

2023 Student Employee of the Year National Recognition

NATIONAL STUDENT EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION



HANNAH RUDT

Hometown: New York City

Lead Undergraduate Research Assistant
Cornell University

What My Job Has Given Me:

Working as the Lead Undergraduate Research Assistant for the Leak Research Group has given me a community of passionate peers and mentors, a connection to my home city, and a new confidence in my leadership abilities. As I approach college graduation, I feel assured that I can work on teams, take and give directions, reach out to mentors, and solve problems creatively; I owe these skills to my experience as a student employee.

Favorite Student Employment Memory:

During the summer, the Leak Research Group leads a food justice and youth advocacy curriculum at the Boys and Girls Club of Harlem. On the final day of the 2022 program, the students presented their ideas for bringing healthy and appealing snacks to corner stores in Harlem; the audience included peers, teachers, and community leaders. One of my favorite student employment memories is seeing the pride spread between my coworkers, the students, and myself as the students excitedly shared their work from the four-week program.



COMMUNITY
SERVICE

MICHAEL KYLE

Hometown: Roanoke, VA

Lead Peer Advisor

University of Richmond

What My Job Has Given Me:

Working in career services, I've absorbed a great deal of knowledge from my job training, office advisors, other peer workers, and networking events. This has helped not only at work but also in my personal life. Off the clock, I've been able to help friends with their resumes, cover letters, and interview prep. All these skills also helped me to land an internship as a recruiter with Amazon, where I will be returning full-time after graduation. Working in career services helped me land that job, but I have also been able to apply knowledge from that internship to help others in my peer advisor role. I've also had the chance to further develop my leadership skills, as I created the Lead Peer Advisor position for our team, which will leave a lasting impact.

CRITICAL THINKING

Favorite Student

Employment Memory:

It's difficult to choose one favorite memory from my four years, but one of my favorite things is when students I've worked with tell me they got a job or internship because of the feedback I gave them. Giving presentations on various career topics to classes or student groups has also been a rewarding experience. I've also loved working with my supervisors and fellow student coworkers.



RIA GOYAL

Hometown: McGregor, TX

Senior Resident Assistant

University of Texas at Austin

What My Job Has Given Me:

This job has firstly provided me with the opportunity to assist people that are experiencing one of life's most pivotal transitions: from high school to college. That transition was tumultuous for me as a freshman, so I greatly appreciate the ability to support others who also might be struggling during this liminal time. The role has also granted me the chance to meet so many wonderful people from diverse backgrounds who, I firmly believe, will one day change the world in their own ways. Finally, this job has helped me develop my soft, social skills. For example, because of my role as a senior resident assistant, I have gotten to hone my different communication styles, as I serve as the conduit between full-time professional staff and my RA student peers.

Favorite Student Employment Memory:

The deep appreciation I have for my job as a senior resident assistant (SRA) stems from the diverse responsibilities that the role requires, like being a mentor, serving as a confidante, and maintaining safety and security. One of my favorite memories is precisely when these multiple duties converged all at once on a night when I was not even on call! In a span of six hours, I helped evacuate hundreds of residents after a fire alarm activation, I got to aid some of my residents with some difficult homework from a class I had previously taken, and I assisted in securing emergency housing for a resident in a domestic violence incident after midnight. Being able to provide that support for others is so humbling and rewarding.

DIVERSITY



JIARUI CHEN

Hometown: Jiangyin, China

Research Assistant

University of Rochester

What My Job Has Given Me:

The job provided me with exposure to advanced machine learning and natural language processing techniques that are beyond the scope of regular course material. It also prepared me for a research mindset as I move on to pursue graduate-level education.

Favorite Student Employment Memory:

My favorite employment memory would be seeing my research paper being published and presenting my research results during the poster session of the WNY Center for Research on Flavored Tobacco's annual meeting. The meeting also gave me the opportunity to meet in person with some FDA and NIH experts and a project collaborator whom I was working with remotely before.

INNOVATION
TECHNOLOGY



GARRISON KENNEDY

Office Assistant, Office of Student Involvement

Hometown: Excelsior Springs, MO

Northwest Missouri State University

What My Job Has Given Me:

The OSI has given me the opportunity to develop as a person and as a student. Through my employment, I have overcome obstacles and accomplished tasks I never would have expected to when I first enrolled at Northwest. More than that, the OSI expanded my career prospects. Student Affairs was not a field I even knew about in 2019 when I was a freshman, but the OSI has shown me that it is my life's passion.

Favorite Student Employment Memory:

As cheesy as it sounds, each day at work is my favorite memory. I have worked in this office since August of 2020, and every day I look forward to seeing all of the student and professional staff, each of whom I consider to be friends, not just colleagues.

LEADERSHIP



Congratulations!

To Our Overall Winner

HANNAH RUDT



National Student Employment Association Recognition

Congratulations for this achievement!

Thank You!



NSEA would like to thank all of the student employees across the nation. We recognize your dedication and contributions to your college or university and its surrounding community. We could not do this work without your support!

In continued support of all students across the country, NSEA and the SEOTY committee chose to take the opportunity to recognize the hard work of not only regional Student Employee of the Year winners but also students with other noteworthy contributions.

Thank you to our National SEOTY Chair and our committee members for assisting in this year's process!



