

Richard Connor Neville

Candidacy information for HSA executive board office

Position: President 2015-2016 academic year

“Fellow Honors members,

In preparation to run for the Honors Student Association’s executive board position of President for the 2015-2016 academic year, I wish to humbly announce my desire to lead through service.

As an aside about myself, I will be a Junior in the fall of 2015, newly majoring in Agricultural Studies. I was previously a Biology major, but my passion for natural resources and sustainable living drove me toward the available courses in the different department (which at the time was unknown to my attention! So, for any Earth-y/ “go green” people like me, the Agriculture department has significantly more to offer than what I thought Biology was going to – it turned out to be mostly pre-medicine classes, regardless of a pre-medical track, oh well!). I work on the weekends/summer for the Department of the Interior at Assateague Island National Seashore, and family and I live locally in Ocean Pines, Maryland (just outside of Ocean City for those that had no clue). I really do appreciate what the Honors Program has offered for my educational career, and I wish to improve it through the HSA to reach its full potential in providing a top-notch-experience for students like me who want more out of college than an “easy degree”.

This past school year, I gladly served as the HSA’s Executive Vice President, a position which shadowed the President’s position through all of its pertinent works and responsibilities. I acknowledge my past officer rank as a benefit toward understanding how to lead a successful body of students (such as yourselves) to even greater heights, when given the right resources. It is no secret that our organization had a fairly mellow operating schedule this past year. That being said, the former hindrance to productivity and growth will be hopefully be resolved in the new year through the availability of more HSA-initiated opportunities that the student body can involve itself with (maybe a recycling initiative? Anyone interested?). Once the organization’s funds are ample and once we have a workable budget allowing us to endeavor to greater feats, the possibilities are abundant!

Because we all have impressive credentials and can flaunt them when appropriate, it would do me no good to explain the accolades I have accrued nor how they might point towards the “obvious-fit” that I pose for the position of HSA President. However, I sincerely urge you to get to know me, and through that connection, learn to trust in my ability to lead this organization by first serving others.

Thank you,

Richard ‘Connor’ Neville