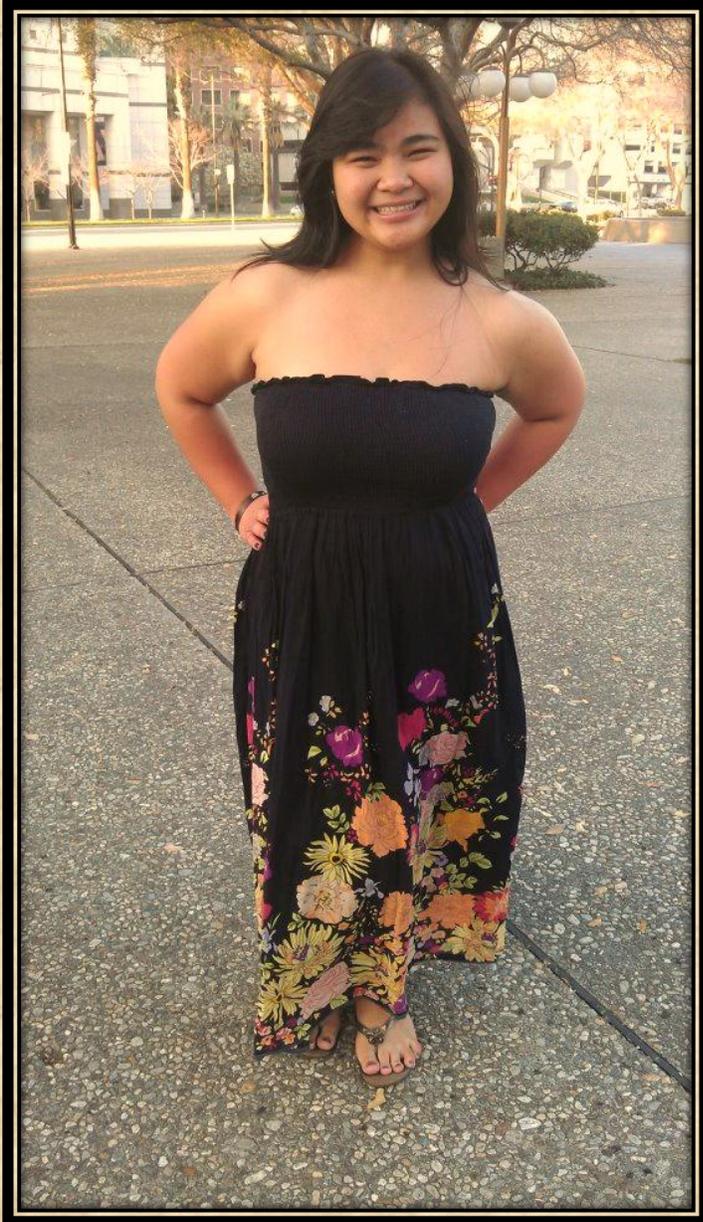


It is kind of fun to do the impossible:

- Walt Disney



It's about
time to

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RHA!

Jazzele Pearl D. Vicena

Bid for

Vice President of Student Affairs

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.”

-Henry David Thoreau

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jazzle Pearl D. Vicena and I am currently an undergraduate who is majoring in English Literature and minoring in Mathematics. I am bidding to have the honor of being the Vice President of Student Affairs of Residence Hall Association for 2012-2013 academic school year.

Since I was in high school, I had always carried this hunger to lead and become an inspiration to other people. That is the exact the same reason why I joined Air Force Junior Reserved Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC). This is a military program in my high school in which students get to experience what it is like to do the jobs that are offered in the Air Force. It is a leadership program where students lead groups of people on their own. In all of my four years in AFJROTC, I was an officer.

As a freshman in high school, people were upset to know that I held an office because to their belief, a lower classman was not supposed to have a responsibility yet. I was a sergeant (second in command in a team) and at first, it was hard to adjust with the power given to me. As they say, power comes with great responsibility. I would always have to stay late in school to finish counting uniforms and practicing with my teams. In the end, we placed first in the National Color guard Competition. I learned to adjust more with the people around me and I learned to believe in myself more. I became more open minded and ready for the obstacles that come my way. That year was the year that I broke the status quo and I succeeded. I was ready for more.

My second year, I was a Chief Master Sergeant (second in command in class) that leads a class of 30+ people. It was the year where I had a hard time amending to my new commander because he was so loose with the rules and I was not. I was too serious but eventually, I learned to have fun as well. That was the year where I realized having a balance in things could result into such a beautiful mix up. We ended up attaining a perfect middle between our strict and loose rules that we go by. In the end, we won flight of the year (Class of the year).

My third year, I was a Special Projects Officer in Command. My job was



to take care of ALL the paper works that comes in and out of our program. I organized all the liability forms from all the students that are going to field trips or competing in different schools, bus order forms and principal's notes. I am the one in charge of talking to the principal and his assistant to allow us to go to the different places for field trips and competitions. In that year, I learned how to communicate with the higher people and became more professional. In the end, it made me appreciate the effort that the people behind the scenes were putting to make everything run smoothly.

Lastly, in my senior year, I was finally a flight commander (First in command in class- Like a president of hall government). I was in charge of 40+ people and I had to teach them drill movements and lead them in various flight competitions (Class competitions). In that year, I learned many things about myself and the people around me. That was the year I fully learned how to discipline my own cadets and understood what leadership really meant. It was a very memorable year because my own cadets taught me things that I never learned being in a position for four years. Being a flight commander humbled me because I realized that even though I was in the highest position, I did not know everything and the



people around taught me how to be a better leader. But most importantly, my own cadets were the one who taught me that winning is not everything because in the end of the day, it was our attitude towards the result that counted. I owe it to them when I won Flight Commander of the year. I could not have gotten it without them.

Transitioning into college, I knew I wanted to be a leader once again. I was scared to be honest, because I knew it was going to be a bigger responsibility. I did not know if I was ready for that yet. When hall government elections came up, it was like something in me just had to do it. I knew I had to run for a position. I was contemplating running between the position of Secretary or President but I ended up deciding that I wanted to be a part of the group but not the main leader yet. I went floor to floor and door to door to ask the residents of Joe West to vote for me. I told them my experiences and why I think I fit for the job. In the end, it was worth

it because I finally became the Secretary of Joe West Hall Government. I had no clue to what to expect or what my job would be like but I was ready to begin a new challenge to a new chapter to my life.

dear self,
today, you will shine

Becoming the secretary during Fall Semester was a pleasure and gave me a chance to excel on things I love to do: being organized and keeping everybody on track. We were all vocal in our government and that was one of the things I love about working with them! Since everybody had great ideas, I felt like I had to keep everybody focus to our goals. Sometime between the semester, I came up with the idea of having a talent show in Joe West. I always hear people singing or playing an instrument and I thought why don't we highlight the talented folks we have in our building? So it happened. It was a lot of preparation and it was our very first big building program. It definitely tested our time management skills and team work. I kept everything organize, from sign-up sheets to reaching deadlines on time. When I realized there were not enough performers in our show, I went floor to floor to ask for people to sign up and that actually went well. For two weeks, I kept reminding the people who signed up that they are performing in the talent show and asked them if they need any special accommodations. A week and a half before the talent show, an RA mentioned it to me that they reserved the sound system before we did on the same date as our program. I talked to our advisor, Sasha Wallace, and came up with a solution. We both went to the Instruction Resource Center on campus and got all the sound equipment we needed. The day of Talent Show came and to be honest, I was proud of everybody because we had a very good turnout. Last semester taught me how to be patient and count everybody's opinion and find a common ground. This was the time I truly learned how to think outside the box and consider that everybody is going to have a mistake time to time. I opened up to a new group of people, not just my hall government but also everybody that is part of RHA. I am happy to say that I gained a new family in San Jose State and I can't wait to see how this bond will grow even deeper.



By second semester, the President position opened up and I stepped up to the plate. My co-hall government staff had seen my hard work and passion to this organization and they appointed me to become their new President! I was very excited because I have so many plans in my head how to make this semester even better than the last one. I was already proud of our accomplishments so far because last semester, we only put up two programs the entire time. Now, it has only been two months and we are on our third program. We came up with a Super bowl program a week after we had our first meeting. It was a very successful first event we had in Joe West. A week after that, we elected our new Vice President and Secretary. Right after the elections, our second program took place which is our Valentine Program in which residents could give out letters to anyone they love and their own hall government staff will deliver it personally to them. Two weeks after that, we started giving out Joe West T-shirts to residents. This week, we are about to have our first big program which is our DC Program: Spoonful of Fun. This is an event where residents get to enjoy many games in one night such as: Just Dance Wii Game, Karaoke, Oreo challenge, Twister, card games and our big finale, The Pie Eating Contest. They have a chance of winning gift cards from Yogurtland, La Vics and also a Laundry card. We are very

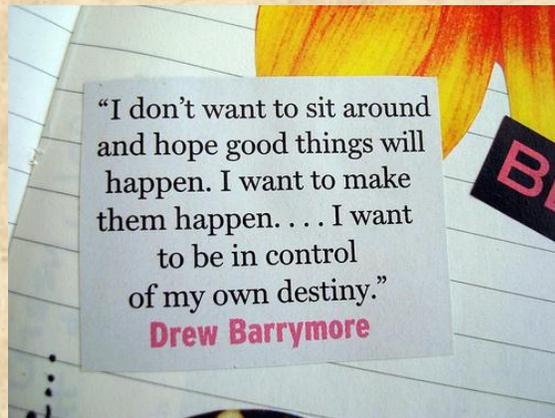
be the change
you wish to see
in the world.
-gandhi

excited to have this event because we have been planning this for a long time.

Having to experience to become a Secretary and President, I learned how to give importance to every voice in the room. I learned to present myself in a more professional manner. It gave me a new perspective on what really is the job of hall government. It became my honor and pleasure to serve to the residents. I grew to love my residents and all the RAs in Joe West Hall. I learned how to communicate better with others and not just my staff. I learned how to prioritize things in a more efficient way and it gave me a chance to step back and see the unique talents each and every one has and put them on a task they will enjoy and excel in. I learned to accept that people make mistakes and sometimes it can be the best thing that can happen to everyone because everybody gets to learn something new.



Hall Government has been a huge part of my college experience so far. This is the one thing that keeps me close to where my heart is happy. My hall government staff is the special group of people that I am very glad to have in my life. They always bring out the best of me and I know I will always have their support. I want others to feel this way in comes of RHA. I want other residents to know that RHA is not just another organization. It is a place where people grow and learn more things about themselves. It is a place where you can be yourself and improve from there. It is the home of the student leaders and a place where every effort is appreciated.



A new chapter means new doors open up for everyone. As a Vice President of Student Affairs, I will have the opportunity to reach to the residents more. I am the closest one for them to communicate with their concerns and suggestions. I will use that ability to hear their voices out and reach out to the UHS. I want them to know that I am here for them and I will do everything I can to aid their needs and worries. I will put up diversity programs such as "Crossing the line" in which residents could open up if they ever felt like they were discriminated in any way and make them realize that none of them are alone. I also want to put up programs that promote different cultures so people would be more knowledgeable about the people around them such as a big Chinese new year celebration or a cook fest where different stands will be available for everybody to taste different foods from different places. As a Vice President of Student Affairs, I will encourage residents to attend quorums to see what it is like to be in this kind of family. I will let them see through videos, pictures and different active advertisements that RHA has a lot more to offer than just being the student government of SJSU. If given the opportunity, I know I will succeed on becoming the VP of Student Affairs. I am passionate and driven. I will do everything I can to be the best on my job. With RHA, I know I will expand more as a person and gain more experience as a leader.

Your time was very much appreciated.

Truly Yours,

Jazzle Pearl D. Vicena

TIME COMMITMENTS!

Hours per week:

Academics: 15 units ~> 12 hours

PACURH: 10 hours

RHA: 8 hours

I will stay on top of my school while keeping up with RHA and PACURH!



Jazzle Pearl Vicena

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

To become a team member with an organization that recognizes uncommon dedication and outstanding performance. Seeking to contribute in an environment with potential for career growth.

HIGHLIGHTS of QUALIFICATIONS

- Proven, highly successful sales experience in a challenging, fast-paced environment.
- Exceptional level of proficiency in planning/strategies.
- Ability to learn new concepts and develop skills quickly.
- Self-motivated, excellent attitude, strong sense of accountability.
- Exceptional people skills - good at building a foundation of trust and rapport.
- Fully understand the drive and determination it takes to succeed. (Current President of Joe West Hall Government; Former competitive Air Force Junior Reserve Officers Training Drill Commander in High School (SY 10-11).
- Highly professional demeanor that inspires trust and confidence.

Highly proactive, creative problem solver who thinks "outside the box" to deliver outstanding results

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kearny Mesa Animal Shelter

- Provides excellent, selfless customer service.
- Creates a clean and detailed environment for customers.
- Organized papers and had never been late for paperwork reviews.

EDUCATION

Mira Mesa High School

San Diego, CA

Aug 2008 – June 2010

AFJROTC, Class Council, National Honors Society, Key Club

San Jose State University

San Jose, CA

Aug 2011 – Present

Major: English / Minor: Mathematics

Joe West Hall Government



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Mission Statement

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To whom it may concern:

My name is Sasha Wallace, and I am currently working as the advisor for Joe West Hall Government. I am writing this letter because I would like to nominate Jazzle Pearl Vicena for Vice President of Student Affairs for the Residence Hall Association (RHA). During the fall semester of 2011, Jazzle served as the secretary of Joe West Hall Gov., and she was elected as the president in the spring 2012 semester.

As her name would suggest, Jazzle is a positive and energetic person. She does not sit back and watch things happen; she is very proactive and puts her energy and time in making sure programs take place. In the month of November, she came up with idea to have a talent show because she felt that many of the Joe West residents had artistic qualities that they could share with the rest of the building. She asked individuals to sign up to perform at the show, and contacted each person via telephone to confirm they would be attending the talent show. A week and a half before the event, Jazzle realized that the sound equipment had been reserved by another RA on the same date as her program, so she reached out to the Instruction Resource Center on campus, and was able to attain microphones and speakers for the program. Needless to say, the talent show was a success, and many students came to watch their fellow residents perform.

Now that Jazzle is the president, she begins every open and closed meeting with an icebreaker, so that individuals can get to know one another on a deeper level. Jazzle is a very organized person, and leads efficient meetings. She is also an excellent planner and knows how to break down a program into manageable tasks and delegate those tasks to individuals based on their interest and abilities. Jazzle is a very personable individual and knows many students throughout Joe West who live on different floors. If given the opportunity, she would excel at connecting the students throughout the different residence halls by being the Vice President of Student Affairs for RHA. I am happy to provide more details if you would like any additional information.

Sincerely,

Sasha Wallace
Assistant Residential Life Coordinator
University Housing Services

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Long Beach, Los Angeles, Maritime
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Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego,
San Francisco, San José, San Luis Obispo,
San Marcos, Sonoma, Stanislaus