

Campus Winner

Month: November 2011

NACURH, INC. Student of the Month

School:	University of Washington	Region:	PACURH
Nominee:	Heather Jech	Nominator:	Mindy Liou

On-Campus Population: 5600

Chapter Size: 56

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

Ever since the school year started, Heather has been a student that has jumped right into a variety of leadership opportunities. Her involvement ranges from within her residence hall to working closely with the RHSA executive board. As one of the Kingdom of Hansee General Council representatives, she actively makes her and her hall's voice heard in General Council. As a Residential Involvement through Social Engagement committee, Hansee Hall representative, she brings fresh ideas and perspectives to programming and residential outreach while volunteering countless times to take on extra duties such as wide scale program planning. On top of that, she has consistently supported her fellow residents by attending all the other hall council events outside of her own. Even when she wasn't the committee chair, when her hall's committee chair could not attend a meeting she was the one present in the committee chair's place. However the biggest trait about Heather that stands out the most is her enthusiasm; she doesn't just do the things she does, she does them with a smile and passion that is difficult to rival.

Recently, the UW RHSA Winter Quarter month long program committees began to discuss plans for the upcoming quarter's events. When no other hall council member took on the role of committee chair, Heather stepped up to take the lead despite already having two other positions within her hall council and RHSA. As a committee chair, she never fails to speak up when she spots an idea that doesn't embody what RHSA represents. There have been numerous times where she's pulled the rest of the committee chairs back to reality by pointing out how one idea might not be inclusive, or another idea would potentially give off the wrong impression to the community.

Heather takes the time to really think things through and see how it will impact the people around her. As a RISE representative, she works beyond what is expected of her by taking the time to research information that is pertinent to any topic that the committee discusses. On more than one occasion, she's made the extra effort to turn her personal time to helping the committee moments. In the last program that RHSA and RISE hosted which was a video and board game event, she made sure to go home and bring back two Nintendo 64 consoles and over twenty of her own N64 games just to incorporate some retro games in case there were residents that did not want to play the more modern Wii and Playstation 3 games.

Heather is an inspiration. She is a dedicated individual that goes beyond what is expected of her in order to help support her community. She is a leader that avidly shows that she cares about the people around her and consistently works to improve the quality of life on campus. Ever since she stepped on campus this school year, she's made her presence known in the best way possible and continues to prove that she has no intention of stopping.

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