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This Advisor's On Track!

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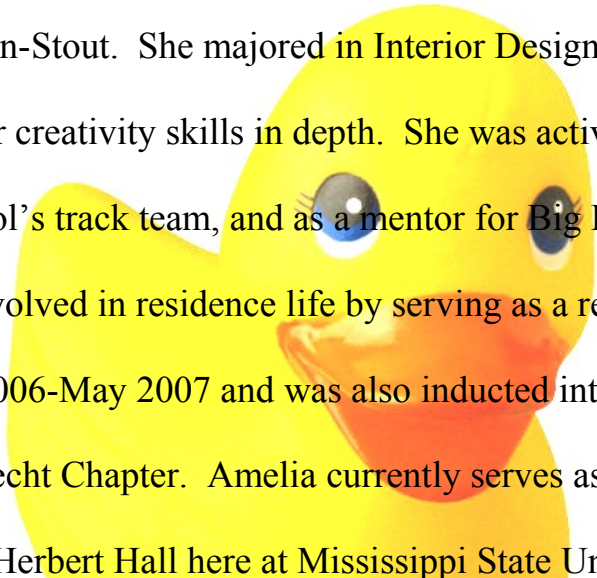
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Amelia's career in student leadership began many miles away at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. She majored in Interior Design, which allowed her to hone her creativity skills in depth. She was actively involved as member of the school's track team, and as a mentor for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Amelia got involved in residence life by serving as a resident advisor from August 2006-May 2007 and was also inducted into NRHH-Helmut "Pookie" Albrecht Chapter. Amelia currently serves as the Residence Director of Herbert Hall here at Mississippi State University.



Amelia had a unique hall from the start. This is because this is she is the first Residence Director to serve in the hall for many years. Herbert has been serving as the location of the Department of Housing and Residence Life, guest housing and as RHA headquarters. This all changed when school enrollment skyrocketed, and subsequently the number of residents needing a place to live. As a result, guest housing was eliminated and the large RHA office was converted into Amelia's RD apartment.

Though we as Execs were sad to lose our office, we were glad to gain a new friend. And what a friend she has been! She dived right into helping us with anything we asked of her. In August, she was eager to help us during Dawg Daze. This is the nearly month long series of activities put on by various student organizations at the start of the fall semester. She was there with us on move-in day (MVNU2MSU), helping to bring order to the chaotic swarm of parents and their anxious students. She even stopped to bring us lunch when others forgot to relieve us of our table watching duties. It was this small act that let us know she was someone we could count on.

Awesome Advisors Know How To Make A Splash!!!

One of the duties of a Residence Director is to act as an advisor to their respective hall councils. Amelia has done a fantastic job in this respect. She attends all her council's meetings and is quick to lend advice without ever overstepping her boundaries. Her council always feels capable and in control, but they know she is there to lend a hand when they need it.

Amelia has an interesting way of guiding her hall council. Once, the council started a meeting fifteen minutes late, which intruded on Amelia's personal time. To demonstrate to them the importance of being prompt, Amelia had them sit in her office fifteen minutes after their meeting was



over. They groaned and complained but agreed that sitting around waiting when they could have been doing other things with their time was not fun. This simple, yet effective way of getting her point across is characteristic of Amelia's unique approach to leadership.

Amelia has also done a lot for the Exec board that does not fall under her list of duties. In particular, she was instrumental in our "Dress the Children" campaign. She spent hours helping to count change that had been collected and even accompanied us at Wal-Mart as we shopped for the children. We shopped late into the night, and though she was tired finished her shopping early, she stayed with us. At the reception for the children the next day, she split her time between taking pictures of the event and entertaining the children. Our most rewarding program of the year, we will never forget the time and effort she put in to help us.

Waddling Towards Excellence

The biggest job she tackled for us this year was the designing of a new RHA website. The old one was outdated and could not be accessed. She deserves credit for working to make the very different, often competing visions of the five of us become a reality. The website has recently gone live and everyone in the department is excited.

In conclusion, Amelia Treptow should be the MARHS Advisor of the Year because of all that she has done for RHA. In her short time here she has really made an impression on not only the residents of her hall, but on the RHA Exec board as well. She continually goes above and beyond her job duties by making herself available to help out. We'd take Amelia over an office any day!

