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STUDENT OF
THE YEAR*



*AMELLIA
ANDREWS*



NOMINATION

The Student Government Association of Collin College is proud to nominate Amellia Andrews for the Student of the Year Award. Miss Andrews is the appropriate nomination for this prestigious award not only because of her commitment to the Student Government Association but for her resounding character as well. Needless to say, the 2020-2021 academic year has seen more hardships and obstacles than any other year prior, however, Miss Andrews was determined to represent her constituents no matter what. Earlier this year Miss Andrews had the option to peacefully leave the Student Government Association behind but she refused to side idly by when the Collin Pride needed her. When asked why she would commit to another year in the organization she remarked, "I simply love what I do here. This is really the only place where I can make a difference and improve the lives of students. It's hard to leave something you've already invested your soul into after all."

LOCAL LEGAND

Amellia Andrews has filled several positions in her local Student Government Association before but this year she wanted to challenge herself by taking on the President of the Senate position. Miss Andrews believes that "[she] is truly lucky to have such an amazing and hard-working team supporting [her]." Due to newly enforced regulations, her ability to obtain new recruits was hit hard. However, Miss Andrews has been working tirelessly to get new Senators so that her local chapter can reach out to as many students as possible.

Her willingness and go-getter attitude has been proven time and time again and just another reason for her nomination. For example, Miss Andrews is the current acting Secretary after the former one resigned earlier this year. "Being a leader means doing what needs to be done, even if I have to take on a little extra work."



REGION 2



Amellia Andrews is an invaluable asset to the Collin College Student Government Association team which is why she was elected to represent the school on the Regional Executive Board. Miss Andrews proudly represents her college as the Public Relations Officer for Region II. "When I first started, there was so much to do and so little time to do it. That being said, I rolled up my sleeves and got to work!" Miss Andrews said enthusiastically regarding her position. Alongside Advisor Stephen Rogers, Miss Andrews revamped the Region II website to give it a fresh and modern look and re-instituted the social media accounts. "When I first saw the website, it was a disaster. Nothing had been updated in years. Nothing a few late nights can't fix though!"

ACADEMICS



Collin College would like to recommend Amellia Andrews for the Student of the Year Award not only for her involvement at Collin but for her outstanding performance as a student. Miss Andrews has been on the Dean's List since enrolling at Collin in 2018 and currently maintains a GPA of 3.34. Education is extremely important to Miss Andrews since she will be the first one in her immediate family to receive a Bachelor's degree. "I saw how important having a degree is after seeing my mom get passed up for a promotion since she didn't have one." Miss Andrew's ambitions to pursue higher education also stem from a promise she made to her father more than a decade ago. When Amellia was ten-years-old, someone took the life of her father. "That was probably the hardest thing I've gone through. But I know that he wouldn't want me to be sad forever, so I decided to be the daughter he would have been proud of."

SERVICE

Although her work in the Student Government Association is her first love, it is not her only one at Collin College. Miss Andrews accepted her invitation to serve on the Disciplinary Appeals Committee during this year and has helped several students with their cases thus far.

While on the committee Amellia works to listen and correct possible grievances from students trying to appeal the college's decision regarding their case. "Sure it's a lot of work and extra commitment, but the Pride needs someone to do it so it might as well be me." Miss Andrews remarked cheerfully when asked why she would take on the extra workload. Despite committing so much time to duties in the Student Government Association and to the Disciplinary Appeals Committee, Miss Andrews still finds time to serve the community she lives in as well.

This year Miss Andrews and some of her fellow Executive Officers got deputized to help citizens register to vote for the presidential elections. Together they registered over 200 eager voters for the election which surely helped to make a difference at the polls. Miss Andrews loves her city dearly and hopes to be more involved once things return to normal.

PERSONAL LIFE



"No matter what I do I try to give it 110% otherwise I feel like I am not living up to my potential." Even though Miss Andrews has a full plate at Collin College, she still manages to shine as a barista at Nordstrom. Her work ethic and shimmering personality are clearly visible to any of her coworkers and to her coffee regulars. Shift Lead Dan Buvilla said, "she isn't just a good employee, she is a genuinely good person." When she is not showcasing her coffee skills, she enjoys modeling for her friends. "I love my friends so I am always happy to lend a hand."

SEE IT, FIX IT

Not only is Amellia Andrews thoroughly dedicated to her position in her local chapter but to her fellow students as well. Miss Andrews was fortunate to have won a competitive scholarship two years ago and never had to worry about paying for books. However, after she utilized her scholarship to its fullest potential the reality of buying textbooks out of pocket hit her. She claimed that " I never knew how expensive [the books] could be.

After making my first payment I knew I had to find a way to help my fellow students afford the basics." During one of the weekly meetings with the Executive Officers, she proposed a virtual baking contest with a grand prize of \$250 dollars to the bookstore. Collin College would like to recognize Amellia's efforts to make college a bit easier with this nomination.

The Great Bake-Off

"A
Celebration
of Success"

HOSTED BY SGA



WHEN: FEB. 26TH VIA ZOOM
FROM: 6-7:45 PM
ENTRY: RSVP ON COUGAR CONNECT
SUPPLIES WILL BE INCLUDED!!!

Top prize of \$250 to
the bookstore!

AFFIRMATIONS

"Amellia is focused on what she sets her heart to. Her dedication to collaborate and work with others to reach a common goal is what makes her contributions significant to SGA. When times get tough she is the first to bring us reassurance not only as a friend but as a colleague and mentor too. I think Amellia has been through many tasks as well with leadership roles and she's done a fabulous job in each sector of her work."

- Former Secretary, Nyx Mendoza

"In life, there are certain things you can teach and there are certain things that you are simply born with. Amellia is what kindness looks like. She has a heart of gold and she's so charismatic towards any person she interacts with. Amellia is hardworking, timely, and ready to support in any way possible. It is a joy to have a conversation with Amellia. She is organically funny and even through a mask, I feel her smile."

- Manager of the E Bar in Nordstrom, Coco Hampton

"Amellia is one of the most hardworking people I know. She is very dedicated and passionate about helping others. She has contributed so much to SGA in the last three years."

- SGA Treasurer, Noreen Choudhury

AFFIRMATIONS

"Amellia is the perfect example of a soft-spoken leader who maintains a cool head, a reasonable outlook, a balanced demeanor between dissenting opinions, and a patient, easygoing disposition. Often, she is one of the first people that I go to when I need help in anything related to any given matter of the Student Government Association, and even when I'm struggling with something outside of extracurricular college life. She takes up the slack and works overtime on tasks that the rest of us are too overwhelmed to do. Amellia literally takes on positions and projects that many of us won't. Both before and after I became an officer, she was often the officer I would approach to ask something or confide in about something. "

- James (Michael) Goodman SGA Parliamentarian-Historian

"I've been a part of SGA for a little over a year now. When I was new to SGA she was one of the first people to talk to me and really made me feel welcome. One of Amellia's greatest strengths is her ability to see problems and find creative solutions to solve those problems. Our Event of the Year shows a great example of who Amellia is. Amellia saw how expensive books are and with many people struggling financially, books can seem even more expensive. Her project allowed us to give out money to help students pay for books. She cares about people and wants to use her platform in all her aspects of life to help those around her. "

- Michael Habib, SGA TJCSGA Rep.

March 2, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

For your consideration, I am submitting this letter of recommendation in support of the nomination for Amellia Andrews for the Student of the Year award.

Amellia joined the Collin College Student Government Association (SGA) in Fall 2018, and almost immediately stepped in to serve in the position of Senator to serve as the voice of one of our campuses. She then attended the state conference that year, and felt a calling to step up and serve even more. Starting in Fall 2019, she was elected to the position of Public Relations Officer, and starting in Fall 2020, she was elected to the position of President of the Senate. As the individual who was serving in the role of Secretary was graduating at the end of Fall 2020, Amellia stepped up to fill that vacant role, ensuring that proper documentation of official meetings would continue to be completed. On the regional level, Amellia is currently a member of the Community Service Committee, and also serves as the Public Relations Officer.

Amellia carries herself with a professionalism one can only hope to see at the college level, serving as a guide, mentor and leader to those around her. She projects confidence in every manner of her presentation, while continuing to be very warm and welcoming to anyone who might approach her. She always has a smile and a cheerful disposition about her, and I believe that this overall work ethic provides a strong role model for any other student who might look to serve within our SGA.

I know that you would be proud to have Amellia as your Student of the Year. Should you have any further questions or wish to discuss this further with me, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone number listed below.

I thank you for your attention to this matter.

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