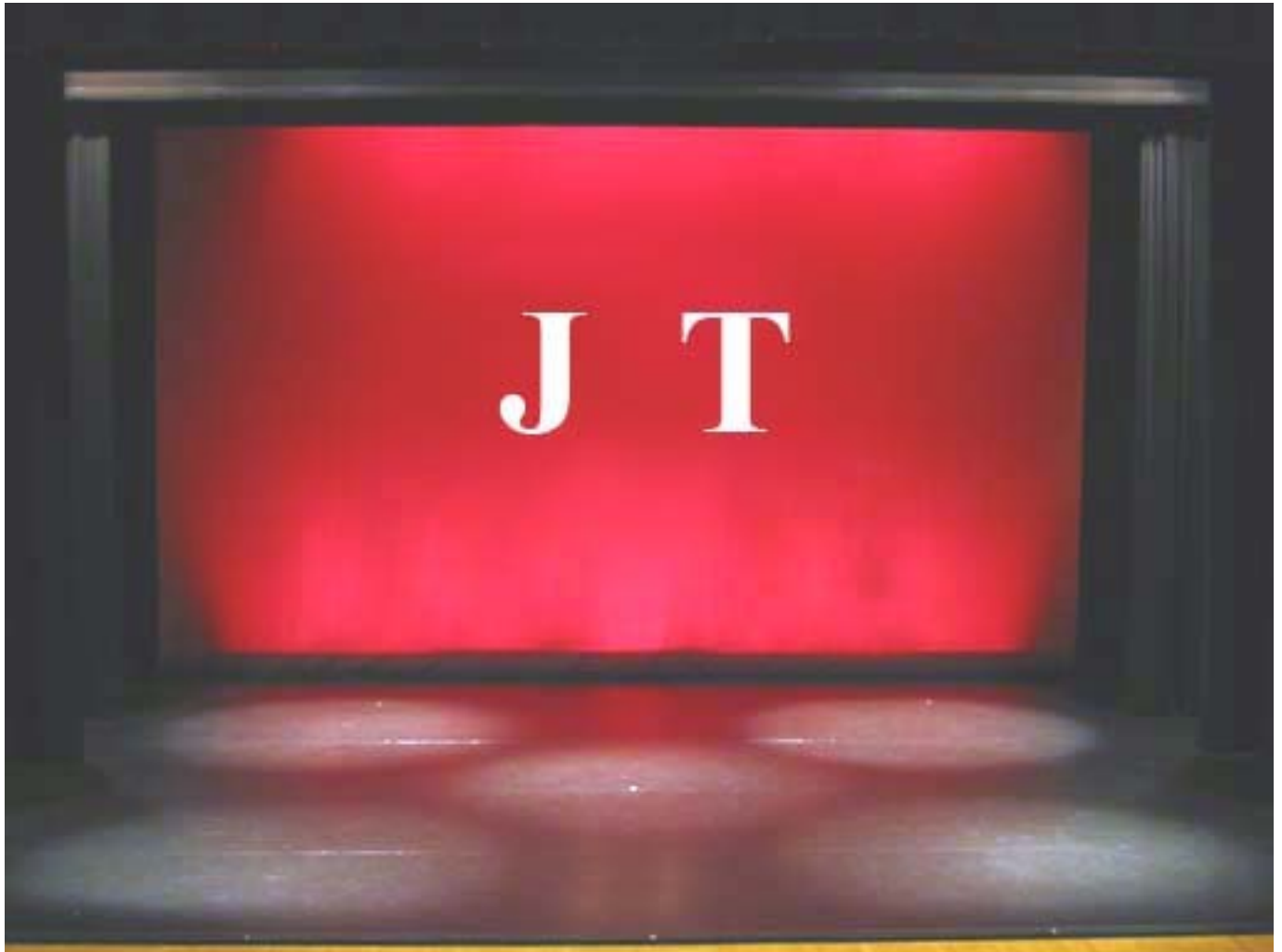




JONATHAN TARMAN
GOODNOW MULTICULTURAL ASSISTANT



MA OF THE YEAR
2004-2005

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEATS. THE
SHOW IS ABOUT TO BEGIN...**



"I can't help but admit that I respect Jon Tarman's ability to encourage me to think in ways I wouldn't normally think. From staff meeting to staff meeting he comes up with brilliant statistics and stories about oppressed, under-recognized, incredible, or otherwise deserving people and people groups, who I've never even thought to consider in such dynamic ways. I remember when Jon talked to the whole staff about heroes, and had us reflect on who had been heroes to us and what qualities made them so admirable. Jon cried as he listened to our words and shared his own. Right then, and countless other times, Jon teaches me to see the world from a slightly different aspect, and I'm confident that I'm better for it. Once, also, Jon had to come to me to discuss something I had said that offended a resident in the building. It was initially difficult to hear, and I began to become defensive in my pride, but Jon humbly educated me and I became comfortable with learning from my mistake. I remember that day and respect him for being bold enough to quietly address my flaw in a supportive way."

*Thanks Jon.
-Nicolas Kline
6th Floor RA*

Here comes Jonathan Tarman, sporting the fabulous title of Goodnow's Multicultural Assistant. Jonathan wears this title with pride, knowing that he has helped make those around him more aware of diversity issues. Throughout the year, Jonathan has constantly changed his style to provide a multitude of multicultural activities to all Goodnow residents. During his time on Goodnow's runway, Jonathan has added his own personal touches to Goodnow's already fashionably diverse community. Jonathan, while remaining a leading icon to multicultural awareness at Kansas State University, has left an irreplaceable mark as Goodnow's most stylish MA.

"Jonathan Tarman has been my crying shoulder during my freshman year in college. I'm from out of state and Jonathan has been my rock through the hard times."

*-Kyle Becker
1st floor Resident*

**Up next on the runway, we divulge into the life
of the trendsetter himself.**

THE LIFE OF A CATWALK KING

Jonathan is an outstanding Multicultural Assistant, but in addition to this major role that he plays in Goodnow Hall, he is also involved in many other activities on campus and in the community.

Jonathan is actively involved on the J-Board. He is an associate justice for the judicial branch of the Student Government Association. He is also on the election review board for the Student Government Association, where he hears violations cited against candidates and certifies election results. Jonathan was also an Up til' Dawn committee member, for which he participated in a letter writing campaign to raise money for St. Judes' Children's Hospital. Jonathan also enjoys being a part of the KSU Men's Glee Club. The group performs three concerts and also promotes the Kansas State Choirs to perspective K-State Students. He is also active in West View Community Church, where he volunteers as a substitute Sunday school teacher for the kindergarten and first grade classes.

In addition to activities, he is also an excellent student and serves as an academic role model for many of his residents. During the 2004 fall semester he received a 3.7 grade point average and has a cumulative 3.5 GPA. Jonathan is a Pre-med, Life Science major. During the fall semester he was a practicum teacher for principals of biology, an entry level course that is required for most majors. Many Goodnow Hall residents were enrolled in the class so he organized exam review sessions every other Sunday night where he would be available to answer questions. He is excited about a field in medicine due to having five years experience as a certified nurse's aid. Jonathan is also working on a Spanish Minor and plans to spend the 2005 summer studying abroad in Spain.

Simply listing his involvements is not enough to truly understand the impact that Jonathan has on the people he comes in contact with and the community in which he lives. He is one of the key people that bring all the different residents of the hall together. He makes an effort to get to know everyone and to have a personal relationship with them. He works on including everyone and encouraging others to do the same. He will tell you that he likes to reach out to the people that others feel are unreachable. His outgoing personality and his ability to connect with residents is what makes him truly unique. His warm heart, sense of humor and quick wit is enough to change the dynamics of a group. He is sure to have fun and fill a room with laughter.

"Jon is one of the most socially outstanding people that I have ever met. He has an incredible energy about him and his love for friends is evident in all that he does. Jon is always asking how others are doing and he spends a great amount of time striving to better the lives of those around him. He is definitely one that can be counted on for comedic relief but he also never fails to be a dependable listener and someone you can turn to in your times of need. Jon makes people feel at home and that is why so many residents know and appreciate him. He is a key part of the Goodnow family and it is largely because of his efforts that we have such a cohesive and dynamic community."

*-Ashley Boldt
4th floor RA*

JONATHAN'S COLLECTION

S.H.A.P.E.

Sexual Health Awareness Peer Educators visited Goodnow Hall on November 9, 2004. The members of S.H.A.P.E. came to educate the residents of Goodnow about sexual health. The members of S.H.A.P.E. covered the basics of sexual awareness by playing games that made everyone feel comfortable with the subject matter. They covered such things as STD's, birth control, personal comfort levels with sex and sexual issues. They also discussed ways to handle sex in real-life situations. Jonathan aided this program by being a willing participant and setting a good example by leading other participants who might have been hesitant at first to more fully experience the program and made people feel comfortable with the subject matter. Sex can be a hard thing to talk about, especially with a bunch of strangers, but Jonathan made sure that no one felt uncomfortable. S.H.A.P.E was an excellent choice to present a program because the members of S.H.A.P.E are well trained to deal with the subject matter and Jonathan was able to work with them in such a way that best benefited the residents of Goodnow Hall.

Goodnow Winter Olympics

At the 2005 Winter Olympics each floor was assigned a country and competed as a team. Over one hundred residents came to participate. The program started with the playing of the national anthems. Many creative events were incorporated, such as skiing on cardboard boxes, the human bobsled, relay races and the limbo. The crazy events were fun for the participants as well as the observers and many residents bonded over doing them. The program received the campus Program of the Month award and then went on to receive the regional award title.

One-Armed Baker

The One-Armed Baker was a program that's purpose was to make students aware of disabilities. Audrey Baker, a resident of Moore Hall, was born with only one fully developed arm. She spoke about the experiences that she has had, and explained how life is different for her. Audrey also wowed the audience with what she was able to do with only one arm. She even played the piano while attendees of the program sang. She explained that she felt blessed to only have one arm, and that in a way everyone has a disability to overcome that makes them a stronger person. Many residents left the program inspired and ready to overcome their weaknesses.

Crossing the Line

The program "Crossing the Line" consisted of participants lining up and responding to statements delivered by Jonathan. If the statements applied to the participant, they would step across an invisible line, allowing them to become seen by the rest of room. Some were meant to leave the participant feeling vulnerable. Examples of such statements could include the following: I am a homosexual or I have ended a loving relationship. Through the "Crossing the Line" program, many participants understood the diversity around them. Most left with a new perspective of those in their community.



Guided by a Seeing Eye Dog

Dr. Patricia Payne, a DVN at K-State, brought a seeing eye dog for residents to interact with. Residents also learned about the different uses for seeing eye dogs and that they are not just used by the blind.



Piñata Fiesta

Residents gathered in the third floor lobby to make balloon piñatas and learn about Spanish culture.



All Hall Holiday Party

The program was put together by all of the hall's Multicultural Assistants. It was a celebration of different winter holidays that students on campus can be affected by. Jonathan organized and ran a booth on how Mexicans celebrate "Our Lady of Guadalupe" on December 12th every year.



Black History Bingo

The program consisted of Jonathan reading off facts about important black historical figures. Attendees were not given any clues or answers until after each game. This forced the attendees to think about how much they really did not know about black history. Winners were given prizes from the Bakery for winning.



Presentation on Columbia

A man by the name of Jaime Espinosa came to Goodnow Hall to talk about where he is from, Colombia. He talked about his homeland through a powerpoint presentation. Jaime covered several issues such as religion, culture, and tradition in Colombia.

An admirable quality that Jon possesses is his efforts to represent all different types of diversity. He has done programming from piñata-making to disability awareness to Black History Bingo.

His programming efforts are commendable but I believe one of Jon's greatest strengths as an MA is his ability to socialize with all types of people. He knows so many people throughout the whole building, and not only does he know their name's but he connects with them as well. I so admire his charisma and genuine-nature with people as it is a quality that I wish I possessed.

*-Carolyn Denney
3rd Floor RA*



Goodnow Hall residents pose for a picture with Jon at Black History Bingo.

JONATHAN'S COVER SHOTS

Jonathan spends a lot of time in the planning and putting together of his monthly bulletin boards. Jon creates at least two bulletin boards for the first floor every month. One of the boards according to Jon is called the diversity board, because every month there is a new diverse issue that he posts about. The content on this bulletin board usually depends on what the biggest diversity related issue of each particular month is. The other bulletin board normally deals with current events or another major diversity-related issue. Jonathan also likes to cater that board to what comes up in conversational topics with people in the hall. It's usually a bulletin board that carries a lighter tone compared to his other bulletin board.

Jonathan's bulletin boards do a wonderful job of educating the residents of Goodnow and all of those who pass through Goodnow Hall's first floor lobby. The issues range from sexual health to cultural awareness. He takes time to highlight important cultural happenings during the month, such as Women's History month for March or El Dia de los Muertos in September. Jonathan also covers facts about living a healthy lifestyle, making sure to use a wide range of diversity topics. His boards about the sun's effects on one's skin and alcohol's toll on the body educate people about other aspects of life besides cultural awareness.

"Jonathan's bulletin boards are very well done and every month I learn something new."
 -Carolyn Wenzel
 6th Floor RA



JONATHAN'S PORTFOLIO	
August:	Sobering Effects (of alcohol) Say Hello in a New Language
September:	101 ways to live to be 101 Hispanic Heritage
October:	Where does your vote go? El Dia de los Muertos
November:	Men and Women Promoting Nonviolence American Indian Heritage
December:	Holiday Boards
January:	Martin Luther King Jr.
February:	Black History Month
March:	St. Patrick's Day Women's History Month
April:	Asian History The Skin U R In

"Jon Tarman has an extremely unique, fun loving personality. He is constantly working hard on his job or homework, but will drop everything for his staff, residents, or friends. Anytime I need a pick-me-up Jon is there to make me laugh. Even with his rigorous schedule, Jon will take on extra duties if someone is in a crunch and needs his help. His programs have really been fun as well as educational. I feel that Jon has gone beyond the call of duty to help me in my job and life and has made me a better RA by living on my wing."

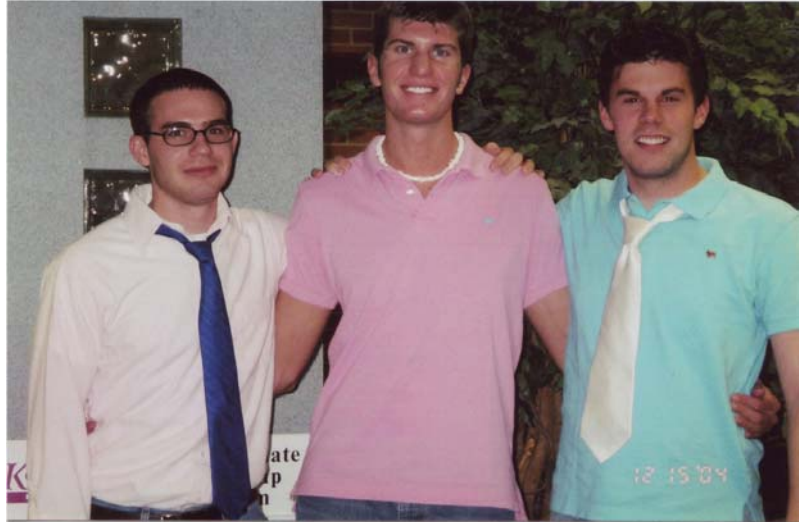
- Dustin Duntz
 1st Floor RA

THE DUTIES OF A SUPERSTAR

The actual job description for Jonathan's position as an MA in Goodnow Hall is as follows: A multicultural assistant is responsible for fostering and maintaining an environment in the halls that supports diversity, while building a community. Through a mix of education and fun, a multicultural assistant is looked to a resource for issues on diversity and a promoter of diversity among residents in the hall.

"The MA's job is to help the students of the hall better understand different types of people through active and passive programming, through conversations, and by educating other staff members so they can do the same. At times it is a more difficult job because the MA isn't pinned to a specific floor, but Jonathan does an EXCELLENT job getting to know residents."

*-Kipp Van Dyke
Goodnow Hall RLC*



MEET THE PRESS



"One of Jon's strengths is his ability to interact and to connect with others. This is a great asset that he utilizes in his MA position. Jon is often seen hanging out in the first floor lobby with residents. He shows great concern for Goodnow Hall residents through his intentional interactions and his willingness to support others."

*-Aaryn Clark
4th Floor RA*

"I have a lot of respect for Jonathan as an MA. He has such a practical outlook on his job. He doesn't see diversity as just "black and white." He acknowledges that everything about ourselves is diversity. Jonathan has also been a wonderful addition to our staff team here at Goodnow. He is an incredible worker, and has helped out with many of our own programs in addition to his own MA programming. I have greatly enjoyed working with him on hall-wide programs."

*-Ryan Zecha
2nd Floor RA*

"Jonathan has such an approachable and friendly personality so it has been easy for him to meet and get to know residents on a personal level. He has been incredibly successful in planning programs for Goodnow that residents attend, enjoy, and learn from, and is always looking for ways to get residents involved in the hall."

*-Amanda Mock
Goodnow Hall ARLC*

"From the beginning of the year, Jon and I designated ourselves as Staff Partners. As staff partners we have shared many laughs and good times."
*-Tiffany Happer
L.T. RA*

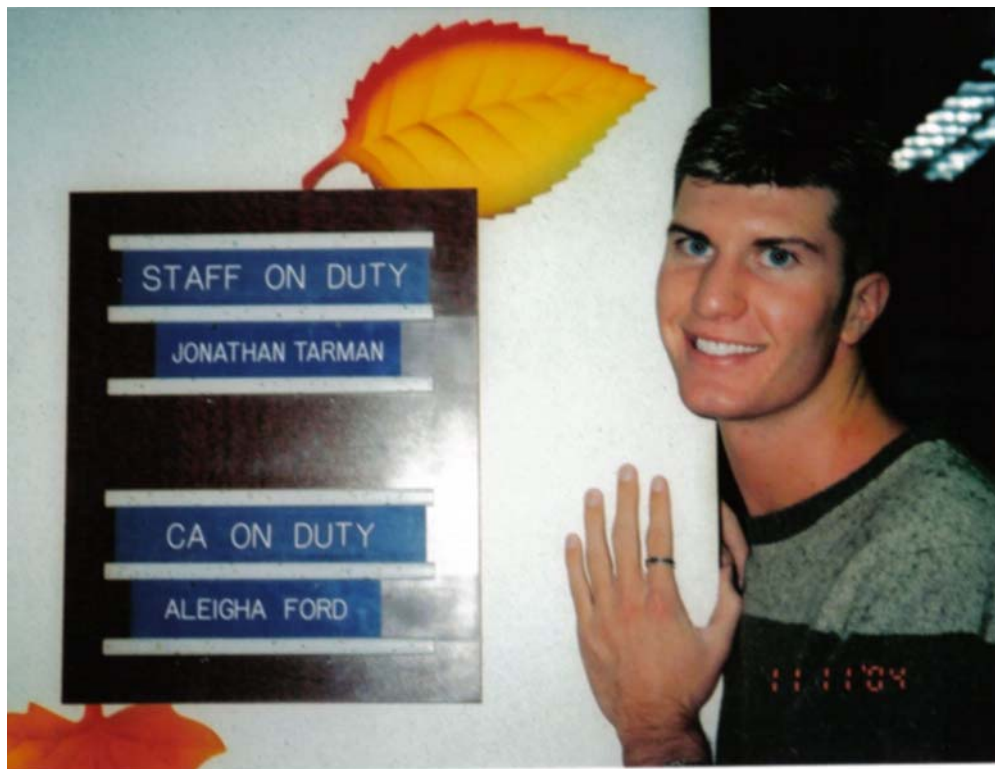
THE FINAL BOW

The look into the fabulous world of Jonathan Tarmen is sadly drawing to a close. We have inspected his flawless multicultural designs, marveled at the effort he put forth, and watched in awe as Jonathan went to work on the runway of diversity. Although the show may be over, the work is far from done. Jonathan will continue to strut his stuff around Goodnow Hall, promoting an environment that is multiculturally aware. His efforts throughout the past year have helped to open minds of residents to new diverse styles. As Jonathan takes his final walk as a multicultural assistant, we would like to take this opportunity to say he deserves to be MA of the year for 2004 to 2005.

"I have witnessed and been educated myself by Jon's work as an MA in Goodnow Hall. I believe one of the things that makes Jon's work unique is that he goes beyond some of the more obvious diversity topics in order to promote awareness of things we may not always think of. For example as part of his MA moment during our staff meetings, Jon has discussed adoption, what a "hero" means to us, and what "home" means to each us. All of us on staff had the opportunity to open up and learn more about each other and this has had an impact on how we relate as a staff.

In addition, Jon has been a vital asset to the Goodnow Hall Community, even more specifically, the 1st floor community of Goodnow Hall. Jon resides on the 1st floor, where I am one of the RAs. He has developed amazing relationships with many of these residents and has assisted them in a multitude of ways including just providing day to day encouragement, support, and humor. This is a responsibility that's not necessarily in his job description. I know that he has not only left an impression on me, but on many residents in Goodnow Hall."

- Rachel Trowbridge
1st Floor RA



April 23, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased and honored to write a letter of recommendation for Jonathan Tarman in his candidacy for Multicultural Assistant (MA) of the year. Jonathan is finishing up his first year in the position and truly has brought energy, fun, and most importantly, learning opportunities to the students and staff of Goodnow Hall this year.

One theme often talked about when dealing with multicultural issues is the theme of "hearing a person's story." Sometimes the MA in a building feels disconnected because they are not associated with a specific floor. This has not been a barrier for Jonathan. He gets to know residents from every floor and does so beyond just a surface level. Jonathan takes the time to find out about a residents' family, hears their joys, their struggles, and doing this makes people in the building know and, more importantly, respect him. Standing in the lobby area with Jonathan proves this point as everyone walking by is greeted with a "hey (insert name), how's your day?" from him.

Jonathan is so well known because he is very supportive of programs which happen within the hall. He attends nearly every Hall Governing Board meeting in Goodnow Hall. Jonathan can also be seen at about every fellow staff members programs. He utilizes this time to support his fellow staff but also to interact with residents of Goodnow Hall.

Jonathan has utilized several different ways of educating the residents of Goodnow Hall about diversity issues. His bulletin boards are very neat, informational, and sometimes interactive. Jonathan has utilized mailbox quizzes which require residents to look at his bulletin boards to complete the quizzes. He also has done programs such as a speaker from another country, Black History Bingo, a program on issues of the handicapped, along with many others. Jonathan does a great job of dialoguing with residents and staff about these topics to make each truly a learning experience. I've been very impressed with his ability to generate great ideas and produce quality programs. Jonathan is by far his "own worst critic" and goes above and beyond due to his strong work ethic. Anytime a volunteer is needed or an extra project comes up on staff, Jonathan is always willing to do whatever needs to be done. This is greatly appreciated by myself.

It has truly been my pleasure to work with Jonathan Tarman this year. He has gone out of his way to get to know the residents of Goodnow Hall while maintaining his own academics and other various campus leadership positions. His energy and excitement for the position has helped others in the building be motivated to do their best. Whether it be a casual walk through on rounds or a higher energy "Spartan Cheerleader" performance (as he did for the Date Auction), Jonathan does all he can to make Goodnow a pleasant place to live.

My most valued staff trait is getting to know the residents of your floor. Not having a floor, Jonathan has exceeded any expectations I could set and has got to know and impacted many residents in the building in his role as MA for Goodnow. I think he is very deserving of MA of the Year award.

Sincerely,

Kipp Van Dyke
Residence Life Coordinator
Goodnow Hall