

# **Outstanding Service Award**

**Andrew Bell**

***Leaders aren't born they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. –Vince Lombardi***

Andrew's hard work these last four years has molded him into the leader he is today. He has had a commitment to excellence in his service to Residence life and campus wide that is hard to match. Andrew has been involved in everything from floor activities, to a position on the Executive Board of the Association of Residence Halls, to a staff member in stately Marlatt Hall. Through his ceaseless involvement in the last four years Andrew has made an outstanding contribution not only to the Department of Housing and Dining Services, but to Kansas State University as a whole.

### **Freshman Year: A Night at the Oscars**

Andrew's freshman year was more action packed than "A Night at the Oscars." As the Community Service Committee Chairperson in Goodnow Hall, he regularly attended Hall Governing Board meetings, even though he was not a voting member. One of the programs he put on that year was to raise money for the "Habitat for Humanity's" House that K-State built, which won a campus Of the Month Award in March, 2000. His first Resident Assistant, Trent Benisch remembers Andrew:

"I had the opportunity to know Andrew Bell in a variety of ways. As his first RA, from our first meeting it was obvious he wanted to make a difference. Before too long Andrew was involved in the floor government...not too much later with HGB, and soon with KSUARH. It was amazing how quickly Andrew became involved. However, perhaps more impressive was what Andrew did behind the scenes. In my experience, the true worth of a leader is what they do when no one will ever find out they did it... when there will be no appreciation or recognition. Andrew did not care about these things; the satisfaction from doing a good job and making a difference was enough for him.

That spring, I shared in two important experiences in Andrew's life. First, Andrew applied for, but was not accepted as, a Resident Assistant. At first he was devastated, but from similar experience I helped him to see how much of an opportunity it could be. Once he recognized it, he seized the opportunity wholeheartedly, pursuing more involvement with KSUARH. The second was Andrew's induction into LAC NRHH. Within this organization of leaders, Andrew would quickly stand out."

Andrew quickly became one of Goodnow Hall's most favorite tour guides for prospective students. Andrew also became involved in the halls on a more regional and national level as he attended the MACURH '99 and NACURH '00 conferences. There he was able to begin networking with other schools in the United States, which would help him later in his college career. When Goodnow lost one of their ARH representatives second semester, Andrew stepped up, donating his time and energy at the general body meetings. During his time as a representative Andrew helped implement the smoking policy for the residence halls. After a few months as a representative, Andrew was ready to take a larger role in ARH and ran for (and won) the Vice President position on the executive board.

You would think that with all of his involvement in residence hall activities Andrew would not have time for other organizations and activities. Not Andrew! He was also involved with the National 4-H Technology Conference held at the University of Maryland as the Logistics Coordinator. Through all of these activities Andrew remained focused and dedicated to his academics. Members of the Residence Hall community recognized Andrew's commitment to academics and the halls and awarded him the First Year Experience Award at the 1999-2000 leadership banquet.

### **Sophomore Year: Coloring the World Through Leadership**

Andrew certainly colored K-State through his leadership during his sophomore year. He jumped into the school year as the newly elected Vice President of the KSU Association of Residence Halls. As Vice President, Andrew helped coordinate Camp ARH and helped train the new hall representatives. Using his technical knowledge Andrew became the webmaster for the KSUARH web page making it more aesthetically pleasing and user friendly. Andrew also began his duties as Vice President of the Little Apple Chapter of National Residence Hall Honorary (LAC NRHH). Throughout the year Andrew focused on recruiting more members, planning an induction ceremony for the new members and coordinating the Leadership Banquet. Due to his amazing commitment to both organizations Andrew won campus Executive Board Member Of The Month for November.

Even with his involvement in these activities Andrew still regularly attended Goodnow Hall Governing Board meetings and stayed involved with the community on his floor. He helped coordinate the live feed of KSU Late Night, an online Late Show put on by fellow Goodnow Hall residents.

Andrew colored outside the lines of K-State by once again participating in a MACURH conference held in 2000 at the University of North Dakota. This time he was chosen to represent the LAC NRHH at the annual business meeting. His participation did not stop there: he also co-presented a program, "Parli-pro Jeopardy," to help leaders at other schools understand parliamentary procedure. He represented K-State at the NACURH 2001 conference later that year.

During his winter vacation Andrew did not rest, instead he created an OTM database to help his fellow LAC NRHH members. Justin Mencl, a fellow resident of Goodnow and member of NRHH had this to say about the OTM database:

“Andrew was the lone inventor of something many universities and colleges throughout the country are jealous of. This something was designed to facilitate and assist in the Little Apple Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary (LAC NRHH) in their ever-continuing mission of recognition.

Andrew combined his love of technology and devotion to NRHH and a database to store Kansas State University’s Of The Month (OTM) submissions. In addition to storing the OTMs, it was also configured to allow students and staff to search the database. This allowed residents campus-wide to see what others were doing. It also helped to improve the quality of OTM submissions over time, as residents would consult it to gather ideas and techniques from other submissions.”

In February, 2001 Andrew was accepted as a Resident Assistant in Marlatt Hall. He could now help to color the lives of individual residents even more! As the year came to a close Andrew was awarded the LAC NRHH Member Of The Year award. Recognizing the need to network for his future employment, Andrew began an internship at Siemens during his summer break.

### **Junior Year: Leadership Safari**

Andrew’s junior year certainly was an adventure as he honed his service and leadership skills. Once again Andrew began the year as the Vice President of LAC NRHH, inducting new members, recruiting and recognizing those within the housing and dining community. While busy with those tasks he was also hard at work building the community on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Marlatt where he was a Resident Assistant. Andrew cultivated his community by building on the strengths. One of the successful programs he put on was a HALO tournament so that the men of his floor could get to know each other. Andrew also collaborated with some RAs

from West hall to play “Battle of the Sexes” which helped people from both sides of campus interact. With his technology background he was more than willing to assist his residents with any computer problems they faced throughout the year. Once again Andrew made appearances at various regional conferences. He participated as the representative of LAC NRHH at the annual business meeting at MACURH 2001. The Regional Associate Director of MACURH NRHH, Jodi Harper, commented on Andrew’s involvement with NRHH:

“Andrew has always impressed me with his commitment to NRHH and to NACURH. He has been a leader on both the regional and national levels. Andrew has done an excellent job of representing Kansas State University through his participation in discussions, asking and answering questions on the listserves, and in bringing a plethora of purple spirit items to share with others. His enthusiasm is contagious and he is always willing to share his expertise and experience with others. Andrew has also impressed me with his ability to be forward-thinking—his OTM database has become an excellent example for schools looking to move their NRHH chapter online. Andrew also has presented regionally on the advantages to setting up an online OTM submission system. In the time I served as the MACURH RA-NRHH, several individuals commented to me about the wonderful resource the Little Apple Chapter has in that database. From his dedication to NRHH to his can do attitude, Andrew exemplifies the ideals of NRHH.”

During fall semester of his junior year, Andrew jumped head first into the No Frills bid. He and Justin Mencl dedicated many hours to their “37 page masterpiece.” Their work on the bid won them the Campus Spotlight Of The Month in January, 2002. Once the bid was completed Andrew attended the No Frills conference as an integral part of the delegation.

On campus Andrew was involved in the MIS club, traveling to Las Vegas for the Comdex Conference he gained more knowledge about technology. At the end of the year Andrew was recognized by his peers for his leadership and

service by winning the LAC NRHH Member Of The Year for the second year in a row. The week after spring semester classes ended Andrew was headed to Wichita for an internship with Koch Industries.

### **Senior Year: A Night at the Movies: Showcasing a Celebration of Leadership**

Through his senior year Andrew has made celebrating his service and leadership easy. His passion for K-State and the residence halls has been illustrated by his continued involvement and hard work. Andrew continued building community on second floor as a Resident Assistant for the second year in a row. He held the second annual HALO tournament for not only his residents, but all of the residents within Marlatt. Andrew worked extremely hard to improve the quality of Ethernet, particularly bandwidth within Marlatt-- a fact that has not escaped the attention of David Yoder, Marlatt Hall Residence Life Coordinator:

“In Marlatt Hall in 2002, Andrew was very concerned that residents’ Ethernet download speed had been reduced considerably (thanks in large part to heavy use). As an MIS major, he was able to assess and evaluate the problem. He had the training and disposition to approach university administrators in a very professional and credible way, to propose very specific and practical solutions to the problem. Over the course of a few weeks, Andrew persuaded the right people to install upgraded equipment that brought a dramatic improvement in service. I don’t know of another resident who possessed the right combination of technical knowledge, interpersonal skill and determination needed to bring about this outstanding result. He deserves a medal!”

The members of the Blue Key International Honor Fraternity class of 2002-2003 believed in Andrew’s service and leadership as he worked as their Vice President for the year. Through his involvement with this campus organization Andrew was able to network with other campus leaders and

participated in Up Til Dawn and Relay for Life. Sol Pettit-Scott, Director of Peer Leadership Consulting for Blue Key:

“Andrew Bell is a phenomenal person. In his four years at Kansas State University, he has done many amazing things. But it is not what he does that makes him shine, it is who he is. Andrew Bell has a dynamic character and the heart of a servant. He displays true concern for others in everyday life.

He is dedicated to not just Blue Key, but the individual members of Blue Key. He has reached out to me a multitude of times this past year to help in the positions I have held outside of my Blue Key office. He served as counsel in times of distress and comradery in times of celebration. Andrew Bell will be a life long friend to anyone who he meets along the road, not because of what he does, but because of who he is.”

Andrew’s grasp of time management has helped him throughout his college years, but it has played a large part in his senior year. Though he spent many hours with campus organizations, like Blue Key, he still had time for his commitment to the residence halls. Andrew was re-elected to the Vice President position of LAC NRHH for a third year in a row, and kept up with the duties he had performed for the past two years. He also dedicated time to revamping the OTM database. According to Justin Mencl:

“Just this past year, Andrew spent his own time over Winter Break to improve the existing OTM database. A complete overhaul of the system was started and by the end of break, Andrew had increased its functionality by an order of magnitude. The new database, affectionately known as Version 2.0, incorporates user logins to follow submission patterns, uses database design techniques to improve the response times of queries, and even an administrative page. This administrative page was perhaps the most beneficial upgrade, as it will allow future NRHH members to configure the database through a simple web interface without having to know the underlying computer language and system design.”

While busy with many school tasks, Andrew was also putting his networking skills to the test as he began his job search. He was asked to take the

time to travel to many destinations throughout the mid-west to interview for different companies. Andrew was offered many positions and had to figure out which one offered him what he needed to continue his growth in leadership and service.

During the second semester of his senior year, Andrew became the campaign advisor for Tammy Jo Osborn and Julie Quackenbush as they ran for Student Body President and Vice President. Andrew attended weekly meetings to help coordinate the campaign. He also put his technical skills to work by creating a website dedicated to the campaign.

While his senior year is drawing toward a close, Andrew is continuing his service on campus. He is currently coordinating the Leadership Banquet for the third year in a row. Andrew is also assisting with the Blue Key Induction Banquet.

If you become a leader through hard work, as Vince Lombardi said, then Andrew's college career proved his leadership capabilities. His service to the halls and K-State campus overall has been exemplary. The contributions he has made may not have always been seen, but they will be felt for many years to come. From the beginning of his college career, Andrew has worked hard and committed himself to many facets of Residence life, helping recognize leaders through the past four years. It is time for him to be recognized for his selfless contributions to Kansas State University.

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**Andrew has influenced the lives of many people here at Kansas State University. Here's what they have to say:**

Andrew Bell has made our halls and our programs better in many ways, and on an ongoing basis, by serving in offices in KSUARH and NRHH, and at least equally so in the independent projects he has taken on. He especially has put his outstanding technical knowledge to use for us. The leadership banquet is a prime example. Andrew has spent countless hours putting together our recent banquets, and the multimedia presentations we have enjoyed. Many people are aware of the slick new database and online input system for the OTM entries that NRHH solicits each month. It was all Andrew Bell behind this development. I have no doubt that this project took an enormous amount of his time, but once again Andrew made things happen, unselfishly donating his time to bring about a project of lasting value. In addition to Andrew's extensive involvement with NRHH, Blue Key, a Job search and the accomplishments mentioned earlier, I can say as his supervisor that Andrew has also brought in a superior performance as an RA. Is there any way we can keep him from moving to Houston?

David Yoder  
Residence Life Coordinator, Marlatt Hall

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Andrew's dedication to others and persistence in working towards goals is rare. He's served the K-State campus and surrounding community for the last four years and deserves an award for outstanding service.  
Susan Larson, RA Ford Hall

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Andrew helped with the improvement of our university computer support to residents. He has been an important member of Blue Key and a strong voice for students and residents. Andrew has the tremendous capacity of combining technology know how, human touch and common sense. K-State is a better place because of Andrew.

Pat J. Bosco  
Associate Vice President/Dean of Student Life  
Institutional Advancement  
Kansas State University

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Andrew Bell is an amazing individual. He had such an incredible impact on Joel and I during our time at Kansas State University. He was the first to lend a hand when we needed something. He has the ability to lead by example. He always put academics first and modeled time management for those around him. Andrew is a dear friend and we are so proud of him for the difference he has made in the lives of fellow students over the years.

~Joel and Jessica (Messer) Yourdon, Friends from Goodnow

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Although I only lived and worked with Andrew for one year, we became good friends. After I left for graduate school we remained in touch and I continued to share in his successes and frustrations. Through it all, the most amazing thing has been how Andrew maintains the childlike curiosity (and energy) in all the different endeavors he pursues, even when the challenges seem insurmountable.

Andrew - congratulations on all your accomplishments. I am really proud of you and all that you have accomplished. You have admirably continued the fine traditions of K-State res-hall leaders. And, from my own experiences, for all the challenges and accomplishments you experienced at K-State, the "real world" will blow them away! Best wishes in all your future endeavors. May you always go above and beyond the call of duty.  
Trent Benisch, K-State Resident Assistant - '97-'00

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Andrew Bell has been one amazing individual within the residence halls of K-State. He had taken on leadership roles that are worthy of the Outstanding Service Award! He has been involved in so many aspects of Housing; he has been a HGB member, LAC NRHH member and exec board member, RA, as well as others. He has always taken on the responsibilities of these positions with a positive attitude and surpasses any expectations for those roles.

He made fantastic strides to develop and improve the Leadership Banquet put on by NRHH and RHA at the end of the year and the data base for OTMs and OTYs. He is a busy man but when talking with others was able to make each person feel as if their conversation was the most important event at that moment.

Andrew has been able to juggle his academics, leadership roles, and personal interests and succeed at each one and make it appear so easy and natural. Andrew Bell holds the respect of many and has helped to support and challenge the residents and staff of K-State Housing. He is so eager to recognize others I hope that he will be honored with this Outstanding Service Award because he truly has made a difference to the department of Housing and Dining and to those within the department.

Devin Scheher, Goodnow Hall RA, 2000-2002

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Andrew Bell is an outstanding individual who has contributed greatly to the residence halls during his four years at K-State. I was privileged to work with Andrew on the ARH Executive Board, where I was impressed by his dedication to his position and his sense of teamwork with the other exec. board members. No matter what activity was going on or who was in charge, Andrew was always willing to help out and do whatever was needed whether that was picking up cars for the Homecoming parade or judging a bubble gum blowing contest that was a little messy. Andrew is a great person, and I'm fortunate I got the chance to know him.  
Abby Hall, Fellow ARH Executive Board Member

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I had the pleasure of working with Andrew Bell my first year at college. Serving on Goodnow's HGB, I first witnessed what Andrew was capable of. Then I was lucky enough to be inducted into the National Residence Hall Honorary, of which Andrew was a member. Andrew has supported everyone around him with encouraging words, lending a hand when needed, offering guidance, being available, or just smiling and letting you know he is there. Over the past three years I have witnessed Andrew silently run whatever organization he is involved with. He knows what needs to be done, and how he would like it to be done, but also knows enough to stand back and let others figure it out for themselves. Andrew has been NRHH for the last three years I have been apart of it, and his absence will most definitely be felt next year. Andrew's leadership style is to become involved in something he fully believes in, and give everything he has. This is apparent to anyone who has had the special opportunity to work with Andrew. Andrew's smile, laugh, dedication, passion, knowledge, wisdom, leadership style, organization, and support is contagious.

Chad Cleary, Resident Assistant 2001-2003  
NRHH President 2002-2003

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Look up the word "leader" in Webster's dictionary, and you will find a picture of Andrew Bell. Andrew consistently exhibits the character and skills necessary to effectively lead the people around him. He demonstrates he sincere desire to help people succeed and accomplish more than they ever thought possible. Andrew has the rare ability to see the big picture while focusing on the details that often are overlooked. His charisma and persona warms your heart while his intellect and knowledge challenges your mind.

Andrew is never quick to take credit for his success, and shies away from praise. He simply gives all that he can and a little more to make the residence halls and K-State a great place. Few great leaders like Andrew Bell come along, and he will be greatly missed next year.

Matt Brown, Coordinator Of Academic Affairs

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No other student leader on this entire campus has had as much of an impact on my college career as Andrew Bell. He constantly went above and beyond in everything he did, from being a RAMA staff member to the Vice President of NRHH. His support of the residence halls has been second to none amongst his colleagues, and I believe it is safe to say that his example has set the standard at K-State for what a nominee for this award should be.

Bryan "Murph" Murphy (Haymaker 4th Floor RA and NRHH Liaison to KSUARH)

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Andrew has been a great support to me while I lived in the resident halls and since I graduated from K-State in December 2002. Anytime I needed someone to talk to about school, work, or personal life his door was always open and I knew that I could talk to him and it would be kept confidential. Andrew is also great asset to K-State Housing and Dinning and the University.

From his work on the award winning NRHH OTM database to his work with the MIS Club and Blue Key. I wish Andrew the best in his endeavors and I know he will go far in life.  
 Brian Olberding, Former Marlatt Hall Resident

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Andrew Bell. . .cell phone at his side, palm in his pocket, computer in his bag. He is always prepared, a person might say, and yes, I would say the same. Over the past 3 years, I've had the honor to work with Andrew in many different aspects of my college career. The first time I saw the man, I was an ARH representative from Moore Hall, and he was sitting at the front table of the Big XII room in the Union wearing his K-State floppy hat as Vice President. No, I was disappointed because I just never did get a BINGO at those ARH meetings (the game Andrew had to liven up the meetings)!

What has Andrew meant to K-State? What has Andrew meant to me? That would take me years to write about. Andrew is the person who has all the answers. I've worked very closely with Andrew over the past few years, especially in NRHH. His enthusiasm, knowledge, and determination to get things accomplished and a quality job when finished has always amazed me. I believe he's the most popular person on campus besides Willie the Wildcat because his phone is always ringing. Andrew has created the most awesome OTM database in the world, been one of the best RA's in Marlatt Hall for the past two years, and made plans for the future that will positively affect many K-State residence hall students. He thinks for the future.

Andrew has made a huge impact on my life, and I know I'm not the only one who can say that. Without student leaders like Andrew, I would have never found my way to where I am today. I cannot thank Andrew enough for that. Many times he has sat down and talked me through situations or taught me the ropes so I would be successful in the future. There are many ideals and ideas that I have taken from Andrew and hope to continue in the future. Once he leaves this campus, a huge void will be there. Mr. Bell is an invaluable asset to everything that has been accomplished in the past few years in the residence halls. Andrew, the small town guy from Lincoln, Kansas, is a person I look up to each day and admire what he does. Never will I be able to put into words what Andrew Bell has done and meant to me. I'm very lucky to say that I know and am a friend of Andrew Bell.

Craig Wanklyn, RA, Goodnow Hall

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Andrew Bell has been the biggest influence on me since I arrived here at K-State. He's been the type of person I have always felt comfortable talking to, whether for advice, help, or just be social. After my experience in the residence halls my freshman year, I had decided that after my sophomore year I was going to move off campus. When I came back to Marlatt in the fall of 2001, the new RA on my wing just happened to be Andrew. Over the course of the year, Andrew introduced me to new ways to get involved in the residence hall system, and showed me not only how a good RA should do his job (unlike the RA on my wing the previous year), but also how much fun it was. He inspired me to

apply to be an RA myself. Unfortunately I wasn't hired, but Andrew told me to keep my head up and try again next year.

Early in the year we had the hall vice president position open up, and Andrew urged me to apply so that I could utilize the leadership skills that I hadn't ever seen, but Andrew could sense that I had. Andrew was also the driving force in my applying for the Little Apple Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary. I had never heard of NRHH coming into my sophomore year, but Andrew took the time to explain to me what exactly the organization was all about: mission, programs, members, etc. he also made sure to emphasize that it comprised only the top 1% of residence hall leaders and that he believed I was in that top 1%. With my new found confidence as a leader, and motivation to become more involved, I applied for and was selected to be an ambassador for the college of engineering here at K-State.

Andrew is the kind of person who motivates everyone around him to get more involved, work harder, and put their skills to the test. His enthusiasm for what he is doing bubbles over and catches on with others. If there is one person I can thank for helping me make the most out of my college experience, it would have to be Andrew Bell.  
Brad Kaufmann, resident, Marlatt Hall

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When I was a student leader in undergrad and I went on my very first NACURH trip, we took a bus to Virginia from Illinois. It was a long trip and what I observed the most of the dynamics in the bus were that the more noteworthy leaders, the ones who had further developed and served in higher leadership capacities, were always more towards the front of the bus, where they often had the chance to mingle with advisors at an entirely deeper level, talking about the 'bigger' leadership issues at hand. I once later commented to my advisor this phenomenon. He teased me saying that 'one day maybe I would make it to the front of the bus' – and he did not know that I would take that to heart. When I least expected it, upon graduation, he remembered that conversation and wrote me a note telling me that my journey to the front of the bus was complete. I still reflect upon that conversation as I watch up and coming leaders, wondering which ones will make it to the 'front of the bus'.

I recall this memory now as I think of Andrew. Andrew Bell has made it to the front of the bus, not without trials and tribulations. He did his time and earned his way through the leadership ranks to become an established leader that others admire and strive to be like through their own leadership experiences. The one that others watch from the back of the "bus", the one mingling with advisors talking about hot leadership topics and how to better the system – on campus and beyond. Due to this, he is someone who is leaving a legacy behind.

Andrew warms my heart as a student leader that I have had the pleasure to work with time and time again. Sometimes when a student leaves your building, after two years, your interaction lessens, but not with me and Andrew. Moments still bring us back together where we can chat about things at a new level. The relationship I share with Andrew can not be put into words. It is so unique! We do not have the strong, every day relationship but rather the steady, underlying, always there relationship. We do not consult and share as much as we did his first two years, but what we do have is someone who is there when need be. Andrew rose to the occasion of leadership early on and due to this, he spread his

wings and left my advising after two years. However, I still honor the times he turns to me in an advisor capacity and consults something he is contemplating, discusses a success or offers a new idea that he wants to pursue. Notably, now he turns to me as a friend too. Not always looking for that advice that he use to seek but rather just looking to share, talk, and contemplate how to make things better. This is what I admire – our relationship has many facets and levels but through it all it remains the same base foundation – we started together four years ago and we traveled a road that has been filled with highs and lows. Andrew and I have had some tough conversations and have not always agreed but when we came through to the other side, we were stronger and better because of it.

Andrew has challenged me, frustrated me, and, in the end, made me a better person, advisor, and friend. His leadership has touched many, including senior staff members. The impact Andrew has had on me is not something that is discussed daily and he may not even know but he is someone that I admire. Someone that I believe has the highest level of potential to impact the world in ways that others will never even comprehend. He has talent and skills.

However, all the talents and skills were there when he started college, waiting to be tapped into. What I have witnessed most is Andrew's interpersonal growth – the way he has learned about friendships, what he can give to others beyond his skills, and how he has established relationships that will last a lifetime. Andrew has grown as a person, beyond growing as a leader. He has learned some of the toughest lessons, the hard way, and has reflected upon them with just enough thought to grow and better himself. He continues to teach through his example and it is with amazement that I watch how he leads with, what looks like, little effort sometimes.

His impact on our campus is through large things such as the leadership banquet or the OTM data base, but his impact is felt in smaller more important ways such as, at the end of the day, when as a senior staff member, I can reflect on our journey, smile and know that he sits at the front of the bus...a spot that he has earned.

-Mishelle Banas, Residence Life Coordinator, Goodnow Hall

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## Distinguished Service Essay

From the first day Andrew Bell stepped foot on campus he has served K-State. His actions have made the residence halls a better place to live. His enthusiasm has inspired many people to become a part of the K-State community. Beginning his freshman year he became involved with Goodnow Hall's Governing Board and there was no stopping him. As he learned about leadership and service opportunities he became even more involved. Andrew has striven for excellence in everything he has done, from the Executive Board of KSU Association of Residence Halls, to Vice President of Blue Key International Honor Fraternity. He has made recognition of those who serve throughout the residence halls more accessible in the creation of the LAC NRHH Of The Month database and upkeep of the website. He has selflessly donated his time and energy to countless committees and organizations on campus. Andrew has represented K-State at numerous conferences nationwide showcasing his "Purple Pride." He has also coordinated the leadership banquet for the last three years. As his time at K-State draws to an end, Andrew has not slowed down. He is just as committed to making the halls and campus an extraordinary place to live. As Howard S. Geneen once said, "Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions." Andrew is the perfect example of leadership. He has lead by example; his attitude and actions reflecting his commitment to excellence. Andrew's leadership and service through his past four years make him the perfect recipient for the Distinguished Service Award.