

Behind the Scenes



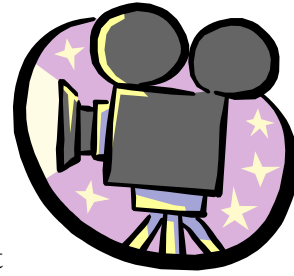
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Carrie Conner

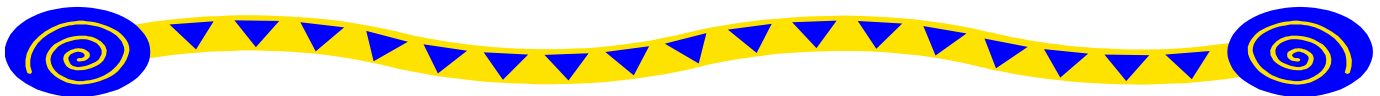
Outstanding Service Award Nomination

Boyd Hall

Many American's do it everyday- watch a movie. As you sit and watch the movie, you are only enjoying the final product. You aren't thinking of the countless hours put into the movie by the actors, directors, editors, and production team. And the most important part of this whole production- crew behind the scenes! They aren't the ones that walk down the red carpet or get interviewed by film critics. But they put in just as much time and effort. Just like this, K-State is a production always in progress with many stars. But little time is often taken to recognize the people that work behind the scenes. The following pages are here to recognize Carrie Conner for her outstanding service behind the scenes in the residence hall.



But before we start filming our production, we need to know a little about who it will be focusing on. Carrie Conner is a vibrant young lady who hails from Olathe, KS. She is a Management major here at K-State planning to graduate in the spring of 2006. From there her dreams are to open an ice cream shop with an old soda fountain theme.



In starting our production, we know that just like a movie has many different sets, so does Carrie's involvement here at K-State. To begin our movie, we will start at one of the biggest scenes of Carrie's service: The K-State Residence Halls.

As a freshman, Carrie came to K-State planning to live in the Residence Halls. Moving away from home is always an experience for anyone, but for Carrie Conner the transition from High School to college was made so much easier by living in West Hall.

During her year in West Hall, Carrie got involved in floor government serving as the Sunshine Chair. She made numerous signs for birthdays and other exciting events that all of her floor mates were involved in. Having this experience with floor government, Carrie was ready to come back to the halls the next year with great ideas.

Summer 2004 went by faster than expected and before she knew it, it was move in time again. So after moving all of her worldly possessions again, she started settling down, this time in Boyd Hall. Having prior experience within the halls, she instantly became involved helping out other girls on her floor find classes and answer numerous questions. Seeing a sign about floor government, Carrie didn't hesitate this year to jump in head first and get involved. Soon she was elected 3rd floor president and got the ball rolling!

As newly elected 3rd floor president, Carrie got organized fast! She and Emily Mohr, her RA, set up times to have weekly floor government meetings. At these meetings, Carrie soon got to know her fellow floor government officers. As the year would go by, she would spend time encouraging this small group by sending them numerous notes as well as stopping by periodically to see how they were doing.

Carrie came bursting with ideas for her floor. One of the first programs Carrie helped organize was "Got Pot?" She helped her RA Emily put on the program. One night during late August, they opened up the study room for all the girls to come to "Got Pot?" Many ideas were running through the girls heads as they walked in the door. But when they arrived they were



pleasantly surprised. Emily and Carrie had purchased flower pots and the program was designed to have the residents each decorate a pot to grow a small flower in. For educational enjoyment while they were painting, they discussed facts about pot, the effects, and consequences. All the girls not only received a plant for their room, they also learned something as well as making bonds and getting to know their neighbors.

One of the goals of the floor government was to have better communication between the girls on the floor. To help solve this problem, the floor government started the process of a 3rd floor Boyd listserve.



A big program that involved Carrie's leadership was Boyd Hall floor wars. This week long program put on by Boyd Hall HGB has different events each nights where the floors come together to compete against each other. In order for this to be successful, it requires a lot of communication and motivation of the residents by the floor president. Needless to say, Carrie did a great job through out the entire week as her floor won Floor Wars 2004. An added benefit of all of their hard work was that her floor received a pizza party where all the girls hung out, chatted, and enjoyed some pizza!

During the fall semester some K-State students eat, breathe, and sleep K-State football. So joining in with the spirit, 3rd floor decided to travel to the K-State Missouri football game in Columbia, Missouri. On that Saturday morning, Carrie packed her car with 3rd floor residents and traveled to Columbia. All the girls that made the trip had a blast! It made for a long day, but it was worth it to all involved.

Homecoming- another fall event that Carrie jumped right into. Homecoming week is always a crazy week, with events everyday. When preparing for Homecoming, Carrie didn't hesitate to sign up to help out. She picked the spirit sign and float as her two main involvements. Carrie enjoyed every moment of working on the spirit sign. She spent hours painting and meeting other people from the different halls. However, she had the most fun working on the float. When asked to describe her involvement with the float, she could only say it was a crazy fun time. During the week, you could see her out on the front lawn of strong complex at almost all hours of the day helping with the float.

Whether it was painting sheets or zip tying object to the float- she enjoyed it all! By the end of the week she was thoroughly exhausted, but was excited to hear that her pairing of Stong, Marlatt, and West WON!!

Carrie has never been afraid to get involved in any activity. This trait presented itself throughout the year and especially in the area of intramurals. During the fall semester, she served as the captain of the flag football team who organized participants and formulated a game plan on the field. She also played on the Boyd Hall intramural volleyball team with many girls from throughout the building. She spent the winter season sitting on the bench as a broken tibia sidelined her. After time and recuperation, she's at it again this spring playing softball.



November was here and Carrie came up with a great idea for a bulletin board for the Thanksgiving season. With permission from her RA, Carrie constructed the following bulletin board. Residents from her floor could each use a leaf to write what they were thankful for and then it was posted for all the girls to see.

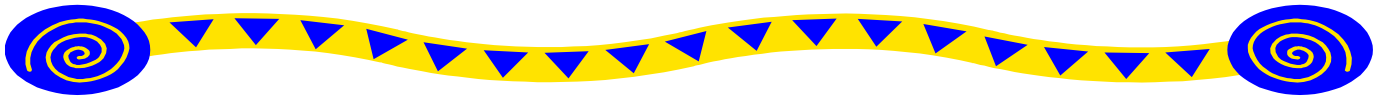
Faster than she knew it, it was December- and Carrie learned that her floor won floor points. The program, put on by Boyd HGB, encourages floor bonding. The program is formatted that a floor earns points every time it's residents get together for an activity. This can range from dinner, to football games, to attending a lecture at the Union, or doing a community service program together. For their reward, they received another pizza party. This only encouraged 3rd floor residents to stay involved and get to know more and more people on their floor.

As the fall semester started coming to a close, Carrie implemented another floor program called "Frame your Face". Before each girl left for the semester, they had their picture taken. When residents returned for the spring semester, they spent a night making foam picture frames. They hung these pictures outside their room for the floor to see. This

was a great way for the new people on the floor to put a name to a face. If you were to walk around 3rd floor today, you can still see these pictures.

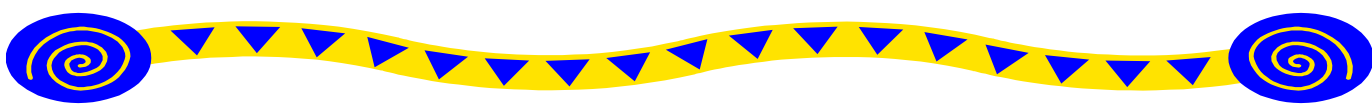
Another program Carrie helped with on 3rd floor was “DDR night.” DDR- Dance, Dance Revolution- a play station game where you dance to different music and beats, was the inspiration for the program. One night 3rd floor girls all enjoyed hanging out in the basement playing DDR and many other games including Disney Scene-it. Everyone involved had a blast laughing and watching people try to dance along with the game. Needless to say, dancing the night away probably burned off all the snacks consumed.

As the year is coming to an end, Carrie has been working on more projects. She has been trying to get permission to paint a mural in the 3rd floor study rooms on one of the walls. She would have everyone involved in the design and painting of the mural. She also is working on putting together an end of the year BBQ for her floor.

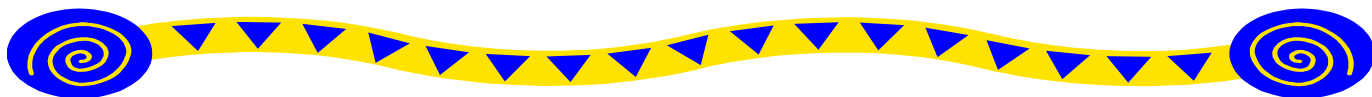


Traveling to our second scene, Carrie’s work involvement, doesn’t take us very far from our previous scene. Carrie is employed as Community Assistant for the Strong Complex. Having been hired in the Spring of 2005, Carrie has enjoyed her work as a CA. She is always smiling, saying hi to residents and ready and willing to do her work. She also takes her job very seriously making sure she fulfills all of her responsibilities on every shift as well and being sensitive to the situations she encounters and the residents’ needs. Amanda Meisrow, one of Carrie’s supervisors, had this to say about Carrie:

“Since the time she was hired last semester as a CA, Carrie has done an amazing job contributing to the atmosphere of Strong Complex. She is always friendly, helpful, and polite to residents, and is definitely a vital member of the CA team. She is a joy to work with and her supervisors definitely respect her hard work and willingness to take on any task.”



Our third scene travels to a totally different scenery. Walking in you would see many people chatting and loud music playing. No it's not a bar or club! It's K-State Navigators! Navigators is a campus ministry here on K-State campus. Carrie has been a part of Navigators for 2 years now. She is involved in a bible study through Navigators. She has made numerous connections and met many friends, some which are most likely to be life long ones according to Carrie.

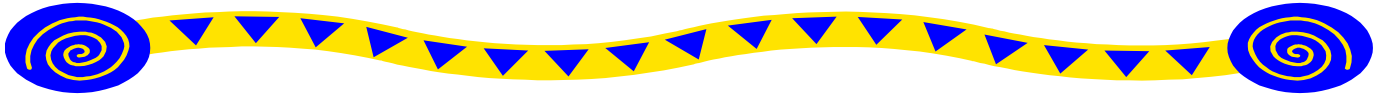


Our final scene of the production takes us to a place that focuses on Carrie's service and community involvement.

Carrie has made it important goal in her life to give back to her community. That shows through in many different ways. Carrie has served as a volunteer at the Manhattan Emergency Shelter where she spent time cleaning at their houses as well as reorganizing some of their rooms. She also is committed to donating blood and has donated once every semester since coming to K-State.

However, one of the most impressive activities she is involved in is Randy's Fairway to Wishes. This is an annual golf tournament that supports the Make a Wish Foundation. The golf tournament was started to honor Carrie's uncle who died in a motorcycle accident in 2001. He was a big supporter of the Make a Wish Foundation, so plans were put together and the tournament was started. This year was their third annual tournament

and Carrie spent her time setting up and driving the beverage cart during the event. This has been such a successful event that every year they have been able to send four or five children suffering from cancer to Disney World.



Before any movie is truly over, the credits are played. So here are just a few personal reflections from various residents of Boyd Hall.

“Carrie is an amazing friend with a real passion for those around her. She is loving, compassionate, and truly cares about you. Having Carrie as a friend is a privilege and a blessing. She wants those around her to know how much she really does care about them. She also works hard to improve Boyd Hall for all of us, and she's willing to help out no matter what else she might be dealing with. What impressed me the most is when Carrie broke her leg a few months ago. Some people might have had a bad attitude about the situation they were in, but not Carrie. She kept a smile on her face and tried to make light of the whole situation.”

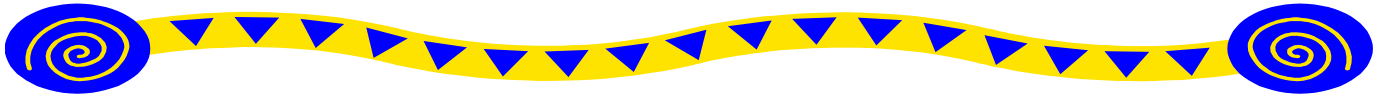
~ Megan Prothe

“ Carrie is my roommate and is incredibly committed to all her endeavors! She is always on top of her game, pushing through with a smile.”

~ Jennifer Cordell

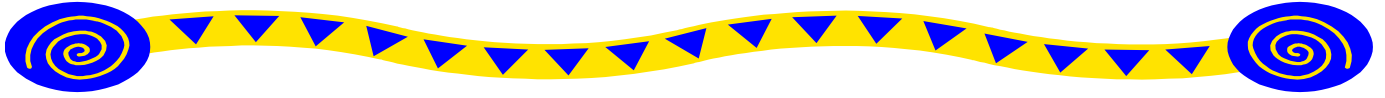
“Carrie is able to connect with anyone. She has the amazing ability to be able to make anyone feel comfortable no matter what the situation. Not only is Carrie a great student, she is also a good leader. She is able to lead others simply by example, but when needed, she steps up and actively leads.”

~ Jamie Leopold, Boyd HGB Social Chair



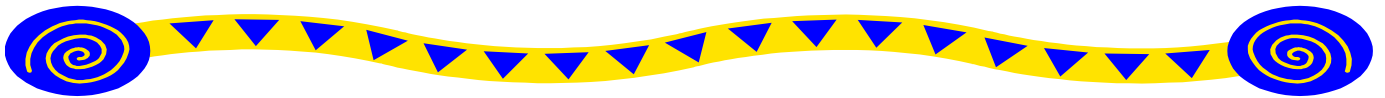
Whenever a good movie ends, you can reflect on the impact it had on you and then go tell others about it. So to conclude, we can look back and see that Carrie Conner has never failed to dive into anything with great enthusiasm and energy. She has made an outstanding contribution of both time and effort to the K-State Residence Halls. But that's not where it stops as she has been involved in both her campus and community. Carrie has made a difference in many residents' lives and that is why we recommend Carrie Conner for the Outstanding Service Award.





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When it came time this year to nominate people for various OTY's, Carrie Conner's name was mentioned multiple times. Simply this fact points to her influence and service to the residence halls. Carrie started her service to the residence halls in West Hall by being involved in numerous floor programs. It continued into this year in Boyd Hall where she served at the 3rd Floor President. She went well above and beyond the requirements of a floor president. She energized her floor this year and that fact shined bright seeing that 3rd floor won floor points as well as floor wars. Carrie's service doesn't stop here though, it also branches out to the campus, community, and world. During all this time, she has never failed to remember that she is here to get an education. She maintains above a 3.3 GPA and is on the road to graduate a full year ahead of time. It is for these reasons that we recommend Carrie Conner for the Outstanding Service Award.



April 11th, 2005

Dear "Of The Year" Selection Committee,

I am pleased to be writing you on the behalf of Carrie Conner as a candidate for the NRHH Outstanding Service Award. I have gotten to know Carrie both personally and as a student leader throughout this year. From the moment she volunteered to be the president of Boyd's third floor she has proved herself worthy of such an award. Both personally and as a student leader, she is hard working, goal oriented, and very reliable.

She always approaches activities and tasks with 100% effort and efficiency. She is very hard working. For example, during the Boyd Floor Wars. She had just recently been put into the position of floor president, and she did not know what floor wars all consisted of. She got her instructions from the HGB, but other than that, she was thrown into the job of getting everything ready for the week. She worked so hard in planning the t-shirts, getting ideas for how we should decorate the hall, and she put countless hours of effort into organizing the women of Boyd 3 to participate. In the end, largely due to Carries hard work, the third floor won the floor wars. This is just one example of the many things Carrie did above and beyond what she had to do as our floor president.

From the beginning of the year, Carrie had the goal of getting the third floor of Boyd to not only be residents, but also friends. She was dedicated to providing opportunities for the women to get to know each other, and she has repeatedly done just that throughout the entire year. Carrie knows that not everyone will always get along; however, she set the goal and has worked hard to achieve it as far as can be realistically expected.

Often times many student leaders are hard working and goal oriented, but not always reliable due to the busy schedule college students have. Carrie is defiantly an exception to this, and this quality makes her stand out among many of the leaders on the third floor and overall in Boyd. As a RA (and a person who can honestly call themselves dependent upon student leaders), I have never had to worry if Carrie was going to pull through and do what she said she would do. She constantly does what she is asked, and more often than not volunteers to do more. Carrie is very involved not only with the floor, but with other things as well. She has been reliable to the floor even during times in which she could have done other things that were more desirable or pressing.

Personally, Carrie also exhibits these three characteristics. For example, this is her second year at Kansas State University and she is going to be graduating next year. Therefore, it is evident that Carrie has not only shown hard work, been goal oriented, and reliable in the resident life arena, but also academically.

I believe Carrie would be an excellent candidate for the Outstanding Service Award. On the behalf of Boyd, the third floor, and especially me please strongly consider honoring her in this way. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Emily Mohr
Resident Assistant
Boyd Hall

April 9th, 2005

Dear "Of the Year" Selection Committee,

I am pleased and honored to recommend that Carrie Conner be considered a candidate for the NRHH Outstanding Service Award. I have known Carrie for approximately one year as her direct supervisor as a Strong Complex CA and as her advisor with her involvement on Boyd HGB. Carrie is a great staff member with extreme dedication, and I am proud to write this letter on her behalf.

As a person, Carrie is a well-grounded and insightful person. She is responsible, kind, and a definite leader for the building as a whole. I trust Carrie with responsibility and also commend her role modeling for the other residents that live within Boyd Hall.

During the time I have known Carrie she has been an integral member of our hall team and has shown remarkable maturity and balance with her academics and extracurricular involvements. Carrie has been an important addition to the Boyd Hall HGB through her organization and teamwork skills. Carrie is responsible, kind, and is a definite leader for the building as a whole.

Though I have only known Carrie for eight months, she has certainly impressed me with her leadership talent and desire to learn about impacting our campus. Carrie stops before she speaks and considers the good of the group first when working within a team context. I have also seen Carrie be extremely flexible in her abilities to adapt to all of the excitement and sometimes chaos of residence hall life.

I have never heard Carrie say, "it can't be done" she always replies with "I'll figure it out". She is not afraid to tackle difficult problems and does so with grace and poise. Carrie is a gifted individual that possesses many attractive qualities.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Carrie Conner for the NRHH Outstanding Service Award. She is a quality individual whom I trust and respect. If I can offer further information or clarification, please contact me at 395.6611. Thank you for your consideration of this great candidate.

Sincerely,

Val Anderson
Assistant Residence Life Coordinator
Boyd Hall