

NACURH, INC.

Executive Board Member of the Month

School: University of Washington

Region: PACURH

Nominee: Taran Dike

Nominator: Nathaniel Block

On-Campus Population: 5600

Chapter Size: 56

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

During November, Taran Dike, the NRHH Assistant Director of Events at the University of Washington, not put on two amazing events that were both unbelievable successes, but also went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that one of the most important times of the year for any NRHH chapter, inductions, was a huge success.

Inductions at UW were not only be a chance to show off NRHH to new inductees, but was an opportunity to show off how great NRHH is to professional staff as well. The success of this ceremony is extremely important. Taran worked to ensure that everything went off without a hitch. Leading up to the event Taran volunteered to help out with whatever he could. He worked on the invitations that went out to each member and made sure that they were delivered. Furthermore he worked with the Assistant Director of Membership to choose the awesome theme for the event, Hawaiian Luau, the decorations, and the leis that each member of NRHH would receive. Additionally he helped order the food for the event, arranged to get a car to pick up the food, and picked up the food for the event. Of course, when it was time for inductions he worked with the NRHH Executive Board to set-up the whole room and greet each person as they walked into the room. Yet, the coolest thing by far that he did was make personal nametags for each person to put at their seats. But there weren't just any nametags, these nametags each had a Hawaiian name that Taran researched to find the Hawaiian name for each attendee. Needless to say the nametags were a major hit and the event was unbelievable.

The first event that Taran put on was a community service event with Food Lifeline. Food Lifeline is an organization that works to provide meals to homeless shelters throughout the state of Washington. Taran recruited volunteers to leave campus at 8:00 AM on Veteran's Day to go to this community service event. At the event Taran led his volunteers to box up over 1,300 pounds of soup that would feed well over 1,000 families. Additional Taran's volunteers organized and packed an additional 4,000 pounds of food to be boxed and shipped later on, a process that made it so future packing will go extremely efficiently.

The other event that Taran put on was a trip to go see the UW Woman's Volleyball play our arch rivals on November 22, less than two weeks after his previous event and only five days after inductions. Yet, many event programmers would be satisfied with only arranging to see the game and recruiting members to go, but not Taran. For over a month Taran worked with the coaching staff of the team to arrange a private meet-and-greet after the game. He made it so that members of NRHH that came to the game were able to go to the film room immediately following the game and be able to meet and talk to the stars of the team and the coaching staff of the game. At the end of the event after members of the team heard about the great work NRHH does, they stated that they would be willing to help at a future community service event.

Furthermore he worked with RHTA and began a third event, a collection drive to get hygiene products to families in need.

While he had an incredible November, I know of nobody that works harder more consistently to ensure the success of his NRHH chapter than Taran Dike.