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**Professional Involvement:**

As a first-year graduate student, I have just started my journey in becoming involved in professional organizations. I am involved in a few professional organizations that I feel will teach me and help guide me into my future career. Currently, I am a member of the National Academic Advising Associations (NACADA). I am also a member of the Kent Academic Support & Advising Association (KASADA), which is a branch of NACADA, similar to how OCPA is to ACPA. In addition to this, I am a member of the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers (GLACUHO) and I serve on the Health and Wellness Committee. I am a current member of the Ohio College Personnel Association. I attended the 2017 OCPA Conference and I presented on the Power of Powerless Communication at this conference. I also participated in the Resume Workshop at the 2017 Conference.

**Why are you interested in participating as a member of the OCPA Executive Board?**

I am interested in participating as a member of the OCPA Executive Board because I want to challenge myself and work with other Student Affairs professionals from various institutions. I would also like to develop relationships with potential graduate student members and encourage their membership in OCPA. In addition to this, I would love to get to know and advocate for other graduate student members, as well as professional members, and work to provide them with opportunities that they wish to experience through OCPA. I would also love to gain experience in organizing the conference programs, such as the Case Study Program, and help graduate students grow and learn as new professionals by participating in this program. Overall, I believe that the role of an Executive Board member is to work towards the betterment of the organization. I truly value and desire to work towards the advancement of every organization that I am involved in. Therefore, if I were to be elected as the Graduate Member At-Large, I would want to help further the OCPA organization in any and every way that I can.

**What qualities and skills do you think you can bring to the indicated position(s) and to the OCPA Board?**

I think that I would bring several positive qualities and skills to the OCPA Board and to the Graduate Student At-Large position. First and foremost, I am extremely organized and self-motivated. I can work independently and as a team in order to get my responsibilities completed in a timely manner. I am also incredibly personable and able to establish and maintain relationships with individuals that I come in to contact with. I am extremely optimistic and have been told many times that I make difficult tasks easier due to my positive attitude and

eagerness to succeed. Additionally, I can say that I have the ability to adapt and learn new roles and responsibilities quickly while also knowing when to ask questions if needed.

**What do you believe to be the role of professional associations like OCPA?**

The role of professional organizations is to assist professionals in the further development of themselves as individuals, as well as professionals. By getting involved in professional organizations, individuals are taking control of their career and steering it in the direction that they want to go. Professional associations like OCPA provide numerous resources at conferences, such as resume workshops, mock interviews, and a variety of sessions. In addition to this, being a member of OCPA, or organizations that are similar, can give professionals a chance to improve their professional networks and resources.