More than Most

Kyle Wilk

Advisor of the Year

2005

Haymaker Hall

Introducing Kyle Wilk

What do you do when you have an inflamed appendix removed? Sit back and enjoy all the down time you can right? That might be what me and you would do, but not Kyle Wilk. Even as Kyle was lying in a hospital bed recovering from surgery he was still thinking about getting back to his duties at Haymaker Hall. . So excited was he about helping out HGB in a time of need, that Kyle only took two days to rest before coming back to work. Even in such a predicament Kyle still cares enough about his responsibilities to continue his work advising everyone on the Hall Governing Board. But Kyle is not just an advisor for the Hall Governing Board; Kyle is there for anyone else who could possibly use his assistance in anyway shape or form

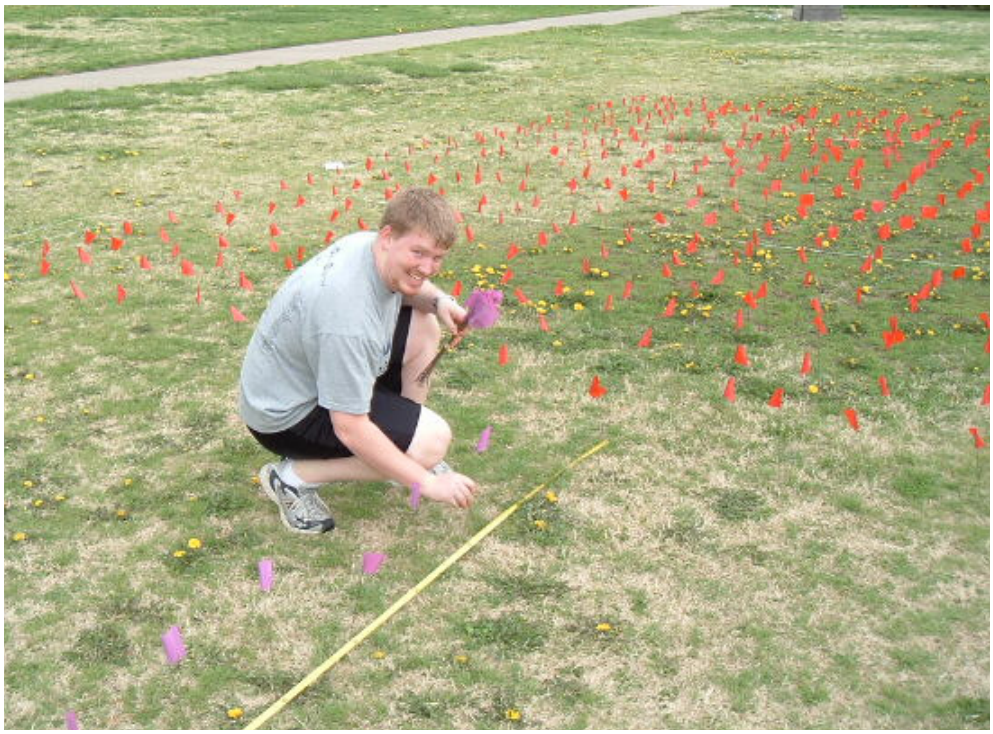
Background

Kyle Wilk grew up in Topeka, Kansas. He graduated in 2001 from Seaman High School. During his high school he was very active in sports, playing basketball, baseball, and football. Kyle was also an active member of SAAD, as well as the Spirit Squad. Kyle took a quieter approach in supporting his high school but he still cared, and these few activities helped Kyle prepare for his more active role here at Kansas State. And it is not hard to see that he certainly stepped it up upon arriving here at the university.

K-State Activities

Kyle's involvement at K-State began in Goodnow Hall for his first four semesters he participated in various volunteer positions. He started his first semester by becoming a floor representative. Second semester he became an ARH representative, a CA at the front desk, as well as a member of AEI Architectural Engineering Institute. During his

third and fourth semesters he was Hall president. After having taken the time to be interviewed during finals week of his last semester at Goodnow, he was accepted into the position of Haymaker RA. At the start of his junior year he came to Haymaker Hall. During his Junior year he became an HGB Advisor and has started or significantly helped in the following activities: He started Study Buddy Signup Groups that was listed online and people could access it to find out if others on their floor had the same classes. Kyle helped with the Superbowl party this semester and last. He was the contact person for Red Pill Forum which was an event at the Union where short yet controversial videos were shown with some discussion after each video. Kyle is currently heading Field of Flags, a campaign against hate (race, religion, sexuality, ethnicity, and disability) where literally thousands of flags are put in the field in front of haymaker to increase awareness about hate crimes committed in the United States.



Why Kyle?

There are many reasons why Kyle Wilk was nominated by HGB. First of all, Kyle is a very dedicated individual. His major from the beginning was in the engineering field and he has stayed within that field all along. When he starts an activity or event he carries through with it even if it seems difficult or others don't think it can be done. He is also very knowledgeable and experienced and uses these qualities to the fullest when helping others. He states that he has offered his knowledge so that he can help others. For being such an active person he is really soft spoken. You won't find him boasting about himself as he is found more often explaining events, ideas, or rules to people. This leads to the fact that he really cares about people. Kyle boosts moral of those around him and people come to him for advice as well as information. Kyle Wilk wants to use his knowledge to help Haymaker be the best that it can be.

Letter of Recommendation Kyle Wilk
Written By Austin Allen
Former President of Haymaker Hall
1st Floor Resident of Haymaker Hall

Kyle Wilk, in the past year and a half that I have known him as my RA and RAMA staff advisor to the Haymaker HGB, has turned from a floor resident assistant to an unprecedented leader and advisor to the Haymaker Hall community. Kyle has done this by taking the voice and the opinion of the residents of Haymaker and with true concern for them presented them not only to the Hall Governing Board (HGB) but to Senior Staff and other bodies directly involved with the residents. Kyle has not only shown his care and concern for the residents of Haymaker as he has been a very integral part of the Hall Governing Board which is the organization which has nominated him for the award of Advisor of the Year.

From the beginning of the year Kyle has been dedicated to serving the board and not his own wishes for the board. In times of great dispute during HGB meetings he has not only been able to keep an unbiased opinion of the situation but also more importantly he was able to allow the HGB to make its own decisions, something that had been difficult to do at times.

As in all situations of people being thrown into new positions, Kyle grew exponentially in all facets of the position. While at the beginning of the year it seemed that Kyle was uncomfortable being an advisor to many of the "veterans" in the hall he soon overcame that and was not only liked by the upperclassmen but respected. Throughout the year he continually supported many new and controversial ideas brought forth and through his ability to keep an open mind while still using logic to bring the most fantastic ideas to reality. Taking the ideas of a young board and suggesting ways for the young creativity to achieve greatness, instead of squelching the young ideas as they initially seem outlandish and preposterous, while guiding the members of the board away from certain pitfalls instead of letting them walk into them, is truly Kyle Wilk's strength. This was very apparent while the Haymaker HGB was in the initial stages of planning the homecoming formal. While some people on the board were quick to dismiss the idea of a homecoming formal because of money constraints, logistics, or pure lunacy, Kyle instead of jumping on the advisor bandwagon, stuck behind the HGB and made several key suggestions that really ensured the outrageous success of the event. Because of this very rare strength alone, he is the best advisor that I have ever had the privilege of working under.

Kyle is a unique individual, and to be honest it takes a unique individual to advise a young board and not completely take over and tell them what to do. Through hard work and communication Kyle Wilk has been able to set himself apart from the typical advisor. He has shown on several occasions that his role of an advisor is to advise the impossible such that it becomes reality, and for that Kyle Wilk has my undoubted and unwavering support for advisor of the year.

Austin Allen
2004-2005 President of Haymaker Hall