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To: Students' Council

Re: Report to Students' Council

Welcome back to another fantastic year council. I hope you all have had a wonderful break and are ready for another great semester. Here are some of the things I've been working on prior to the break.

Orientation

We have decided the orientation date, we will be partnering with faculties to ensure that students meet their groups and get a thorough faculty orientation on Friday, and then the New Student Orientation will be on Monday, and will potentially involve clubs fair as well. We are also doing joint registration for all orientations this year as well, which is quite exciting. I'm eager to see everyone participate to ensure that students get the most clear and transparent orientation to their university experience.

SUCPK

The Students' Union Christmas Party for Kids was a tremendous success; it was such a phenomenal experience to partake in giving the kids of Homesteader School a magical holiday experience. I was also Santa Clause for this event, which was likely one of the best experiences of my life. Unfortunately our projector broke at the Myer Horowitz (talk about deferred maintenance), our wonderful staff adapted and made it work and we showed the movie in Dinwoodie instead.

Golden Box Day

This event was quite a fun way to end the semester partnering with Alumni Association, we've given out over seventy-five gingerbread houses, had a successful photo booth and a busy atrium throughout the day. The prize was indeed a year supply of socks, because as you grow up socks become quite a high quality gift. I'm happy to say that a lot of these were also donated by the winner, which I'm super thankful for. (Stay tuned for the next Golden Box Day?)

Health and Dental Committee

We have put out a Request for Proposals for a new Health and Dental Plan provider, we have been with the same provider for seven years and it is time we take a look at the market and see if we can improve our plans overall. Lots of exciting work to be done within this committee this year.

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Core Managers Meeting

We have had a strategic planning meeting, looking at areas that the Students' Union can improve in and ensure that we are united within all of our staff. We discussed at lengths professional development of our employees, evaluations and assessments of everything we do, and internal operations between departments. An extremely productive retreat, I'm excited to see more work done in all of these areas.

SU Mental Health Committee

Katie Allan, our manager of services and I put together this committee as we see a niche for Students' Union to have a mental health strategy. We have many departments that interact with students on many different levels; we want to make sure we are working in the best interest of all students and their mental health. This committee will be forming core values, areas of focus and recommendations and after we have all of these published we will be assessing the progress. If you would like to be involved feel free to fill out this survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/5HVsZNVURt6xMytC2>

Student Groups

We have been working diligently on event approval/notification policies; conduct protocols and general student group procedure and policies. It's been a long but thorough process. We look forward to sharing the documents and consulting on the many processes we have in order to make them as student friendly and accessible as possible.

Meal Plan

The survey we conducted alongside with the LHSA, we have submitted the data to a third party along side with the Residence Services Survey as well to ensure that the data is processed in an unbiased way. We will be advocating for what students want to ensure the quality of our residences are the best they can be over the years to come.

Look forward to another great year,



Ilya Ushakov