

# WHERE IN THE WORLD IS ANDREW BELL?



Student of the Year  
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He might be in the Association of Residence Halls Office working on a project, in his room working on his computer, at a conference, in a NRHH meeting giving his committee report, participating in a Goodnow Hall event, or in class, but wherever he is Andrew Bell is doing something special. Not only is he a great student, computer genius, and hard worker, he is one of the best student leaders on the campus of Kansas State University and we are lucky to have him in our residence halls leading in many capacities.

### **KSUARH Vice-president**

Last March, Andrew was elected the Vice-president of the Kansas State University Association of Residence Halls (KSUARH). The first thing Andrew did was clean up the KSUARH office which was a disaster. Along with two other executive board members, Andrew cleaned the office and organized so it would be more functional and everyone would know where to find what they need. During the summer months, Andrew maintained contact with the KSUARH Advisor, Sarah Decke. They would discuss future projects and ideas for the upcoming year. Next, Andrew worked on compiling an executive board and general body roster to put in the folders of all the members.

At the beginning of the fall semester, KSUARH had Camp ARH, which was an all-hall leadership retreat. Not only did Andrew play a big role in the overall planning of the retreat, he also spent time training newly elected KSUARH representatives. Andrew gave them all the information they needed to have a successful year. This was a huge benefit to both KSUARH and each residence hall.

Throughout the year, Andrew has done some little things to make things run more smoothly with KSUARH. He took care of all of the copying of the minutes/handouts for all of the members. He also organized a system to make sure all representatives received all the meeting materials. He put all the copies into a folder which would go into the rep's binders. He even had a little fun by drawing numbers and verifying bingos at the KSUARH meetings. He has represented KSUARH and NRHH at the KSU Activities Carnival which was held early in the year so new students could find organizations to get involved in.

Andrew was also the KSUARH web master and he created a new website with rotating pictures, minutes, and upcoming events. The web site is now very user-friendly and anyone can access past minutes and look at a calendar with upcoming events. He is also using his design and writing talents to create a new KSUARH brochure that will be used at Summer Orientation and Activities fairs. Andrew is taking all the necessary steps to make sure the brochure is very professional looking. He took his design talents one step further by designing the new KSUARH t-shirts. He also took care of the ordering of the shirts.

Andrew has also been a big supporter of programs put on by other members of the executive board. He helped out with the annual Crazy Cat Kickoff for Homecoming. This all residence hall event pits hall teams against each other in strange events. Andrew set up, monitored, and cleaned up one event as well as helped set up others. He also marched in the Homecoming parade with another executive board member carrying the new KSUARH banner. Andrew also was instrumental in the KSUARH/NRHH office open house. In order to get students to know where the office was and what was there, KSUARH and NRHH organized an open house where students could come by, have some food and learn more

about KSUARH and NRHH. Andrew made invitations that were sent to each resident and also talked the event up everywhere he went. He also took care of purchasing the food for the event.

Andrew also represented KSUARH in a new all-university committee that is looking to start a new K-State tradition where only a couple of class rings to represent K-State. Finally, Andrew has been very involved in the research of a new proposal that would give the executive board compensation for the work in KSUARH. They are currently still working on the proposal to be presented sometime in the spring semester.

As you can see, Andrew has taken the very plain position of Vice-president to new heights. He is involved in almost every event KSUARH has put on whether he was involved in the planning or not. He is exactly what you would want in an executive board member. He believes in what the organization is about and enjoys serving the students of the residence halls.

### **Little Apple Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary**

Andrew is also a very active member of the Little Apple Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary (LAC NRHH). He is especially helpful in the technology department. He has been known to spend hours scanning 300 pictures for the leadership banquet. He also spent his Winter Vacation designing and creating an on-line database that allows people to search and submit OTMs on the NRHH website. He hosts this database on one of his own servers and it is truly an amazing addition to the LAC NRHH website. With the database, you can search for past OTMs. When you find them, you can read the OTM and see a record for each OTM that tells you whether it was a campus, regional, or national winner. This database is definitely helpful to people that haven't written OTMs before as they can see what it takes to win an OTM at each level. He also redesigned the website to be more user friendly and attractive.

Andrew is also a member of the Banquet and Awards Committee. Last semester, he organized the Spring 2000 Induction banquet where we welcomed three new members to our chapter. Andrew will also be instrumental in the committee's efforts in the spring semester.

Andrew also is a very vocal member at meetings and is always willing to volunteer with anything from new member interviews, community service projects, or programs. He is a very important member of the LAC NRHH family as his dedication and willingness to spend his personal time to help the organization is exceptional.

### **Goodnow Hall**

Andrew is an extraordinary resident of Goodnow Hall where he has lived for the last two years. Even though he is not a Hall Governing Board (HGB) member. He still attends meetings regularly to give his input as well as talk up what is happening with LAC NRHH and KSUARH. He also participated in a hall program for Halloween called "Trick-or-Treat Me." This program allowed children from the Manhattan community to come to the residence hall where they can go to participating rooms to get candy. Andrew also attends most of the programs that the Goodnow Hall Resident Assistants or Multicultural Assistant puts on. He is a very vocal support for all the leaders in Goodnow Hall.

Andrew is also part of a new project called KSU Late Nite. The on-line Late Show is put on by 10 Goodnow Hall residents and people can go to a website to watch the show. Andrew handles the live video streaming to the internet by monitoring and making sure the server stays functional.

## **Conferences**

Andrew has represented K-State and the residence halls at NACURH 2000 at the University of Colorado and MACURH 2001 at the University of North Dakota. He was an active member of an exceptional NACURH delegation and went to many programs to bring back to campus. Andrew was chosen by the LAC NRHH to represent the chapter at the business meetings at MACURH. He also was a member of the delegation philanthropy committee which collected pop tabs for the conference philanthropy project.

Andrew also presented a program at MACURH along with Rachel Akins, the KSUARH President. This program was called "Parli-pro Jeopardy" and was an interactive way for people to learn parliamentary procedure. The program was attended by 25 people.

## **Awards and Recognition**

Andrew has been recognized on campus for his outstanding work. In the month of November, Andrew won Executive Board member of the month. He also has been recognized with a new award that is passed around week to week in NRHH meetings.

Last May, Andrew was named the KSUARH/NRHH First Year Experience Award winner above some stiff competition. He was very deserving of that award and his exceptional leadership has continued since.

## **The Student Part**

Not only is Andrew a great leader, but he is also a great student. He maintains a high grade point average in his business major and also is encouraging of other students to excel academically. Some leaders struggle to have the balance between academics and leadership. Maybe they should use Andrew as an example.

## **He's Everywhere!**

Andrew Bell is a special leader. The love and dedication he has for the residence halls and the students that live here is exactly what MACURH is all about, making the residence halls a better place to live. The balance he has accomplished between academics, leadership positions, and his social life is phenomenal and K-State is lucky to have him as a part of our community.

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January 19, 2001

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to submit this letter of support on behalf of Andrew Bell for his bid for Student of the Year.

My first interaction with Andrew was when he stepped into the role of community service chair and began attending hall governing board meetings, as a non-voting member, to raise awareness on community service activities. He, along with a current Resident Assistant and the community service committee, have enhanced community service programs within Goodnow Hall and have found ways to motivate others to participate in volunteerism.

From that point, there was no stopping Andrew. He took the initiative to attend the MACURH leadership conference to both enhance his skills and learn more about regional and national leadership opportunities. Furthermore, he then moved into the role of ARH representative for Goodnow Hall, which has eventually lead to him being elected as ARH Vice-President for the 2000-2001 academic year.

However, instead of summarizing Andrew's achievements, which can be read throughout his bid, I would like to take a moment to talk to you about Andrew, the person. Andrew is an independent thinker that states his opinion but often provides additional information so that others can formulate their own opinion. Andrew is a seeker of knowledge and strives to grasp new experiences.

Having Andrew in the hall has been a positive experience for both Goodnow as well as the Hall Governing Board. He challenges the students around him to look into their values, their motivation, and their experiences. He is a good role model who is willing to step up and serve as a leader. I have enjoyed Andrew's determination, and most of all, I have respected that he is driven and often exceeds the "average" student leader expectations. I appreciate Andrew's point of view and believe he adds to the experience of other students and will continue to do so in his future roles.

I hope that you can see that Andrew is a strong candidate for the Student of the Year award. If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me at (785) 395-5153. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Dear MACURH NCC's:

It is my distinct pleasure to support Andrew Bell's bid for MACURH Student of the Year. Andrew has made a tremendous impact on our campus and to our residence halls. His involvement in KSUARH, LAC NRHH and Goodnow Hall is truly a wonderful example of what student leadership is all about.

Over the past year, I have worked with Andrew as a part of the Little Apple Chapter of the NRHH. Andrew's willingness to take on projects, help with community service, and make our web site absolutely wonderful is a great asset to our organization. His work on our web site is especially great. He spent time during his semester break to create the OTM database where people can search for past OTMs and learn how to write better ones when they submit one. I am amazed at the work Andrew must have put in to make the database happen.

When I think of what NRHH is all about, scholarship, leadership, community service and recognition, Andrew pops into my mind of someone who fulfills all of these things. He is a good student who takes his academics very seriously. He is a great leader in everything he gets involved with and is always willing to do "the dirty work" that no one else wants to do. Community service is something he really believes in and participates in it every chance he gets. Finally he believes in the power of recognition. Andrew submits OTMs often, but also is always giving someone a pat on the back for their hard work. That may be what I appreciate most about Andrew, his care and appreciation of others.

Andrew Bell is an outstanding person and leader. I am thrilled that he is a part of NRHH and I look forward to seeing what he will do in the future. There is no doubt in my mind that Andrew Bell is deserving of this award.

Enthusiastically,

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