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The Student of the Year award “is designed to recognize distinguished student leadership while serving Kansas State University, K-state ARH, its member halls and organizations, and the communities the nominee has lived in over the course of the year.” Cari Power is a perfect example of this. She is well-rounded, motivated, sacrificial, enthusiastic, and involved. A Student of the Year award is one that is given to an outstanding person who is successful in many aspects of the student life, and our very own Cari Power represents just that.

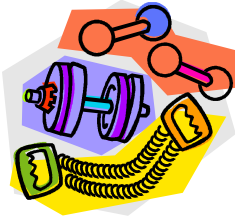
Cari possesses leadership skills and has chosen to use these skills in many organizations on campus. She loves to help others with her service and is very talented. Cari is the secretary for Boyd Hall Governing Board. Her role includes many jobs of organization. She is very efficient in taking the minutes at HGB meetings. They are organized in a fun and creative pattern and explain, in full, the events of the week so Boyd residents can be “in the know.” Boyd Hall President, Jackie Allen says, “**Working with Cari on HGB has been a great honor. She is such a hard worker and dedicated person. She's done such a great job as secretary this year- having the listserve out the same night of the meeting and posting the minutes of the meeting within the same week. I know she will continue to be as dedicated to Boyd next year when she serves as an RA.**” Cari has also stepped up in other aspects while serving on Boyd’s HGB. She diligently attends all of the ARH meetings with ARH representative, Stacy Jackson, even though they are not required.

Cari has introduced many changes that have improved Boyd Hall. She has taken time to thoroughly read through the Hall constitution, making simple revisions to make it more readable. She has also reorganized the Hall Tour Team project, putting together a list of volunteers, the times they are available to give tours, and a book of helpful hints to make the tour the best it can be. This has helped to show prospective students the outstanding aspects of Boyd Hall!

Though Cari exemplifies the ideal HGB member, she is also involved in other organizations on campus. She is a part of the KSU Housing and Dining Ambassadors, where she is excited to show K-State to prospective junior and senior students. As a part of this organization, she sits on panels for question and answer times, contacts students and parents to answer questions, and promotes the K-State campus on Senior and Junior Days. Kevin Cook, Coordinator for Enrollment Management and Academic Affairs, and the Housing and Dining Ambassadors' Advisor says of Cari, "Cari was not an initial member of the Housing and Dining Ambassador team, but her roommate Stacy had recommended that Cari be considered. We invited Cari to come to the next meeting and she became a member of the group after that. She has done a great job representing Housing and Dining and K-State this year at different events. She is someone who is very busy with activities and academics, but she was always willing to help with recruitment events and did a fantastic job coordinating the Boyd Hall tour team. I don't know what we would have done without Cari this year."

Cari loves to get to know other people and to make them feel special. That is why she is involved in the Sunshine Committee for the fourth floor of Boyd. She helps the other members of the committee to make signs of recognition for the residents, such as creative and fun birthday signs. This also includes hanging posters and notices for the attention of the residents. Cari really enjoys serving the Boyd Hall residents in this way. Lindy Wagner, Assistant Coordinator for Departmental Initiatives, says of Cari's willingness to serve others, "Cari is an amazing asset to the Housing & Dining Ambassador team. Cari's bright smile coupled with her attention to potential students is why, I, as a professional get excited about working with student leaders. Cari is very willing to be a part of activities, even ones that are not on campus and require traveling to an off-campus site on a weekend. I know that Cari is informative and resourceful with parents and students. She is a great representation of what great leaders can be and why at K-State we are excited to see our students really be involved. Cari stands out because of her dedication to her institution and her willingness to share a part of herself with others. I think Cari Power is awesome and I really look forward to hearing about the great things that come from her as she steps into a Resident Assistant Position next academic year."

Not only does Cari love to recognize other residents, but she loves to get them in shape, too! Cari is a Kinesiology major and Business minor, and desires to one day be a personal trainer or an aerobics instructor. To presently put her major to use, she has organized a Tone & Stretch class, Pilate's class, and a Hip Hop class for Boyd residents. One such resident, Kara Johnson, says of the classes, **"I really appreciate Cari taking time to put together these classes for people to get involved in."** These fun classes have made exercise a top priority for residents, especially in the winter months when the Rec seems so far away. Cari also teaches classes at other recreational centers. **"I love teaching classes, and getting people moving and active!"**



Cari has many fun quirks as well. Her skills of organization and her fun loving attitude towards people have often won her the nickname "Monica," from the hit sitcom "Friends." **"I get so excited to organize. Give me something messy and I'll organize it!!!"** Cari also loves cheeseburgers, nachos, spaghetti, and watching "Law & Order." She claims she has never missed an episode! Cari also indulges in some addictions...to Dr. Pepper that is!! She has at least one can a day, and goes through withdrawal if she goes without. Here are some of Cari's other favorites:

**Favorite Song~ any hip hop music ☺**

**Favorite Movie~ "Mean Girls"**

**Favorite Food~ spaghetti with marinara**

**Hobbies~ dancing, studying, organizing, teaching aerobics**

Cari has loved many different aspects of living in the residents halls. She has enjoyed getting to know the many different residents and to help make Boyd Hall a better place to live. She is so excited that she has been offered the job of Residence Assistant for the second floor of Boyd next year. **“I can’t wait to make my girls feel comfortable here at K-State and to help them adjust and get involved.”** Cari will be successful in this position of leadership just as she has been in past positions.

**“The Student of the Year”** award exemplifies a person who is not only involved, but manages school work as well. Cari has done just that. She has kept a 4.0 grade point average her three semesters at K-State, and plans to continue that goal. Her outstanding personality has been recognized by others as well. Cari was recognized as the Student of the Month in September 2004 by Boyd Hall’s own President and Treasurer.

**Cari Power** is an outstanding student and has gone above and beyond her duties as a resident of Boyd, appropriately deserving the title **“Student of the Year.”**