
Nomination for
Advisor of the
Year

2020 TJCSGA



STEPHEN ROGERS



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Background

Stephen Rogers is an Assistant Director of Student Engagement at our college. Currently, he works diligently to ensure that the incoming students receive a proper Cougar welcome. Some aspects of his job include, but by no means limited to: supervising our Campus Ambassador tour guides and campus visits, coordinating our New Student Orientation efforts for incoming students, developing and executing leadership programs for the district (including managing the Student Leadership Camp), managing and providing oversight to all student organizations, as-well-as planning and implementing student activities and events. However, without his presence and monumental influence on the Student Government Association (SGA), it goes without saying that we would not have been as prosperous. Stephen Rogers has given not only our Officers and members a chance to have a voice, but he provides the support we need to give a voice to the student body as well.

Stephen has worked in higher education for over fourteen and a half years and has been advising student organizations ever since. His quintessential role to SGA started when the faculty advisor for the organization stepped down in December 2018. To further the point that Mr. Rogers has broken through barriers for SGA, until that point only faculty members could serve as the SGA advisor. This meant that the Advisor position was limited to a small pool of candidates and no professional staff member in the Office of Student Engagement was able to serve as SGA Advisor. However, when challenges arise, Stephen Rogers is there to take them head on. With Stephen's role overseeing all student organizations at the college, he filled in temporarily until a new advisor could be found. Even though this was temporary, Stephen worked diligently to help organize, advise and mentor the SGA Officers and make sure that items did not fall through the cracks. Somewhere along the way, Stephen determined that SGA needed him, temporary or not, and thus marked a new era for our chapter of SGA.

Involvement in Region II & State

Stephen Rogers, along with a few of our other advisors, has gladly volunteered his time to attend the TJCSGA Region 2 Spring Conference in 2019, coordinated the upcoming 2020-2021 SGA Officer elections, and attended the 2019 TJCSGA State Convention. As a testament to Stephen's influence and belief in SGA, during the Region II 2018 Fall Convention SGA took less than five total representatives (including delegates and advisors combined), however, by the 2019 TJCSGA State Convention, he was able to help that number reach to twenty students and three advisors to the 2019 TJCSGA State Convention. It was in preparation for this conference, where Stephen's mentorship and guidance made a huge impact on the success of the organization that year. At the conference, our college won the TJCSGA Event of the Year Award for their "Love Does Not Hurt: An Oath Against Domestic Violence" hosted across the three major campuses our college had at that time. Without Stephen's keen attention to detail, help with essential edits and revision, and proper preparation, our tsunami of an event may have barely made a splash against the other competing schools. Throughout the conference, Stephen emphasized focusing on planning for the future success of the organization, team bonding, and looking at ways to increase our college's involvement at the regional and state level.

As mentioned above, we have only taken less than three delegates to regional and state conferences over the past four years. All of that changed when Stephen stepped up to the plate and little by little accepted his role as an Advisor. Once SGA was fully under his guidance, our SGA had over six people at the 2019 Region 2 Spring conference, eight delegates to the 2019 TJCSGA State Convention, over twenty delegates to the 2019 Region 2 Fall Conference, and now over 24 delegates to the 2020 Region 2 Spring Conference. Without his encouragement and belief in a more-or-less neglected SGA, we may have faded away into a barely operational organization.

Community Involvement

For all of the work that Stephen Rogers does for SGA, he does just as much, if not more, for his communities. Our college partners with the Texas North Food Bank several times throughout the year to help students have one less issue to deal with while they pressure a better future. More often than not, Stephen will be there gladly lending a helping hand to provide a little bit of food security to those who need it. Stephen works collaboratively with the North Texas Food Bank to bring the Mobile Food pantry to the Plano campus each month. One of his tasks in Student Engagement is to help coordinate the event, recruit volunteers, and promote the event through the college to encourage participation each month. In fact, many events similar to this will not make it past the planning stage without Stephen's approval. Stephen Rogers cares a great deal for the student body and involves himself in as many activities as he can to better understand the community he serves.

Stephen Rogers' kindness, involvement, and service is not simply limited to our college, but to his community as well. As a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity, he has given back to the organization by serving as an alumni advisor for the numerous chapters for over fourteen years. Stephen currently works with Kappa Sigma chapters in Northeast Texas and helps advise them on brotherhood development and oversight. The skills he has learned through organizations similar to Kappa Sigma have allowed him to apply his talents to his other passions and impactful projects alike. Stephen also volunteers with the Dallas Sports Commission for over 10 years and has served as a volunteer for large sporting events in the area such as Super Bowl 45, NBA All Star Game, the NFL Draft, the NCAA Men's and Women's Final Four, Wrestlemania 32, Lonestar Conference Basketball Tournament, and the Red River Rivalry Game. Lastly, but by no means the end to Stephen's endless commitment to his community, Stephen has volunteered with his church for large events such as the Fall Festival, the Veteran Wall of Remembrance, and Sanctuary cleanup after service.





To conclude why the nomination, Stephen Rogers, should receive the Advisor of the Year, here is a statement from our current SGA President, Samar Rawas.

“Honestly, I do not know a better person to show the future leaders of tomorrow what it means to be a true leader. Stephen always gives everyone an opportunity to shine. If he tasks you with something that puts you out of your comfort zone, it's because he knows you can learn and grow from these opportunities. His work ethic, his leadership, his ability to be fun and yet get things done is so admiring. He taught me skills that I know I can apply for the rest of my life. Because of his phenomenal abilities to help students in every way possible, as Student Government President I wanted him and the student engagement professional staff to be the primary advisors of the SGA. This was probably the best decision we as a team ever made because now I know when I transfer to a university that the SGA will always have consistency. I am content knowing Stephen is a primary advisor because when I leave, I know he will impact students in a positive way, just as he did for me! I do not know a better candidate that deserves Advisor of the year.”

