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Please write a brief essay based on your personal belief, attitudes, and philosophy, in response to the following questions: (Please attach on a separate sheet of paper)

- 1.) What characteristics will you bring to the position, and how will they enhance the overall academic and living experience for resident students?

The characteristics that I will bring to this position are the personal characteristic which I embody. I will bring determination, commitment, fortitude, compassion, leadership, and ambition. I have a drive, unlike any other, for I truly know the value of making a difference in an individual's life. I will bring these characteristics, to not only enhance, but to enrich the lives of many first year students. I will encourage them to be competitive academically, engaging socially, and understanding and respectful to all.

- 2.) What do you believe to be the essential function of the Resident Assistant?

I believe that the essential function to being a Resident Assistant is to help the transition students make from high school to college a successful one! In addition, they also should help provide a healthy living environment for the student while they are in college. As a Resident Assistant, I will help build a community relationship with all the residents. I also feel that it is the function of the RA to help with various situations, from social to academic, to roommate conflicts, to how to deal with financial problems. A resident assistant should be a people person who can engage anyone, and communicate effectively.

- 3.) What has been the most influential factor contributing to your decision to apply for this position?

One of the most influential deciding factors in wanting to become a Resident Assistant, was working with and being a friend with an RA. This Resident Assistant was amazing; he went above and beyond his job description. This individual is helping to make my freshman year an unforgettable and successful one, socially and academically. This RA, though he was not my own, has helped me on countless occasions. In watching this RA, I realized what a wonderful job this was. As a result I decided to run for RSA PR chair, and that too was a deciding factor. I truly love RSA. It's so fun. I get to work with so many people. Working with people is something I enjoy tremendously. I know that when I choose my career path I will be working with people and in some capacity helping them. I want to be able to touch people lives and make a difference. I want to help inform and empower students to take advantage of opportunities that are available to them, and make their college experience be outstanding. Lastly, I am influenced through my own heart and spirit. I truly think that I will enjoy waking up everyday knowing that my purpose for the day is to make someone else's life a little easier.