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## Hello from Seattle!!

Hi PACURH!! This is Marley Blonsky, the NCC from UW with a quick little newsletter to introduce myself and my school and update all y'all as to what is going on here at UW! First of all, I'm a Junior majoring in Womens studies with a minor in Diversity Studies and comparative religion. I've been active with our RHSA since my freshman year, serving as a Hall Council President and then as Programming Director my sophomore year for RHSA. I'm super excited about being NCC this year- I got a first glimpse of how exciting it is at NACURH and the first part of this year has been amazing!!

I'm currently working with my new executive board and new advisor to attempt to revamp our fundraising

process. My big goal for this year is to change our current system of snail mail Study Buddy Ordering to an online system to minimize mailing costs and maximize our profits! By the way, thank you to all the NCCs who responded to my plea for help for ideas about what to include in the finals kit care packages!

bid for both the SALT award and POY award! We also for the first time in a long time filled every spot on every hall council, had an almost 100% attendance rate at our mandatory day of training, and had the most active participation yet in UW's school wide Homecoming Activities!

This year has been an exciting one! Our delegation is ramped up and ready to explore Ellensburg at PACURH and I can't wait to meet all y'all in the boardroom.

Oh yeah, one more thing! I have the wonderful job of maintaining the list-serves for the region (the general PACURH one, the NRHH one, the PACURH RBD, and PACURH advisor).

Please let me know if you're not on them or you need anything updated!!

See you at PACURH!



In other exciting news, for the first time ever (or in recent memory), UW has

## Why RHSA and not RHA?

Here at UW, we are unique. Our Association that represents our residence hall students is RHSA, not RHA like most schools. After being asked many times at conferences, I decided to do some research to

find out why we have the extra S. Turns out, many years ago, the students decided to change the name to include the S- to represent the students that this group is built for. Thus, we are the Residence Hall Student

Association. The extra letter helps remind us who we serve and why we exist as an organization. So next time you see us, you'll know why we are RHSA, and not RHA!

## September Programs from RHSA!

September was a busy month for our RHSA. Even though school didn't start until the 27th, we held over five programs this month alone!

The month kicked off with the executive board moving into the halls a week before the rest of the residents. The entire week was devoted to training: bonding as a group, meeting our new advisor, planning the quarter, and mainly getting ready for our leadership development program for this year.

RHSA participated in the

campus wide kick off event DAWG DAZE with two events! RHSA worked with the Husky Capture the Flag team to host a campus wide game of capture the flag which attracted over 200 students! We also worked



with our Intramural Activities Building to host a Roller Disco during their opening event. Over 300 students participated in roller-skating and other groovy activities!

In September we also did lots of tabling and marketing to get the word out about RHSA and Hall Council- including tabling during the DAWG DAZE Activity Fair in Red Square and compiling over 100 names for our mailing list!!

September was an awesome month for us!

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**Kiss IT!!!!**

## UW Hosts National Office!

For the first time ever, the University of Washington is host to a national office! The University of Washington is now the home of the NACURH Services and Recognition Office! Many of our leaders are serving as officers for this organization! NSRO has found an awesome home here at

UW, with excitement building as regional conferences get closer and closer! Hosting the office has provided the opportunity for many of our leaders to experience leadership on a national scale, interact with students all over the country and enhance their leadership skills. We are ex-

cited for the opportunity to host this organization and the great things it's doing for our leaders. The office is more exciting, granted, a little more cramped, but this new venture for UW has proven so far to be very successful!

## Meet the University of Washington Executive Board

### **President- Jada Isherwood**

Jada is a senior majoring in Earth and Space Sciences and makes it clear to us everyday that he's positive that Mount Rainier will never explode. He's done an amazing job leading a young exec board to a very successful start to the year!

### **Vice-President- Ricky Jequinto**

New to the exec board this year, Ricky has taken the committees that he is responsible for to a new level. He is a junior majoring in business, economics, and English- he stays busy!

### **Administrative Manager- Amber Foes**

Amber is a sophomore majoring in math and psychology. She totally revamped the website this year and her riddles liven up the meetings! Check out her hard work at <http://students.washington.edu/rhsaweb>

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# October Programs from RHSA!

October was also a super busy month- with something happening nearly every week or weekend! We held our annual Day of Training on October 14th which was attended by over 80 leaders in the residence halls. We kicked the training off the night before with a representative bonding activity of eating dinner and then attending our womens volleyball team game together! The next weekend was also full of leadership training with the Overnight Leadership retreat to Camp Killoqua taking place. Attendees made



smares, went on a silent completely dark night hike, played Apples to Apples late into the night, and learned about their leadership style from a guest speaker.

We also had a lot of fun this quarter with BINDinGO, a dinner and BINGO program together! We also

built a DAWG sled for Homecoming and took a group of students from the halls on the band rally through the Greek Community and campus. We wrapped up the month with a tailgating themed RHSA meeting and free pumpkin carving activity for all residence hall students. We provided over 60 pumpkins for residents to carve and every one of them got used! Looking back, October sure was busy!

## PACURH Preparations Underway!

UW is almost all ready to go to PACURH!! With a delegation of ten students and two advisors, we are crazy excited for the trip to Ellensburg! This conference is very exciting for UW because it's one of the first in recent memory that we can drive to! This will help us bond more as a

group and to also save money that can then be spent on spirit and philanthropy items!

Our delegation this year has six new delegates!! As NCC, I'm hoping to instill PACURH spirit in them and keep them active in the region for many years to come! Without giving

away too many secrets about our spirit ideas, I'll tell you be ready to be delightfully surprised.



## RHSA Executive Board Continued

### Programming Director- Mike Snowden

Mike, an avid Smallville fan is a sophomore undecided on a major. He's super creative and his posters so far this year have brought out phenomenal attendance to our programs!

### Treasury Director- Bethany Robinson/ Amara Seimens

This has been quite the quarter for our treasury directors. Bethany, a sophomore did an amazing job as our interim treasury director while we went through the process of selecting our new treasurer, Amara Seimens. Our

books look better than ever for Amara to take them over! Amara is a senior majoring in biology and psychology!

Well, there you have it! Our entire executive board plus me (but you already know me!) Hope you get the chance to work with these amazing folks too!

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Homecoming!



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