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What is the Rhodes College Diplomats Program?

Mission Statement

The Rhodes College Diplomats are among our best and brightest students and function as the College's representatives. The purpose of Rhodes College Diplomats is to serve Rhodes College and the student body by building community-conscious *servants and leaders* in its membership, entrusting them with the responsibility of successfully recruiting qualified students and building positive rapport among alumni, students and guests.

Concept

To maintain a diverse organization of *student volunteers* who are effective in communicating information about Rhodes College and articulating its Vision. The students in this selective group serve as representatives to both the internal and external communities while maintaining relationships with College faculty and administrators. This organization serves as *the face of Rhodes College* to the public.

Responsibilities:

Campus Tours: Guide a minimum of 3-4 tours per month to various groups who visit campus, including prospective students and parents, alumni, and civic organizations. Play a crucial role in creating a picture of the real Rhodes experience.

Recruitment: Participate in Admissions Open House programs, occasional transportation of prospective students to and from the Memphis airport, overnight prospective student hosting, and lunches with prospective students and families.

Public Affairs Resource: Host visitors and dignitaries at presidential receptions and other functions for the College. Serve as needed in College publication photos, video productions, and electronic communication.

Special Events and Tasks: Serve as student representatives for special College-sponsored events, ex Homecoming. Represent the student body to visiting trustees, faculty, administrators, community leaders, and donors as requested.

Rhodes seeks to offer these students:

- Insight to the workings of the College and understanding of the student's role in its growth and success
- Development and promotion of leadership qualities
- Opportunities to improve interactions with administrators, faculty and the College community
- Direct impact on Rhodes' future student body by working with prospective students
- Public speaking experience
- Public relations experience
- Networking with alumni in the greater Rhodes community
- An opportunity to serve the college in a variety of capacities, fostering institutional awareness in a way that the students can be committed to serve and promote Rhodes long after graduation

Leadership Structure:

Coordinators- Stacy Allen, Senior Assistant Director of Admissions and Timothy Gibson, Associate Director of Admissions

Student Steering Committee (will be elected in Spring '08):

1. *Tour Coordinator*
2. *Public Relations Chair* (Alumni, Development, and Community Relation liaison)
3. *Organizational Development/Personnel Chair* (membership recruitment, monthly meetings, year end parties, etc.)
4. *Student Recruitment Chair* (Open Houses, lunches, transportation, hosting)

Membership Requirements:

- Membership is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors
- Applicants must have a 2.7 cumulative grade point average
- Candidates must have completed at least one semester at Rhodes during the previous school year
- Expected time commitment: 2 hrs/week plus one night of hosting/month

Qualifications and Selection Criteria:

Qualified applicants are students who are well-rounded individuals and can speak to their experience in multiple areas of campus life. Strong candidates will possess:

- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- The ability to effectively present the positive attributes of Rhodes College
- Initiative, dependability, discipline, creativity, and self-confidence
- The ability to work well with others in a team environment

A broad base of campus knowledge and involvement with various campus services and resources is preferred but not required.

**If you have any questions, please contact Stacy Allen,
Senior Assistant Director of Admissions, at ext. 3705 or email at
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