

Killian Tracey

President of The Year

Western Illinois University

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Roots:

- **Senior Chemistry Major**
- **Has studied abroad in Ireland**
- **A part of NRHH**
- **Senior Staff member at a residence hall**
- **Honors Student**
- **Served in Student Government Association**
- **Works for University Housing and Dining part time**
- **Participates in all campus events**
- **Attended GLACURH and IRHA**



Killian has been living on campus for her entire collegiate career. She joined Hall Government the moment she came to Western and has thrived ever since. She was on the executive board for her freshman residence hall and

has served on the executive board for Inter Hall Council the following three years including two terms as President. She is involved in numerous organizations on campus making her well known to the student body, but none are more important to her than Inter Hall Council.

Stem:

- **Started a Gender Neutral Inclusive Housing floor**
- **Found half a million dollars in budget cuts**
- **Organized several sponsored sports nights**
- **Helped bring Jesse McCartney to campus**
- **Made new priority routes for snow removal**
- **Created a “Family Weekend” on campus**
- **Made a new bus stop on campus**
- **Started Taste of Macomb**
- **Student Organization of the year**
- **Created a Silent Disco**
- **Helped balance a \$40,000 budget**
- **Rocky Cups Initiative**
- **Brought Chik-Fil-A to campus**
- **National OTM winner**
- **Presided over 70 IHC meetings**
- **Only lost her gavel 4 times**



Killian has accomplished many goals throughout her time here at Western. She has helped write several award winning bids and OTMs. She has helped lead the organization grow into one of the most respected and appreciated groups on campus. She motivates young students and helps develop them into exceptional leaders. Killian now serves as a senior staff member where she helps manage a group of RA's and oversees an entire residence hall. Her work has proven for IHC and her accomplishments are endless.



Pedals:

Killian will be graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry this May, but her time with housing will not be over. Killian is currently looking at graduate schools for the following years. Killian has been one of the best Presidents IHC has ever



had in history and deserves some sort of appreciation. Residents at Western Illinois University can agree that she is one of the most inclusive and thoughtful leaders our campus has seen in a long time. She has been able to grow Inter Hall Council and she will be able to grow whatever organization she joins next. To call her a “Go-Getter” is an understatement. Although her time at Western will be coming to an end, her time as a mentor is just starting. She hopes to spend the next few years working with housing and making all students feel welcomed and loved in their new homes. Killian has done all that she can in her 4 years here and whichever school she accepts with next year will be lucky to have her!





February 4th, 2019

Dear Illinois Resident Hall Association,

It is with great pleasure and honor that I write this letter of support for Killian Tracey for President of the Year. Throughout this letter you will see the exceptional work Killian does for Western Illinois University as the President of Inter-Hall Council (IHC). As Killian's Advisor over the past year I have seen her hard work, dedication, and passion for serving students within housing and making University Housing and Dining Services a better experience.

Inter-Hall Council at WIU is an opportunity for students provide opinions to campus climate, have conversations around change, and see what is best for our students. Killian takes the lead, working with campus partners and advocating for students needs, especially in a time of change at WIU. This year Killian has lead conversations around changing computer lab hours to save money; having students serve on our code of student conduct review committee; representing students on our dining hall service contract; promoting our housing renewal process; and much more. On top of engaging students in these conversations, Killian also is planning the end of the year banquet, helping to plan and implement large scale programs like silent disco and a mechanical shark ride for a carnival style event, serves on a university-wide programming council team, and planning a tree planting ceremony for students who passed away this year.

Killian manages all of these tasks on top of being a phenomenal student. Killian is a senior and is in the process of applying to a PhD program in Chemical Engineering. To say the least, Killian has a very large class load on top of her presidency. Lastly, Killian is great at building connections with our general assembly. Killian makes students feel welcomed to IHC. Our members are able to express concerns, give updates, and help with the process.

Thank you for taking time to read over this letter of support for Killian Tracey for President of the Year. If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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“Successful people are not gifted they just work hard then succeed on purpose.” – G.K. Nielson

Killian Tracey is easily one of the hardest working and most dedicated individuals on campus of Western Illinois University. Her list of involvements and accomplishments could fill a page. Ranging from being a Presidential Scholar, currently serving for a second term as the President of Inter-Hall Council, and research credentials to make the most seasoned professional envious, Killian is successful in everything she commits herself. Killian could be a case study on G.K. Nielson’s view of successful people. Killian works tremendously hard in all of her endeavors every day. These honors alone could possibly put Killian in strong consideration for the honor of being named President of the Year, but it is her attitude and drive which make her stand out in my mind. Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support.

As Inter-Hall Council (IHC) President Killian has focused on a number of new initiatives and directives to better assist the student experience. While many new programs were developed, Killian’s leadership helped the organization realize how vital they can be when it comes to idea sharing, development of initiatives, and their role within the largest context of Western Illinois University. IHC members chose to spend time during Discover Western programs talking to families and prospective students. Handing out WIU swag, IHC members made connections in hopes of enhancing our recruitment efforts. Additionally, Killian lead the group in being vital in the decision making process for a number of new initiatives in University Housing and Dining Services. Truly helping IHC realize the value of their voice,

Killian helped led discussions on offerings for upper division students on campus, policy changes, and reductions in dining operations. The value added from Killian’s leadership simply cannot be overstated. Leading IHC back to a place of both programmatic offerings for current students as well as seeing their role in the context of the larger university setting has made the organization stronger, more productive, and able to assist with future successes.

Throughout her time as Inter-Hall Council President, Killian has assisted the organization in reaching new heights by becoming more inclusive, intentional, and developmental of the student experience at Western Illinois University.

Another great quote to begin this nomination could have easily been “good help is hard to find.” Killian is also living proof of this. Good help, and leaders, are hard to find. There are so very few students or fulltime staff who commit the level of excellence Killian brings to the work she does in Inter-Hall Council. While G.K. Nielson’s notion of successful people encapsulates Killian’s work well, the truth remains she is one of the most dedicated and hardworking people around. Her ability and willingness to represent her peers has insurmountably developed as she is frequently asked to bring the on-campus resident view to meetings throughout the University setting. It is difficult to highlight just how vital Killian’s leadership has been to Inter-Hall Council. I am very proud and excited to offer this letter of nomination and thank you for your time and consideration.

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