

## **NACURH, INC.**

### **First Year Student of the Month**

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<b>School:</b>	University of Washington	<b>Region:</b>	PACURH
<b>Nominee:</b>	Kainen Bell	<b>Nominator:</b>	Nathaniel Block

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**On-Campus Population:** 5600**Chapter Size:** 56

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

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For any freshman, the first quarter or semester at college can be a terrifying and trying time. It is hard for these new students to not only come out of their shell and get involved with leadership, but excel at it right off the bat. Yet, that is exactly what Kainen Bell has done since arriving at the University of Washington. Since coming to UW Kainen has gotten involved as much as possible in his hall council and the Residence Hall Student Association (RHSA).

When applications opened for hall council positions, Kainen jumped at the opportunity to apply. He was appointed to his hall council's executive board as the Assistant Director of Representation. This position requires him to supervise seven other individuals in his hall council to make sure they are doing their jobs. Additionally, the position means that Kainen is the head representative for his hall council to RHSA General Council meetings. This is something that Kainen has excelled at in November. Any time that there was a discussion in General Council, Kainen always participated. He added key insight and pointed out what would be both beneficial and harmful for residents in discussions ranging from a change in the RHSA Constitution to the appointment of a new member to the RHSA Executive Board to Gender Neutral Housing. Furthermore, Kainen is always prepared to give his weekly report on what is going on in his hall council and provides information to all residents on different events and programs that are occurring.

In his hall council Kainen also put on a very successful program during November. On the Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend UW played our arch rivals in football in the Apple Cup. Kainen created and ran a program for residents of his hall that were unable to go the game to come together and watch the game together. When problems because of the channel that the game was on, Kainen worked to change the way the program would be able to watch the game to ensure residents would be able to see our great team in action.

Yet, the most impressive thing Kainen did during November was being one of the co-chairs of the Advocacy Council for Tomorrow (ACT). While he was elected at the start of the year, it was during November that Kainen took over the committee and ran the meetings. He has done an unbelievable job chairing the bi-weekly meetings. Kainen has set the agenda, worked with professional staff to see what they wanted to discuss at the meeting, and ensured that each committee member was able to give their input as to what was being discussed. Furthermore, as co-chair of ACT he worked in conjunction with Win Hubbard, the RHSA Director of Internal Affairs, to put on a program called Food and Feedback. In conjunction with UW Dining, Kainen worked to make it Food and Feedback a tasting event where chefs and other administrators were present. While the event provided residents with a chance to sample food, it was also an opportunity to provide feedback on food in the dining halls to the chefs, a chance to learn about how the food was made, the local products that are used, and why the dining halls operate how they do. The event was an unbelievable success with the chefs and administrators stating that they wanted to do similar events again each quarter.

During November Kainen excelled in all aspects of his life at UW. He is the definition of a student-leader. There is nobody more deserving of being honored for their work than Kainen Bell.

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