

April 2019

# NRHH Spring Alumni Newsletter

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## *Presidential Update*

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The Bison Chapter flourished throughout the spring semester in a variety of ways. In January we inducted 12 new members that have been extremely active and dedicated to our chapter's values of service and recognition. In February the Moo Crew, which consists of the RHA President, RHA Vice President-National Communication Coordinator, and the NRHH President, attended the Regional Business Conference in Pittsburg, KS. For the conference the Bison Chapter submitted two bids and a legislative piece. Our bid for Excellence in Service won in its category and the legislative piece passed. By the end of March, we had filled the executive board for the upcoming academic year and had finished 2/3 of the transition sessions for the incoming RHA and NRHH executive boards. We attended countless service and recognition events and have our annual leadership banquet coming up.

## **Spring 2019 Full Body Picture**



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### *Strategic Plan Update*

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On February 28, 2019, the Strategic Task Force had the opportunity to share the strategic plan that they put together in the fall semester. The Bison Chapter members had excellent discussion on it and ultimately voted in favor of approving the strategic plan. The strategic plan outlines goals for the next three years that the Bison Chapter would like to accomplish. It is broken down into five areas of growth: branding, membership, leadership, recognition, and service.

### **Executive Board (April 2019)**




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### *Recognition Update*

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Throughout the Spring Semester, we have recognized many great people and groups at NDSU. In February, we recognized the astounding efforts and contributions of Residence Life's Central Staff and Directors. In March, we mixed it up a bit and had a sticky note appreciation day- to explain, we had a booth in the Union and we had students and faculty stop by and write down a person, group, item - anything that they appreciated. In April, we had a secret party for Hall Directors and RA's to share our appreciation of their amazing work at making resident halls home. We also included complex managers and assistant hall directors in this.

### **OTM Update**

For OTM's, NRHH Recognition Chair, Calista, can proudly show the following statistics. In January, NRHH Bison Chapter had 14 OTMs submitted and 5 of those were campus winners. In February we had an amazing count of 65 OTMs where 12 were campus winners and 2 of those were regional winners. March's OTMs are currently being reviewed at the regional level.

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### *Service Update*

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#### January:

Valentine's Day Card Writing: NRHH members made and wrote Valentine's Cards for Bethany Retirement Living residents at a NRHH meeting.

#### February:

Giving Hearts Day: This was a philanthropy event that NRHH participated in at TNT Kid's Fitness in Fargo. We had two groups of NRHH members, and a few Hall Governments participate in their Spin It to Give It event where they rode cycling bikes to raise money for their non-profit.

#### March:

Brunch Serving: NRHH members went to Churches United for the Homeless to serve brunch to the Fargo-Moorhead community. CUFH overbooked the day so our eager volunteers could not serve, but it was a great experience to homeless shelter.

#### April:

Hump Day Hot Cocoa: NRHH members served hot cocoa and coffee to the students of NDSU during the morning class commute times. We wore camel hats and played fun music too.

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*Candidate  
Membership*

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This year, the recruitment process changed a lot. We, as a organization, adapted a new membership status called the Candidate Membership. We wanted to welcome new students into the chapter in the fall opposed to the spring like previous years. We introduced them to the world of NRHH before they were officially members, so they can get to know the culture, members, and events. We have asked the students to attend the meetings, voice their opinions, and participate to collect the amount of required points to be considered as an inductee as a member.

## Induction Picture







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### *Social Events Update*

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In February, NRHH rented out the bowling alley in the basement of the union. Our members went for strikes while bonding over deserts. We had a blast and helped us stay out of the gutter for the beginning of the semester.

On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, NRHH members were treated to free half-priced appetizers at Applebee's. This allowed our members to socialize and bond over a meal.

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*Alumni Letter*

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Dear NRHH Alumni,

On behalf of the Bison Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary, we would like to thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to take a glance at this brief overview of our Spring 2019 semester newsletter. We are currently winding town and in the process of transitioning into next year's plan for NRHH. It has been a busy year, but our chapter has had extreme growth, and we couldn't be prouder of how far we have come in one year! We hope this newsletter finds you well, and we hope your life beyond NDSU is going well.

Sincerely,

NRHH Administrative Director

Katie Sutton

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## Consider Giving Back

Consider giving back to leaders within Residence Life by donating to the NDSU Foundation.

To contribute to the Residence Life Student Leadership Scholarship Endowment, follow the instructions below:

Mailing a check to payable to:

- o NDSU Foundation and Alumni Association, P.O. Box 5144, Fargo, ND 58105-5144

- o Please include the fund number or name of the fund on the memo line of the check or include a note directing the funds accordingly. The Fund is #20464 (Residence Life Student Leadership Scholarship Endowment).

Give online at the following website:

- o [www.ndsualumni.com/contribute](http://www.ndsualumni.com/contribute)

- o Enter the amount of the gift they wish to make, in the drop-down box, select "other", then, type the name of the fund "Residence Life Student Leadership Scholarship Endowment"