

Jeremy Knoll

Cheese Connoisseur



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Get to Know Jeremy, the Cheese Connoisseur

Favorite Pizza
Topping:
Anchovies

Favorite
Cheese:
Goat Cheese



Fun Fact: His
history library
has around 500
books.

Year: Freshman

Major: History and Economics

Minor: German



Ricotta Cheese

(RHA Involvement)

Jeremy serves as the New Hall Community Council Secretary. He executes several responsibilities, including: Creating Office Hour forms; Analyzing responses from the New Hall Community Council Suggestion Box; Overseeing the HuskieLink webpage



Jeremy made his mark quickly on the NIU community. He worked with the Regional History Center in the Founders' Library at NIU to establish a New Hall Community Council archive. This is the first of its kind for any residence hall organization at NIU.

Jeremy led an effort to inventory, clean, and organize the New Hall Community Council Office. This was the first time it had been completed since the construction in 2012.

Provolone & Nicasio Cheese

(Programming & NRHH)

Throughout all of New Hall's programming, Jeremy is willing to always lend a hand. For every program, he assists with set up and clean up while also doing behind the scenes work.

Programming

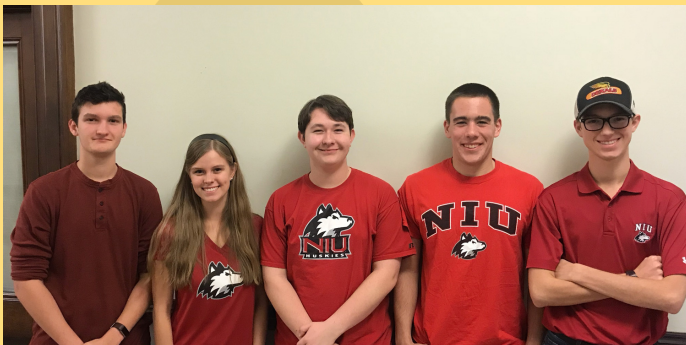
Jeremy participates and assists with all of New Hall's programming. He works to help set up and clean up, as well as working behind the scenes to ensure residents' enjoyment of the events.

For Homecoming in New Hall, Jeremy hosted Jeopardy and Kahoot games of NIU trivia. Additionally, Jeremy added to the decorations by cutting out and passing out Huskie heads and Huskie paw prints. These were passed out to students, having them sign them, and hung on the walls of New Hall. During Halloween, Jeremy helped to lead the Movie Night event, assisting with announcing the movie, popping popcorn, and leading the crafting activities. He ensured that students were able to be creative and kept things organized and tidy.



NRHH

Jeremy participated in an NRHH-sponsored event which made first aid kits for the homeless populations. He created kits and wrote notes for people in the homeless shelter.



Cheddar & Cottage Cheese

(Campus & Community Projects)

Jeremy participates in Research Rookies, which is an opportunity for undergraduates to conduct research in a chosen field. Jeremy studies the Confederate prisoner of war experience in Midwest prisons during the Civil War. He hopes to publish his work in a historical journal when he finishes his project. Looking forward, Jeremy hopes to serve as a peer mentor in the program next year, assisting others with their research.



Jeremy enjoys giving back to his community in many ways. He feels as though community service is valuable because it brings the community closer together by participating in:

- Saturday of Service
- Communiversities Gardens
- Clean the Kish
- Feed My Starving Children

Jeremy actively contributes to the NIU Scholastic Bowl. He assembled the team, got them registered for competition, and leads weekly practices. He serves as the team's president. He likes this leadership role because he can better himself as well as the team at large.

Cream Cheese & Asiago

(Committee Work & Academic Honors)

Committee Work

Jeremy serves on the Issues Committee within RHA. He works on the following projects: Recommendations for guest check-in; Rewriting roommate agreements; Clarifying and publicizing Quiet hours

Academic Honors

Presidential Scholar

#YOUiversity honors trending student



Letter of Support



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January 28th, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kelly Winters and I am the current Full Time Hall Director for New Hall West. Over the 2018-2019 Academic Year I have been able to work with Jeremy Knoll as the advisor of New Hall Community Council where he served as the Secretary. I am so honored to write on behalf of Jeremy as he is a key player of our team. During this time, I have been able to see Jeremy grow and use his opportunity to create meaningful relationships with his council members as well as residents within our community. Jeremy is more than deserving of the First Year Experience award as he has worked to better not only the experience of the residents within New Hall but the overall NIU Community.

As Secretary Jeremy is responsible for preparing our meetings, sending out minutes, and fostering positive communication between his peers. During our first one on one Jeremy was willing to listen and implement new strategies for residents to communicate their needs with a virtual suggestion box. He was willing to utilize an important tool, HuskieLink, to empower students to learn more about New Hall Community Council and track attendance for our events. By being open to use new tools Jeremy has bettered the experience of our residents, and the community council.

Jeremy is one of the most organized students I have ever met, he even brought a color-coded spreadsheet to the election! This skill has paid off tremendously as he has been able to organize our exec meetings and make them effective for all members of our team. I can always count on Jeremy to go above and beyond the expectations I have for him. Even while being a first-year student Jeremy always completes tasks within a timely fashion. He communicates frequently and cares a lot about his fellow Executive board members.

Jeremy has also challenged himself this semester as he has helped with programming over the past semester. During homecoming New Hall Community Council hosted a trivia night where Jeremy hosted and spoke in front of the whole group. Jeremy also always goes out of his way to help others within our team. He is a frequent participant in Residence Hall Association meetings and is willing to step up to assist our programmers with any of their needs.

Jeremy has taken his opportunity as the Secretary of New Hall Community Council to increase his own leadership style and better the experience of our residents. Without Jeremy's drive to better his community I do not think that New Hall Community Council would have been as successful as it has been this past year. Jeremy is a deserving candidate for this award as he cares tremendously about the NIU community and his peers experience with our hall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kelly Winters'.

Kelly Winters
Hall Director
Housing and Residential Services