

Life's A Trip With Jo



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New places and ideas can be scary for some people, but not Joanna Schrick. She readily embraces new opportunity. Joanna loves meeting new people and encountering diversity. She uses her experiences to educate and inspire the people around her. With her openness to change and adaptability, one might say that Joanna is an expert traveler. One thing is for sure, when it comes to packing, Joanna’s bag is always full. In fact, Joanna has so many talents that she readily offers her peers, her bag is overflowing.

Over the past year, Joanna has taken her overflowing bag of abilities and put them to good use. As the basement RA in Boyd, she has stepped up to be an excellent role model and peer leader. Joanna has led the women of Boyd not only by an excellent example, but by the moral support she gives each of her residents. Joanna’s door is always open to anyone who might need it. Joanna also has an amazing ability to adapt to any situation, and to look at all sides of a problem to find the best solution. “When my roommates and I were having problems, I did not hesitate to talk to Joanna about it. She facilitated a discussion between the three of us and helped solve many of the problems we were having in our room” said Boyd Basement resident Kelsey Jo Dorshorst.

Joanna can create a community wherever she is. “Joanna has an amazing ability to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable” said Joanna’s ARLC and advisor, Val Anderson. Boyd Hall is no exception. Her floor of girls are close and often do things together out of school. Joanna has made it a priority to have a



personal relationship with the girls on the floor. "Joanna has been the best RA I've ever had," said Jamie Leopold, one of Joanna's residents. "She knows me personally and I do things outside of HGB and the floor with her."

Joanna is an amazing RA. She makes herself easily accessible and is always willing to offer a helping hand in any way she can, but her abilities as an RA go even further. Throughout her esteemed career as an RA Joanna has put on many incredible and educational programs. Here is glimpse at just a few such programs:

Who Needs a Kiss??????

On Valentine's Day, Joanna organized a program where girls got together to celebrate the wonderful Holiday that reminds us all of love and friendship by

making Hershey Kisses for the residence hall doors.

Each girl cut out foam in the shape of a Kiss and then covered them with foil and decorated them as their heart desired.



Super Bowl Party!!!!!!

Joanna's success as an RA was revealed when her floor turned in more RA evaluations than any other floor in the Strong Complex and were awarded a pizza party. It was decided to order the pizza on the night of the Super Bowl and make a party out of it. The party was a great success, 20 of the girls showed up and hung out for a couple hours to watch the football event of the season.

Bust a Move!!!!

Joanna joined together with some of the other RA's in Strong complex to put on a dance program for the halls. Each week, residents could come learn a new type of dance. Dances taught were salsa, swing, and line dancing. After lessons were over, there was a dance for all the residents to try out their new moves.



Game Night!!!!!!

During the last week of January all the basement girls were bogged down with tests and school stress, so Joanna decided it would be a good idea to take a break for all the studying and take an hour to go to the lobby, pop some popcorn and play games for awhile. So, a few of the basement residents spent an hour playing Catch Phrase. It was a great stress reliever.

Encouraging Finals Decorations!!!!

Joanna got together with the Basement Floor Government and decided it would be nice to make door decorations for all the girls on the floor with encouraging sayings on them and candy for finals week. They put things like "this should give you an EXTRA boost for finals" with extra gum and "the Boyd basement knows you will do AMAZING on your finals" with M&M amazing candy bars. It was a great way to boost everyone's spirits about finals and bond at the same time.

PJ's and Popcorn!!!!!!

In October Joanna organized a girl's night in slumber party where pj's were required and the residents all camped out in front of the big screen down stairs. The girls stayed up all night watching movie after movie. Talk about a fun filled safe Friday night with the ladies!

The Female Vote!!!!!!

Also in October, Joanna organized an event that coincided with the weekly floor dinner. For this empowering event Joanna combined the floor dinner with the movie "Iron-Jawed Angels" and letter writing to our devoted soldiers over seas. Joanna had handouts that informed her resident on women's suffrage and Alice Paul.

Floor Wars!!!!

As part of the floor wars program in Boyd Hall, Joanna helped her residents to success. Her floor won the floor decoration contest with their 80's theme. Joanna took extra steps to make sure everyone got involved with floor wars.



Roommate Program!!!!!!

In September Joanna put together a program that facilitated some good quality roommate bonding time. This was a battle between rooms to see just who

knew their roommate the best. Joanna asked each team a series of questions and then tallied the results to find the winner. Joanna's also brought out her versions of the following popular game shows: Wheel of Fortune and The Price is Right.

Needless to say this program was a blast!!!!

Bulletin Boards!!!!

Throughout the year, Joanna has put up many educational bulletin boards. At the beginning of the year, Joanna put up a board to help us get to know her a little better. Towards Valentine's Day, she put up a board



about how to say I love you. Other bulletin boards have been about her residents. Joanna has also made bulletin boards promoting diversity and education of other cultures. One thing is for sure, Joanna's boards are always something you want to look at.

It is hard to believe that between keeping up with her residents and putting on fabulous programs, Joanna would have time for anything else. However, Joanna never shies away from a new opportunity. Joanna has acquired various other work experience throughout the year. Several times a week, one can see Joanna serving food at Van Zile Dining Center. Never failing to spice things up, Joanna adds posazz to a job that may be as mundane as one makes it. She always offers a bright smile and warm conversation to the hungry students waiting to eat. "I love when I

go through Joanna's line at Van Zile, she almost makes waiting in line fun!" said Boyd resident Megan Radmer.

Being a dedicated RA does not stop Joanna from being involved in other things on campus. In a true traveler spirit, she gets involved in areas all across campus and the Manhattan community.

Joanna currently serves as the RAMA representative for Boyd's Hall Governing Board. She is also a very active parishioner at St. Isidore's Catholic Church. Joanna often attends service numerous times each week, and has been a lector there for the past two years. She also serves on the retreat planning committee that plans the Pathways retreat for students in the fall. This retreat gives student who goes to St. Isidore's a chance to grow in their faith and develop new friends within the church. Joanna has also helped with the St. Isidore's Phonathon, helping to ensure her church a financial future.

Joanna is also a member of the Beginning A Promising Profession club, and during the last year has served as club president. Joanna utilized her role as BAPP president to move the club forward and make new friends. Joanna is also a member of the Dean of the College of Business Student Advisory Council. Never stingy with her time, Joanna volunteered to help with the KSU Telefund, and keep her school financed. However busy she is, Joanna never forgets what is most important to her. "Joanna is one of the most involved people I know. She is always running from meetings to work to the rec and always makes time for homework and friends. I got to know her pretty well through BAPP Club and she's become a great friend since then. Even though she always had a lot to do, you feel like you are her number one priority when you're with her" said Boyd resident Sarah Olson.

Joanna's hardwork and leadership are revealed in the various awards she has received while at Kansas State. Joanna was recently inducted into the business honorary fraternity Beta Gamma Sigma for her academic success and leadership ability. Joanna is also a State of Kansas Scholar and a Kansas State University Leadership Scholar. Her various recognitions are just a few more things that Joanna packs in her already amazingly full luggage.

Throughout the past year, Joanna has used her amazing abilities to inspire the residents of Boyd Hall. She has made each resident feel like a welcome and cherished part of the Boyd community. In addition, she has reached out to her campus and community in whatever way she can. One thing is for sure, no matter where Joanna chooses to travel, she will go far.



Personal Testimonies

“Joanna is a super cool gal and an awesome leader. She has impeccable organizational skills, and a gentle, friendly, welcoming aura about her. . . . both which will serve her well later in life.”

Jenn Calovich, Boyd Basement Resident

“Joanna has been the best RA I’ve had. She is always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it.”

Emily Sines, Boyd Basement Resident



“Joanna is one of the most genuine people I know. Her heartfelt compassion for each person she meets is a clear indication of how much she values her job, friendships, and life in general. It has been an honor getting to know her this year.”

Alicia Guerrero, Boyd Basement Resident

“Joanne has always been more of a guiding friend than a rigid authority figure. She offers great advice and support.”

Lynelle Penner, Boyd Basement Resident