# **Campus Winner**

# NACURH, INC.

Social Program of the Month

# **NRHH Goes to the Volleyball Apple Cup**

School: Person in charge:	University of Washington Taran Dike	Region: Nominator:	PACURH Nathaniel Block
Target Population: 25Number of People in Attendance: 11Number of People Needed to Organize: 1		Time Needed to Organize: One Month Date(s) of Program: November 22 Cost of Program: \$45,00	
On-Campus Population: 5600		Chapter Size: 56	

#### **Origin of Program:**

This program originated for two main reasons. First, Taran Dike, the NRHH Assistant Director of Events was a huge volleyball fan and here at the University of Washington, we have one of the best volleyball teams in the nation. However, very few people appreciate the greatness of the team. Taran wanted to share his passion for the team with other members of NRHH. He picked the best possible day to have members go to the game; the Apple Cup, the home rivalry game between UW and our arch rivals. The secondary origin of the program was to have a fun way for members to bond with each other. The program occurred a mere week after inductions and was a perfect opportunity for both new and old members to get to know each other better.

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## Please give a short description of the program:

Members of NRHH met at 6:30 to go head over to the game together. Upon arriving at the game the group went down to seat together in the student section. NRHH was able to secure seats right along the center of the court to get the best possible view of the game. At the game NRHH cheered their heads off by bringing custom signs to the game. Each of these signs had a catch slogan like "Dig it Dawgs" and "Ace It!" Additionally, members wore awesome school related gear to show their school spirit such as a huge Husky Dog hat, Kanye glass embroidered with a "U" and a "W," and custom signs cheering on members favorite players. NRHH was able to cheer excitedly as we beat our arch rivals in three straight sets. Yet, while for most people the night and excitement ended there, for NRHH it did not. Taran was able to arrange for NRHH members to go to the film room immediately following the game and have an opportunity to meet the team and coaches. It was an awesome time. Members were able to talk to the team and coaches about everything ranging from school, to sports, to living in the halls. Furthermore, the coaches talked to us about not only their philosophy on sports, but their philosophy on being a student and a student leader on campus. Finally, the night ended by the coaches and players stating that they love to do community service projects and to contact them sometime about potentially getting involved with assisting with a service project that NRHH takes on in either Winter and/or Spring quarter.

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#### Goals of the program:

As previously alluded to, the goals of the event were two-fold. First, was to get individuals to have an increased appreciation for one of the best teams not only on campus, but also in the nation. It was chosen to showcase how great our team is in a home game, especially one against our arch rivals. The secondary goal of the program was to have members begin to bond with each other. Because the program occurred only five days after fall inductions it was a perfect opportunity for both new and old members to get to know each other better and to spend some quality time together right before the Thanksgiving holiday.

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#### Positive and lasting effects of the program:

Members felt that after the event that they got to know each other on a deeper level. Additionally they felt that they had a new appreciation for girl's volleyball. Many members stated that they would want to go to other volleyball games in the future and cheer on another Husky sports team even more.

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## Short evaluation of the program:

The event was a complete success. Participants stated that they would love to do another event like this in the future for another sporting event and to work with the team on a service project as well. Members were not only able to bond with each other and start to form a tighter NRHH team, but they also learned to appreciate one of the best volleyball teams in the nation. Furthermore, NRHH learned that it would be able to talk to new individuals, the volleyball team, about ways to get involved on campus and give back to their community. In the future, it would potentially be beneficial to go have a group dinner before or after the event so that members would be able to get to know each other that much better.

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## How could this program be adapted to other campuses?

Any campus with any sports team can easily adapt this to their campus. All that you need to do is arrange a night to go see the game as a group and as an official NRHH, RHA, or Hall Government event. In terms of meeting the players, you can either contact the coach directly or a team representative through your school's athletic department. At UW we are able to see non-football or basketball games free with a student ID. If there is no such policy at your school you can talk to your athletic department about getting a group rate and group seating, something that many athletic departments around the country offers.

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