

Outstanding Service Award
Nomination for:

Dominic Gelinis

He's Not Your Typical
Canadian Computer Genius

The one great thing about the Outstanding Service award is the fact that regardless of if the person is deemed by the selection committee as deserving of the award or not, there is plenty of evidence included in the daily life of the person who is nominated to show that they are more than worthy of the award. That is how we as representatives of Housing and Dining who are writing this bid for Dominic feel. Some of us have known him longer than others, but as a group there is not one of us that has not been effected by his presence in our lives in some way.

Dominic has been in the housing system at Kansas State University for his entire college career. Starting out as just an everyday resident Dominic soon found himself getting involved in programs and events around the residence halls. He was then selected as a MA in Marlatt Hall. As the MA Dominic worked hard with the staff and with the hall to try to create an atmosphere that was accepting to all. Accepting others and supporting them to be who they were and in their ideas is something that Dominic excelled at above and beyond most people in his daily life. A fellow staff member of Dominic's, Eric Neilson, had this to say about him:

“ Dominic was a true advocate. Not the kind that will support you when it's just the two of you talking, or someone who would support you with a few words here or there, but was someone who would make a statement in front of his peers and stand behind you because he truly believed in helping others.”

Dominic continued that tradition on into his next year as an RA in Marlatt. Dominic used his love and knowledge of computers to interact with his floor who all had similar interests. Dominic also always presented himself in an open manner to all around

him. He lived his life in the halls, and currently in Jardine, as a model for how to just enjoy life and the diversity it can bring into you're your own personal experiences.

After two years in Residence Life Dominic transferred out to Jardine apartments where he continued to stay involved in Housing through helping out with programming and attending everything that he possibly could as part of the Jardine Apartments Complex. While still staying active Dominic also was a TA for class, worked, and also had time to keep up with old friends. Dominic extended making housing part of his life by continuing to live and be active at Jardine even now that he is married and is preparing with his wife to have a child. You can see how he has made K-State Housing part of his life, and how he continues to try and instill part of himself into the atmosphere that is around him.

Essay:

There is no reason for the essay part of this bid to be long, but there is plenty that can be said in a few short words. Dominic is deserving of the award. He has lived his entire college career out in Housing at K-State and has always been active while living that out. He never complained about work he was given, and he always made it a priority to help out even at expense to his own time that he needed to finish his school and outside life. He has sacrificially made every place that he has lived better just through his daily interactions as well as through his proactive approach to diversity and programming. We are all thankful to have had the opportunity to get to know Dominic, and if you do not know him it would do you well to meet him before he leaves at the end of this year.