Hey Guys!

MYSTERY ACTIVITY 9:02 PM
So for our mystery activity before our mystery activity today, we have Jackie Cerillo here, she’s our College Prevention Coordinator and she’s going to talk to us really quickly and then you get some chips after.

Jackie: Hi everyone, I’m Jackie Cerillo. I do the alcohol and substance abuse prevention on campus and I also teach a health and wellness course here and I’m here to talk to everyone today about my new position, my background, and what we do here on campus and answer any questions you may have. A little background about me, I come from New Jersey and I have a Masters in mental health counseling and I focus on alcohol and substance abuse treatment and interventions. So again my position is funded through the state, so it’s the office of alcoholism and substance use services so I report to the state. The state also funds this position at 20 other SUNY’s and CUNY’s and they provide us some guidelines about what we bring to campus but they let us be flexible on programs and trainings and other things like that. One of the programs we brought to campus is a screening and brief intervention. This is not counseling and not treatment. It’s an education based program which is less punitive and more educational. The health center and counseling center is now screening proactively so if you go to the health center they may ask you certain questions to see if an intervention would be helpful for you. The intervention is an online survey which will generate a profile. When we meet we would go over the profile. I’m not here to tell you what to do, it’s more about making healthy choices and examining your own use and making better choices. If someone were to come to us with a possible disorder we’d refer out because this is more education based and it’s not appropriate for that. This program has been implemented for students who’ve violated policies and it’s education based, less punitive. This is a good resource if you have concern for a friend and their use. This is another resource. We do have a coalition on campus it’s new. It’s called NP Safe and it’s comprised of both students and community members. We have a really good group right now and we also have the Chief of Police and Rescue Squad taking part. The reason I tell people about this is because we’re interested in having more students involved. We do want your input and we try to make it as fun as possible. Last year we did a Think Fast Game Show. We want to do more things so if you’re interested you can reach out to me. We meet every fourth Wednesday of the month from 3-4 PM in SUB 418. I listed our next meeting. It’s low commitment we only meet once a month. We also have recovery resources for students. We have AA meetings right off campus you can reach out to me. We also have AA, NA, GA, and ALANON. We also have recovery coaches available by phone and can meet. It’s different from counseling or treatment because you can talk to somebody who’s in recovery themselves and these coaches are available free of charge. Okay who knows about the Good Samaritan Law? Good. I like to talk about this because I like promoting it. It’s a NYS law which the campus adopted as well and it’s good for everyone to know that everyone’s on board with it. We really encourage people to call 911 if they’re experiencing an overdose themselves or are witnessing it. They’re out to help you. We don’t want to get you in trouble. We will be offering Narcan training on campus. Narcan is a medication to reverse an overdose. People can take training and then carry Narcan themselves. People can take the training and possible save a life. It’s easy to administer. Similar to this, with the medical amnesty policy you will not
be processed judicially if you seek help. You may have a conversation but you won’t have any formal
disciplinary action. The position is fairly new and there’s lots of different elements to it but yeah. I’m also
happy to do trainings and workshops. Feel free to reach out to me, I’m in SUB 314 I’m part of the center
for Student Development.

Sam: Mystery Activity Part 2, it’s Chip Distribution time!

ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS 9:17 PM

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NRHH 9:19 PM
Hi guys, when we have our first Chapter meeting this Monday so hopefully we’ll have more
announcements for you soon.

SENATE 9:19 PM
Stay tuned for a Senate Report.
OLD BUSINESS 9:20 PM

   Motion to Open: Scudder
   Second: Collango

CCC
Hey everybody, can you just go around and say your meeting times?

Lenape: Tuesday at 8.
Dubois: Wednesday at 9.
Lefevre: Tuesday at 6:30.
Capen: Thursdays at 9.
Scudder: Wednesdays at 9
Esopus: Wednesdays at 8:30
Deyo: Wednesdays at 9.
Bouton: Sundays at 7.
Bliss: Wednesdays at 9.
Bevier: Wednesday at 8.
Collango: Wednesdays at 8:30.
Crispell: Thursday at 6:30.
Ridgeview: Wednesdays at 8.

NCC
Sup guys. I’m starting something called NCC fun facts. This is going to be an easy one. NCC stands for National Communications Coordinator and basically my position is to represent RHSA on a national and regional level, so we are part of NEACURH which is under NACURH. Our mascot is Marty the moose which has nothing to do with Molly it’s a coincidence.

Historian
The first social media challenge of the semester was based off of our BUZZ event. The question asked what the theme was for our upcoming BUZZ and the answer is gravity falls. In 1st Place we have Bouton, 2nd Place goes to Ridgeview, and 3rd Place goes to Deyo. Also we had our first Programming committee meeting today and it was lit.

   Motion to Close: Esopus
   Second: Deyo

NEW BUSINESS 9:22 PM

   Motion to Open: Bliss
   Second: Bevier

Anti-Smoking Forums
The administration is having open forums to discuss the banning of smoking on campus. If you feel strongly about smoking or really like smoking I advise you attend these forums. They are Tuesday,
Gravity Falls BUZZ Karaoke
Hey guys, on Friday February 8th at 7:30 PM we’re having BUZZ Karaoke. We’re gonna have pretty cool shirts in 62/62, it’s the same as what we’re doing now but with singing. We’ll show you the shirts when you get there but the shirts are cool.

Hall Gov Social
Hey y’all, so as you all know because you’re as excited about it as I am, Hall Gov Social is this Saturday from 12-3 PM! You guys are gonna compete against each other in minute to win it activities and have an awesome time! We can’t wait!! It’s going to be in SUB 100N.

Return to Sender
Return to Sender is going to be two Fridays after BUZZ, on February 22nd. It’ll be in SUB MPR from 7-9 PM. Save the date, please come to this one it’ll be a good learning experience and it’ll intriguing.

Sam: What is Return to Sender?
Juan: Return to Sender is a refugee simulation program so you can learn more about those who come to this country. Come by!

10 Minute Break

Election: 9:37 PM
We are about to begin an election so from this point till when our election ceases, no one who leaves this room can re-enter. No verbal communication anywhere in this room, and no technology. If the E-Board sees you using a phone, laptop, etc, we will ask you to leave. As always, one of us will be in the back of the room to bring your notes to your AC reps and they’re going to go back there now.

Pharez: Awesome, so if you remember from last week, we’ll be implementing the speaker’s list. If you want to be added to the speaker’s list you can raise your placard at any point and I will add you to it. If you’re in the primary category you will be the first to speak as opposed to somebody in the secondary column. So if you have more than one point to make you’ll be moved from primary to secondary to tertiary but if you’re somebody who doesn’t speak a lot, you’ll be added to the primary list and have speaking rights over somebody in the other categories. You can raise your placard at any time.

Sam: Yeah, alright and a few more things before we begin. If you abstain you have to keep abstaining, do not abstain unless you have a bias. You get 3 minutes for the speech, q&a is 5 mins extendable up to 3 times for every candidate, and discussion 5 minutes extendable up to 3 times. We vote by secret ballot ABSOLUTELY NO TALKING during voting please. If you’re running for NCC tonight please come to the front now.

Pharez: So the NCC essentially represents New Paltz on a Regional and National level. They put on a leadership conference to simulate bigger conferences. The region requires the NCC to take Delegates to Conference. The position also requires the NCC to be a Parliamentarian during any meetings so they’d need to know ParliPro.

Expectations of NCC
Hi my name is Serena Cruz, I use she her hers pronouns, and I’m running for NCC. What becoming the National Communications Coordinator means to me is being the voice of New Paltz. To do this job effectively, it would entail me working with the NRHH NCC to the best of my ability and serve as a voting rep on behalf of SUNY New Paltz and bring all the information from NACURH levels and Regional levels to New Paltz and vice versa. I would also be preparing and selecting delegations with my NRHH NCC to go to conference and all the general duties of an E-Board member. So a little background on why I think I’m qualified to be your NCC is first off, I attended the NEACURH conference at SUNY Geneseo last semester. There I got to work with my delegation which was two other people and work with the current NCCs Kendall and Pharez to get to feel what a real regional conference is like from the perspective of the delegation which I feel is very important. To continue, last semester I also did FOSL which stands for the Foundation of Student Leadership and I learned about inclusion, diversity, conflict management and teamwork. All of which I found very important and fun. I did Emerging Leaders and CREW last semester. Lastly, I joined Hall Gov last semester as one of 4 RHSA Representatives. It sparked interest and passion because I was told about this before I even came to New Paltz. One of my biggest goals is to bring more passive programs and diverse programs. The reason I came to New Paltz was because of the community. I feel like this community is way different from other campuses, we’re special in that way. I strongly believe I would be a great candidate because of all of my leadership experience and I also live in the Leadership Community in my hall, and I really hope to continue my journey as NCC of RHSA from 2019-2020. I yield to questions.
Questions

Who have you spoken to about this position?

Serena: I’ve spoken to a few people. I’ve spoken to Brandon Knowles, Pharez, and Kendall. I also spoke to Rui Gomez who gave me great advice that I am a student first and I need to take care of myself while I’m in the position because it’s important that I am well rounded.

Can you please discuss one moment from the Fall Leadership Conference that will help you in your position as a potential future NCC?

Serena: Something that I really took from the conference was a program I went to on “She was an Immigrant” and she was a transfer student. She did a program where she gave everyone a shape. I got a star and we didn’t know what the shapes meant but we were all given more or less candy based off of our shapes. We went to housing and she treated us differently. We went to finances and at each place we went to we were treated a little bit differently and at the end we had to figure out what barrier we had. It’s important because it gives me perspective on people with different backgrounds and if I’m NCC I need to be able to have perspective on different backgrounds because I don’t know people’s’ pasts or what they’ve gone through.

How do you feel you can fulfill the NCC Position?

Serena: I think because of all of the leadership opportunities I got to do programs on inclusivity and privilege. Perspective is really big and everybody thinks differently and I think that’s important to think about. We’re representing SUNY New Paltz and have to consider everyone.

What is a weakness you’ll have to overcome?

Serena: A weakness I’d have to overcome is that I can be a little self critical sometimes and overthink things, so I went into the speech thinking “All right I got this” and now I’m worrying about it.

You spoke about bringing more programs to RHSA. Did you have any programs in mind?

Serena: Yes. I think passive programs specifically are important. I like programs with hearts that you can write on. Something cute I saw was a trash can with sticky notes and it’s “Trash Your Insecurities” And you can throw out your insecurity.

If you had a conflict with a delegate, how would you go about solving it?

Serena: When it comes to conflict I feel like you have to be really direct with people, go up to them, tell them it wasn’t okay and have a conversation about it so it doesn’t turn into gossip. If that person ends up still having an issue I’d go to an RD to mediate it.

Why would you choose NCC over any other position?

Serena: When I was chosen to go to conference, it asked if I was looking to become any other positions this semester and NCC was the first thing that came to mind. When the video was first shown of conference I thought that it was the most amazing thing in the world with all the lights and the people and the chants and I thought it was really heartwarming that all of these people would come together to become a part of something huge.

Do you know what NACURH stands for?

Serena: National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

If someone was slacking, how would you handle it?

Serena: It can be awkward but I think it would be important to be direct and tell them that you’re not comfortable with the fact that they aren’t putting in their time.

Move to Extend By 5 Minutes

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I know you talked about some qualities that hold you back, but what are some qualities that push you towards being a better candidate?
Serena: I like to do a lot of things, which you can probably tell because I’m a freshman and I’ve been in Emerging Leaders, FOSL, I live in a Leadership Community. Improving my leadership skills is important to me and it’s important to me to continue my leadership journey.

Have you ever been in a position where you’ve had to delegate over a large group?
Serena: Yes, I work at a summer camp and am the counselor of 30 little girls. Ages 9 and 10 is a difficult age group. One day they want to share food with kids with allergies or come in covered with makeup, so yeah, being a counselor is where I’ve learned to delegate.

How would you go about generating more interest for people applying for positions?
Serena: What I really want to do is start pushing it early on. Conference is something that people start advertising usually when applications are out, but I want to start pushing it early. Tell them it’s important and fun. I also hope to invite more people to go to conference next semester.

How can you bring diversity to RHSA?
Serena: I’m not sure how far it goes but the previous NCCs have been men and being a woman is its own kind of diversity. In addition to that, I feel like I can provide my own diverse perspective to the position.

Since you talked about the community here at SUNY New Paltz, what’s one word or sentence you would use to describe the community here?
Serena: I’d say safe. We’re all very, help each other out. Here we focus on mental illness, we’re very liberal which I like about this school. I’m from Long Island where it’s kind of rigid in people’s beliefs.

What’s the most valuable tip you’ve gotten about being NCC?
Serena: Like I said in my speech, one of the most valuable tips I’ve gotten is from Rui who told me I was a student first. Beyond that, I was told about google calendars. Usually I have 2 planners, an hourly one that’s color coded and one where I write stuff down on a junk pad. But google calendars seems really convenient because you can pull it up on your phone.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes
Second

As somebody who has done a lot of work, how would you be able to manage your responsibilities?

Pharez: Point of Clarification, we assume the candidate can handle the position they’re running for because they know what they can handle.

Though we love our E-Board, what is one thing you would change for E-Board and your position?
Serena: Like I said before, I want to make a bigger conference crew. More people should get the experience and get to go through programs and meet people because it’s fun and cool.

From somebody who went to conference as a delegate, what would you implement or change?
Serena: I didn’t realize how hard everyone went at conference. We really thought we were going to win. People did not sleep, they went so hard. It’s hard to explain. We had to do a 3D display and a banner and a roll call and people literally made edits of videos where it was Mario themed and they’d punch and the coin came out. I’d talk more about that.

Do you know who last year’s NCC was?
Serena: Yeah, it was Mario.

Motion to Exhaust the Speaker’s List without Additions: Bevier
Second: Scudder
Candidate 2:

Hi everyone, My name is James and I’m here to run for the next National Communications Coordinator. To start off, I want to talk about the why. The real reason that I’m running for this position. I know that as an RHSA E-Board member you’re well known across campus as well as Resident Assistants, Orientation Leaders, and Student Ambassadors. People know who you are. And if they don’t know who you are directly, there’s a lot of buzz about others on campus. They feel like they know you without knowing you. I really want to use that as a way to communicate with people as someone who’s open. Someone who anyone can talk to. Because everyone needs that one person you can talk to about emotional problems, situational problems, academic problems. Any questions that they have, a lot of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors, we all need somebody to talk to. I’d like to be that person and I feel like being on E-Board can help me become one of those people on this campus. To be completely honest, one of the reasons I’m here is because I had one of those people here for me. Her name is Katie Herman and she was an RA in College Shango Hall and the Secretary of RHSA. Even with all of that commitment, she had time for me whenever I needed it. There was a time where my class filled up and I didn’t know who to talk to about that, I didn’t know how to talk to people or where to go to make friends. I was terrified. I didn’t know what to do. I was at a low point. That support system keeps a lot of people on this campus going. I want to continue that and be that person for someone. When I learned about RHSA and its elections, I decided to look at all of the different positions and figure out which one fit me best. I came across the National Communications Coordinator position and that is the person who not only represents every one of us here, but they represent us on a National Level. They go to conferences and speak for others. One of my strengths is that I can take in a lot of things from a lot of places all at once and really advocate for those who need it. I am not the best advocate for myself but I use that skill to listen to everybody else and help them in their time of need. I just want to help people. I yield to questions.

Questions:

In your own words, how would you define being the NCC?

James: Well the National Communications Coordinator is somebody who needs to be able to command a room, keep Parliamentary Procedure moving, keep the room relatively quiet and on track. I believe I am a person who is capable of doing those things.

Although you have not been to a conference, can you describe an experience or skill you possess that will work well in a conference setting?

James: I believe my listening skills as well as my ability to project my voice when I need to will help me get a point across at meetings as well as keep the overall hype up at conferences. If I’m the NCC I’m the person people will be touching base with as delegates and we want somebody they can rely on.

What is a weakness you’ll have when it comes to this position?

James: I feel like one weakness I’ll have is that when I get excited I tend to talk too much. I work on it but use it as a strength because I can pull myself back or use it to propel what others need.

What have you faced that will help to allow you to understand others?

James: I live in College Shango, so a lot of new freshman come in. I have friends in pretty much every year at this point. A lot of the time they come to me for advice, I’m not as scary as an RA may be but I’m somebody who’s older and has already signed up for classes and had a tiff with a roommate. I’ve always been the shoulder to cry on.

How would you handle a conflict between members of the E-Board or delegation?

James: Well first off, I would confront it directly and try to figure out why it happened in the first place. Usually conflict arises when there’s some sort of misunderstanding or somebody made a mistake. In the **What is a female Moose called?**
moment people’s emotions can take over. I’d try to come to a solution and if I can’t do it I’d ask somebody else on my E-Board to help moderate because we may not be communicating properly. If that doesn’t work I’d go to the RD and ask them to moderate.

James: Well first off I would probably try to bring it up as often as possible at meetings. I’d talk about my experiences, experiences other delegates have had, and I’d say that this is travel. You’re going to be travelling somewhere else which can build up your confidence and your resume and it’s a new experience which is really fun and really important.

You mentioned being at a low point your freshman year, what’s the biggest thing you took away from that?

James: The one thing I took away from that is, just because you’re scared, doesn’t mean you shouldn’t do it. I’ve been scared of a lot of things. I was scared to join Hall Government. I was scared to go to meetings I was scared to go to programs. I didn’t want to do anything. I tried hiding with all these things, but that didn’t get me anywhere. I was still scared and still stuck in my room. I decided that rather than letting fear take over, you can still be scared, everyone’s scared, but if you can fight through the fear, that’s what helps you to become a better version of yourself.

How do you keep organized?

James: Organization usually falls on my notes, my calendar, and my remind app, but I also keep written notes in my class binders and a corkboard in my room to pin up notes.

Who have you talked to about the position and what’s the best advice they gave you?

James: Throughout the years here at New Paltz, I am a junior, I have spoken to Mario, the current NCC, Brandon Knowles, another NCC, and a lot of past E-Boards about general duties. The best advice I got was probably from Kendall. She told me that above all, I have to go for it. I can’t be scared. I have to try. I can’t let things slide. People will be just as lost as you are if you just stop.

What other leadership positions have you held in the past?

James: I’m a part of hall government, all three years I’ve been here I’ve gone from Floor Rep to Historian to AC rep, and finally now I’m the President of Collango Hall Government. As President it helped me to learn my leadership skills so I can lead a room which means I can help lead a delegation. The AC has given me a new perspective because I’ve been right here doing what you’re doing now so I know what it feels like to be on this side. The Historian is more of an outsider type role, you’re taking pictures but also hyping people up so you see everything that’s going on which is also really important for gathering data on how to handle a situation. As floor rep you learn how to be somebody who knows they want to be here, whether or not you know what you want to be.

What new ideas do you plan to bring to the NCC Position?

James: First off, I’d like to implement videos, a compilation for cheers. I’ve noticed not everyone knows the cheers. It could be a fun interactive way. The E-Board can do their own video and show it as one of our special events, our mystery events. Later on halls for GFPs can do their own and we can learn more.

Why are you more qualified than somebody who went to conference?

Pharez: Point of Clarification, we removed that requirement so you shouldn’t take that into account.

In your opinion, what would your biggest challenge be as NCC?

James: I think my biggest challenge would be getting people not only to participate during our conferences, but also in motivating people to go to conferences. That’s one of the things that isn’t a daily
occurrence that it’s talked about so I think creating buzz about that would be most difficult but I think I’d be able to do it.

Can you list what an NCC does?

**James:** They have office hours, help run this loveliness which is new, pick delegates and run interviews, be at conferences and lead the delegates so they aren’t running around like chickens without heads because that would be scary. They run parliamentary procedure. Those are the main points.

Besides being an effective communicator and listener, what’s another strength you possess that can help you in the position?

**James:** I believe I’m really good in bringing out the best in people by using my other skills to see where people would fit in situations and doing my best to help them. By bringing out the best in people, not everybody can always find their own paths, even I need my own help at some points but if you show people how they can use their skills it helps them.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes
Second

As NCC you’d be representing SUNY New Paltz. What would you tell other schools about how we stand out here?

**James:** The main thing I think about New Paltz is that everybody here is really genuine. We actually want to help. People aren’t just RAs for the discount, or OLs because they don’t want to go home. People want these positions because they genuinely want to help. That’s the best part of New Paltz. I picked New Paltz because on my tour everyone was so hyped and nice and helping each other out. Other schools were completely different.

How would you contribute to diversity both on campus and on the E-Board?

**James:** Well I’d love to continue running diversity programs. I’ve run some with my RA in the past. We did Diversity in the Dark which Dariana brought back from conference. We ran diversity on the line programs with my RA. I like communities to feel like they are represented and they can talk to us and I’d like to be that for people.

Do you have anything planned for NPLC?

**James:** Not yet but I’d love to help halls submit all their ideas. The best part of NPLC is everybody gets to submit ideas. It’s really fun.

Can you tell us what NACURH stands for?

**James:** National Northeastern American. I’m sorry I can’t do it right now.

Motion to Exhaust Speakers List without additions: Bevier
Second: Deyo.

**Candidate 3:**

Okay so NCC or National Communications Coordinator represents New Paltz at the National Association of Residence Halls and the Northeastern Association of Residence Halls as well as voting for New Paltz as well as running the leadership conference here at New Paltz. I believe I have a unique perspective. I am a sophomore, this is my fourth semester and I have experience in clubs on campus. I have very diverse information on Student Leadership. I’ve also experienced various E-Board positions across campus both successful and unsuccessful. The unsuccessful one, I’ve learned a great deal from the failure, that communication is key and crucial to understand and without communication it will fail. Pardon my nervousness, I yield to questions.
Questions:

What is a weakness you’ll have to overcome in this position?

Joseph: A lot of the time, I focus on details I don’t really have to and focus on it repetitively until it’s not even there. I deal with this by taking a break, going for a walk and moving on.

You stated in your resume you’re a major in computer science and computer engineering and a minor in business. How will you manage all of these responsibilities while being NCC next year?

Joseph: I use Google Calendar because it’s easier to manage my time, it’s also important to manage my time for students messaging me about leadership and other things so I’d set aside a time to read and answer my emails.

What positions have you been in before?

Joseph: I was the marketer for Management Association as well as the Chief Financial manager for the American Financial Association.

What are some strengths that you have that will help you in the position?

Joseph: I am very focused on a goal that I have to do. People usually break things down into smaller goals but it’s a strength for me because once I commit to something I put my full attention behind it.

Did you speak to anyone about this position?

Joseph: I spoke to Pharez and Marissa about the position and how conference works.

What does being NCC mean to you?

Joseph: I know this corny and a lot of people say it but RHSA is a crucial organization on campus and it has had an impact on me. It’s corny to say this but I want to continue the great work the E-Boards have done in the past and improve upon it with the rest of my E-Board if I’m elected.

What would you want to bring forward for NCC?

Joseph: I want to bring forward experience in a leadership position as well as knowledge and understanding that there is communication that needs to happen which is hard and people don’t want to go to office hours but I think we might be able to find a better communication system. It might be possible to do this.

You mentioned before that you had varying degrees of successes. What things have you learned from the successes and failures and how will you implement them?

Joseph: I was lucky enough to be in an E-Board my first semester but due to failure of communication in what I was supposed to do in that position I had to resign because it felt like a lack of communication was there. I learned communication is crucial and if there’s an argument between E-Board members it’s important to make sure you all know what you’re saying. Sometimes it’s just about word choice.

As an E-Board member, how would you go about getting more students involved?

Joseph: I am a member of multiple clubs on campus and I’d bring it up there. It would also be good to bring it up at orientation so people have knowledge about it.

How would you bring diversity and inclusivity to the NCC position?

Joseph: It is crucial to bring diverse thoughts and opinions and backgrounds. I’d branch out to different clubs, for example STEM kids get stuck in the same areas sometimes, see if we can get clubs involved and use RHSA to combine and host programs.

What would you do if there was a conflict?
Joseph: It would be important to meet in person and perhaps take time to cool off. Also talk to people individually. People go about things differently but they often have an easier time compromising if they realize they have the same goal.

What changes would you make when you become NCC?

Joseph: Open Communication as well as email, is good but the servers get iffy. It may be good to have direct communication to the E-Board, it would be better to find an online resource or create it ourselves.

Even though you haven’t been to a conference, what skills can you bring that would help you in a conference setting?

Joseph: This will have been my fourth semester in hall government in Esopus so I’m very skilled in putting on programs and I enjoy learning new things so even though I don’t have experience yet, I would be able to rapidly learn and understand the material and I’d be going to the next conference.

Can you talk about your involvement in specific clubs and how they’ve helped you?

Joseph: I’ve been a member of investment club. I learned a lot from it because we did various group activities and came together as one group, similar to how Hall Govs will do their individual stuff and then come together. I think making the two more connected and interesting where we can do more activities hall govs can run on their own.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes
Second

Do you have anything planned for NPLC?

Joseph: I think it’d be interesting to have clubs or organizations or campus leaders talk about stuff as well. My first year here, I was in the leadership community where I got to meet leaders on campus and it was very informative. That unique experience I had allowed me to bring that to the table.

Do you have any ideas for programs as the NCC?

Joseph: I have general ideas but I think it’s important that we open up the ideas over the semester and get ideas from members of hall govs so we could take smaller programs and make them bigger which is cool.

You mentioned making RHSA more known to freshmen. What would you do to advertise it to transfer and international students?

Joseph: There’s a lounge of transfer students and students off campus. Perhaps we can take transfer students and use their personal experiences to spread knowledge and information as well as perhaps having an event where students and transfer students can understand each other’s backgrounds.

How would you go about generating interest in conference?

Joseph: I think it’d be really interesting to have testimonies of individuals who have done it in the past as well as having an event where people can ask questions. Like a Friday or Saturday night where we watch a movie and talk about experiences.

How would you describe the community of students and faculty here?

Joseph: It’s important because personally I take full advantage of office hours. Really open and communicative, it might be good to have events where students and professors can communicate and staff members can come in and talk and give advice to students. What they see as a productive student and what would help students in classes.

Why did you choose the NCC position?

Joseph: I chose NCC because I believe NCC has the most impact communicating New Paltz and the culture here which is why I chose to come here.

Motion to Open Discussion: Ridgeview
Second: Scudder
Discussion:
Sam: Now I’m going to bring up the list of expectations. It’s best to vouch for one candidate because otherwise it gets confusing.

- Serena Cruz knew a lot and actually went to conference and she has a lot of information about it which is a good thing.

Pharez: Point of Clarification, this is a period of discussion so you’re voting for the next NCC so if you have any point to share about either candidate say what’s on your mind.

- We liked James Weaver’s passion to get chants more well known to hall government and to raise hype about conferences
- Knowing basic acronyms like NEACURH and NACURH is very important for the position and only Serena and Joseph were able to say them
- Serena Cruz was a great candidate who has good listening skills and good public speaking skills and she took our questions and connected them to experiences.
- It’s important to point out that James may have known acronym but may have forgotten them due to nervousness. Memorizing is not a person’s ability to facilitate discussion and communicate and lead things.
- James expressed more passion to be a support for residents and expresses interest in the NCC position.
- Serena was organized and concise and to the point and answered everything.
- While conference experience is no longer a requirement, it is helpful to understand delegates
- Joseph brought up a good point of bringing up RHSA at orientation
- All 3 candidates mentioned diversity, but since Serena has been to conferences as well as RHSA and Hall Gov so she will have most diverse perspective.
- Serena had a lot of passion and was very knowledgeable about the position.
- All 3 candidates have Hall Gov experience not just Serena, they all have RHSA experience.
- James’s speech was all about being an emotional support to others but not necessarily about NCC specifically. He talked about overcoming fear, not what you do in the position. Serena is clear about the NCC position and what she wants to build and change. It’s clear she wants to be NCC. It’s clear James wants to be a student leader but this is an NCC election.

Move to Extend by 5 Minutes
Second

- Serena was able to connect to New Paltz, not just for herself but for the community. Not just for personal gain.
- Even before the candidates came in, Serena’s resume showed professionalism especially as a freshmen which is something we can all admire.

Pharez: Point of clarification, speak for yourself not others.

- One of the expectations is organizational skills and Serena was the only one with a paper to refer to. Disregarding her nervousness she had that.

Pharez: Point of Order, candidates had the option to bring paper. That shouldn’t be taken into account because it was their choice to do what they were comfortable with.

Motion to Close Speaker’s List without Additions: Bevier
Sam: I’m going to be really mean and reject that motion. I want to see a little bit more discussion.

- Serena’s experience as a camp counselor will be helpful during conference.
- Serena presented more leadership in the past year. What the other candidates mentioned were not specifically leadership positions.
- In addition to Serena’s leadership positions, the programs she has been in are good. All 3 want to bring diversity and the programs that she has participated in are for diversity so if any one of them were going to be most qualified to bring diversity it would be Serena.

Motion to Exhaust Speaker’s list without additions: Bevier
Second: Deyo

Motion to Open Voting by Secret Ballot: Ridgeview
Second: Scudder

Sam: Your voting options are: Serena, James, Joseph, No Confidence, Abstain.
Pharez: What’s no confidence? No confidence is when you believe none of the candidates are qualified to do it. Abstain is if you have any personal bias about the candidates that will affect your vote. If they’re your best friend, roommate, lover, you should be abstaining.

Serena: 19
James: 1
Joseph: 2
No Confidence: 1
Abstain: 2

Sam: The Associate Council has come to a decision. We will now invite the candidates back into the room. Your next NCC is going to be Serena Cruz.

Nominations:
Sam: Before I start, I wanted to let you all know that we all want to get out of here in a timely manner so I’m going to ask that you only make serious nominations and don’t table just for the sake of it, just decline if you don’t plan on running.

Sam: Marissa, you tabled for President. Do you accept, table or decline?
Marissa: Accept.

Sam: Ryan Tso, you tabled for PR. Do you accept, table or decline?
Ryan: I accept.

Sam: Elizabeth Carter for Secretary. Do you accept, table or decline? She tables.

Sam: Emma Ryan for CCC.
Emma: I respectfully decline.

Sam: Juan for President. Do you accept, table or decline?
Juan: I respectfully decline.
Sam: Jordan Hennix for Historian. Do you accept, table or decline?
Jordan: I regular decline.

Sam: Callie you tabled for PR, Do you accept, table or decline?
Callie: I decline.

Sam: Joseph Russo, you tabled for CCC. Do you accept, table or decline?
Joe: Table

Sam: Jackie Rankel, you tabled for CCC. Do you accept, table or decline? Table.

Sam: Pharez Varlack for President. Do you accept, table or decline?
Pharez: I decline.

Sam: We have Juan Pablo Molina for Vice President. Do you accept, table or decline?
Juan: I unfortunately decline.

Sam: And finally we have Brandon Latargia for Vice President. Do you accept, table or decline? He tables.

    Motion to Open Nominations: Collango
    Second: Bliss

Collango: I nominate James Weaver for Historian.
Bliss: Second.
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline?
James: I accept.

Bevier: I nominate Tatum Grosso for Secretary.
Deyo: Second
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline?
Tatum: I accept.

Collango: I nominate Thomas Meyers for PR.
Dubois: Second.
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline?
Thomas: I must respectfully decline.

Esopus: I nominate Vikki Tataranowicz for Secretary.
Scudder: Second.
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline?
Vikki: Accept.

Ridgeview: I nominate Joseph Beckalori for CCC.
Scudder: Second.
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline?
Joseph: Table.

Bliss: I nominate Emily Jorge for Historian.
Bevier: Second.
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline?
Emily: Table.

Ridgeview: I nominate Catherine Barrera for CCC.
Bouton: Second.
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline?
Catherine: Table.

Scudder: I nominate Joe from Esopus for treasurer.
Second: Bevier
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline?
Joe: Table.

Elee: I nominate Alyssa Dudinyak for Historian.
Ridgeview: Second
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline?
Alyssa: Table.

Emma: I nominate Sam Halligan for President.
Bouton: Second.
Sam: Do you accept, table or decline? I accept.

Bliss: Brandon Knowles for NCC
Sam: That's a joke!

Sam: President applications were due today. If you have prepared your materials which includes 15 applications to be given out to each hall and the E-Board, 1 candidate form and your unofficial transcript to be given to the E-Board, please stand now and distribute these materials. Now can I have a motion to close President Nominations?

Motion to Close President Nominations until Spring 2020: Ridgeview
Second: Scudder.

Sam: The election for President will take place next week. Applications for Vice President are due next week!

Motion to Close: Bliss
Second: Bevier

UPCOMING EVENTS 11:09 PM
Gravity Falls BUZZ Karaoke, February 8th, SUB 62/63, 7:30-9 PM  
Minute to Win it Hall Gov Social, February 9th, SUB100N, 12-3 PM  
Return to Sender, February 22nd, SUB MPR, 7-9 PM  

HALL CONCERNS 11:10 PM  
If there’s something wrong in your hall that you have already talked to your RAs and RDs about, you’ve waited for something to happen, and nothing has been done, this is your time to tell us.

STUDENT CONCERNS FOLLOW-UP 11:11 PM  
Sam: So a couple things. You guys brought up some older concerns last week. One concern is “Can Card Services be open over the Weekend?” I got a solid no from administration. However, I have an alternative for you. For meal plans over the weekend, if you lose your ID you can’t eat. We’re trying to figure out a solution. For being locked out over the weekend, you can call your RA who can call the RD who can get you a temporary card for the weekend.  
Collango: What about Food Pantry Hours?  
Sam: They’re not open on the weekend.  
Serena: Yeah it’s based on when people are available.  
Crispell: You can also Tapingo food as well.  
Serena: This doesn’t work for freshmen with Unlimited Has swipes.  
Capen: I know for high schools you have specific number that you can enter that is your lunch number.  
Sam: They could use N numbers. I’ll get back to you on that.  
Sam: The other follow-up is on Res halls not locking at 11, The easy answer to this is no. It’s a safety concern for the building overall but if you have concerns about having to walk around the building you can share that during student concerns. The walkway should be well lit with a blue light system in place.

STUDENT CONCERNS 11:13 PM  
If you have general concerns for things going on campus wide (something's broken, wrong, can be improved), this is your moment to tell us so we can relay the information to the administration. However, if you have any food concerns (type, quality, price, location, etc), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at rhsa@hawkmail.newpaltz.edu.

OPEN FLOOR 11:13 PM  
If you have any general announcements about your personal clubs and organizations, stuff going on in New Paltz, hall governments, etc., this is your time to share!

Collango: So Collango will be hosting Colorama in Shango B Lounge on Thursday at 8 PM. We’ll have coloring books and butcher block out so come color with us.  
Marissa: Two fun things. 1) Bowling Club is making good progress and it’s not too late to join. Come up here and give me your name and contact info. Feb. 27th is the first day I can present. Also quite a number of schools around here have a bowling club so we can compete with other colleges. 2) Programming committee is trying to meet Mondays at 6 PM and we already have our first program idea. We’re going to do Valentine Grams and we’re going to give to faculty and veterans and stuff. If you’re interested we’re meeting in the RHSA office on Monday at 5:30.  
Collango: Have there been posters up for bowling club because I haven’t seen any.  
Marissa: No because it’s not technically a club yet. I need a certain amount of people interested first.  
Clare: Hi guys, so UPC is hosting an event this Thursday at 8 PM in the MPR and it’s something we haven’t tried before: An Interactive Science Fair. Engineering and science clubs will come to present.
different projects and experiments that you can try out. UPC also got an oxygen bar. It’s a big thing with jugs of scented stuff that pumps air up your nose and it sounds weird but you plug it in and you get your own thing and it smells good. You should try it. 8PM Thursday MPR be there or be square.

Shayna: We have a lot of leadership opportunities opening up for the spring, and if you don’t know who I am, I’m the director of Bevier Hall and we’re opening up RA applications. There was a GI tonight but we’re all here but there are 3 more this week. If you’re interested in applying I highly suggest going to the GI because it’s an opportunity to talk and ask questions. Tomorrow is at 9:30 in Crispell. There’s one on Wednesday at SUB 418, and one in Capen on Thursday at 9:30. If you want information you can go on Newpaltz.edu/reslife.

Sam: I’m on a poster.

Pharez: Going off what Shayna said, there are a bunch of leadership opportunities opening up right now. For example, Student Ambassador applications are opening up this week. Actually they’re open now. If you’re interested it’s a fun and good way to build your Resume and gain skills. You also get fun swag, the jackets are fleek. If you’re looking for the applications you can go on newpaltz.edu and search Student Ambassadors and it should come up. Also you get paid. If you have any questions you can talk to me or Clare or Mario. Also orientation leader applications are coming out soon. I’ll let you know more information when I get it. If you have any questions about that you can talk to me or Sam or Elee.

Elee: OL GIs are going to be in 2 weeks.

Sam: She did OL for 2 years.

Pharez: But yeah that’s it so stay saucy.

Emma: How do astronomers organize a party? They planet. If you want better jokes than that one come to open practice for TBA Improv on Thursday at 9 PM in SUB 407. If that’s not the room, listen for the screaming and it’ll be in there. It’s really fun and you get to participate in Improv Games. Also our first show is going to be in Bliss at 7 PM on the 12th and auditions are the 13th at 8 in LC 108.

Bevier: Hey, so Women’s Rugby GI is going to be tomorrow in SUB 402 at 9 PM if you’re interested.

Thomas: Hey guys, me again. So right before Gravity Falls BUZZ Karaoke, if you have free time come to Shango B Lounge where we’re growing our own Piranha plants. It’s a sustainable planting program.

Marissa: You should let your Historians know that I’m going to hunt them down soon, so start taking pictures. Some halls don’t have historians. If one person take pictures at your events that’s lit because yearbook committee is coming soon. If you don’t take any pictures your page will be blank and sad. Tell them to do stuff and I’ll find them. Tell them to do stuff.

Sam: If you’re a fan of Thomas in the back, I started a Thomas Meyers fan club on facebook. If you want to join come to me after the meeting.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE 11:23 PM
Molly was passed from Gage to Bevier. Gage put on a visor.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK 11:23 PM
“Ever make mistakes in life? Let’s make them birds. Yeah, they’re all birds now.” - Bob Ross

ADJOURNMENT 11:24 PM

Motion to Adjourn Meeting Until Next Week: Serena
Second: Sam

Next Meeting in SUB 62/63