USA Member Application: Please submit with your letter of intent.

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Desired Position: Senior Class Senator

Application Questions (Please include answers in your letter of intent):
The letters of intent will be shared with the campus community. Please answer these questions in a 1-page single-spaced document, but do not limit yourself to just these questions please feel free to expand.

1. What past leadership experiences and qualities most prepare you for a role in USA?
2. What do you see as the role of USA in developing the students experience on our campus as well as the campus community?
3. What two committees would you like to join? Why? (Only applies to Senators)
4. What is one goal you have for your tenure in USA?

Please send this application, as well a letter of intent, and any questions about the application process to the Director of Association Affairs:
hahaines@syr.edu
To Newly Elected USA President and Vice President,

I would like to take a step back in my role within the Undergraduate Students Association. I will be running for a Class Senator for the Senior class. I will do better in this position as I did it my sophomore year and know what to do. I can do a better job being involved in a smaller way in USA than doing an average job in a larger role. I will be very busy next year, and it is the best for myself and the association. During the past year I have been involved and devoted as the Director of Association Affairs, as well as being the USA Athletics Board Representative. In addition to these positions, I have been the captain of the Men’s Cross-Country team and Track Team at ESF for my sophomore and junior years. These have proven to be the continuation of my training I received in Boy Scouts, where learning leadership, teamwork, perseverance, hard work, etc. In the BSA program I was able to receive the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 13. I only include this small fact only to show that I have been practicing these important qualities for a good chunk of my life.

In pursuing this position, I would like to continue the dedication that USA has in providing activities, information, and a voice to the student body of SUNY ESF. I joined USA because all involved were approachable and listened to issues, praises, and just general conversation that students have for them. From that interaction, steps are taken to resolve whatever was said, and that is truly impressive. Servant leadership is exactly what I observed, and to see that continue in my future involvement with USA, whatever position I hold, is what I personally believe the role of USA is in the student experience. In serving on the Executive Board it was rough at first, but we got through it together. I never doubted we could survive. I hope to contribute to a diverse, ambitious, and caring group that will serve as the head of the senior class, and thus stand for the very ideals that I have sworn time and time again in the Scout Oath and Law.

I would very much enjoy continuing my work in the rejuvenation of the New Member guidance programs that have been used this semester. These programs will assist new members in finding their fit within USA. Also, I would like to continue my fall break initiative with Dean Lombard to get a mental health and self-help long weekend implemented in the ESF calendar. The fall semester is very taxing on students, especially first years. I personally can speak from experience that my first year at ESF was super hard and a break sooner than thanksgiving would have been just what the doctor ordered. Thank you for your time and attention in considering my application for the position of Class Senator of the Senior class. I eagerly look forward to hearing the final decision.

Respectfully,

Buck Haines