came up that I needed to talk about. It made a great deal of a difference to me during that stressful time to know that I had an advisor that was so willing to listen and really help me find a way to get through the challenge. A lot of times in these kinds of situations, the person gets told what to do after explaining their situation, but Marissa didn't tell me what to do. Instead, she asked all of the right questions so I could figure out myself what was best for me. Knowing I had someone who supported me in that way took a lot of weight off of my shoulders and allowed me to see clearer. Not only was I able to get through the conflict, but I also learned a lot about myself, and ways of dealing with challenges I will undoubtedly face in the future. For the incomparably positive impact she has made during the month of November, Marissa Adamczyk deserves to be recognized as the Advisor of the Month.

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