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VITO VAN DUNK
PRESIDENT
OF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

It is hard to believe that this academic year is coming to a close and it is almost time when The College of Saint Rose will be congratulating the Class of 2018 on all of their hard work and years of dedication to our campus community. The Student Association wishes all of our graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors and we cannot wait to see how each of them will change the world.

The Student Association had a very successful year, not just through our own meetings and events, but through all of the amazing things that our clubs do each and every day. Coming into this year our Executive Board was comprised of half new board members and half returners. This proved to be a great mix of ideas and backgrounds that truly helped this organization flourish from day one. I have been very fortunate to work with such wonderful individuals who are filled with inspiration, passion, and a driving force to be reckoned with.

Last spring, the Executive Board had a day of comprehensive training which was followed up with more in depth training in the fall. Through these training days we were able to form a close bond and also come to a common consensus for our goals as The Student Association for this year. As we discussed all of the things we wanted to do we realized that we should not have a set goal besides create change where we see fit and do the most good for the most amount of people at The College. Now, this is very different compared to previous years where the board would focus on one specific topic, such as changing on-campus parking which was the goal last year. We thought putting a specific goal in front of us would distract us from doing all that we wanted to do, so we did away with that concept. Looking back onto this year I whole-heartedly believe we accomplished so much for our Saint Rose community.

Stepping into the position of President I wanted to make a few changes to The Student Association. The first was to assess our organization structure, specifically looking at our committees. I decided to take away the School Spirit Committee and the Public Relations Committee which over the past few years have seen a decline in student involvement and were not able to be utilized as effectively as they used to be. However, in replacement of those committees we formed the Student Outreach Committee which is focused on increasing student engagement, making interoffice connections to boost collaborations, and focusing on how The Student Association can reach a broader audience of students to try to bring in under-represented groups such as ALANA students, commuters, graduate students and more. In addition to those changes I also replaced the Food Service Committee with a Food Service Liaison from our board because of the same decline in interest and lack of involvement.

The second was to make The Student Association more transparent to our students. In recent years students have expressed they feel as if we operate behind closed doors and my goal was to improve upon our image and make our general processes better communicated and allow for open conversation. We did this through our club officer training, Club Counsel, in the beginning of each semester and in a new initiative I started this spring

semester called The President's Roundtable. This initiative pulled together all Presidents from our Student Association recognized clubs to address any issues or concerns about campus, The Student Association, or hurdles clubs faced throughout the year and how we can all support each other's different clubs and organizations. The President's Roundtable was called together multiple times throughout the spring semester and we were able to have productive conversations on commuter student involvement, low levels of student engagement, the feeling of there being a lack of support from all groups, specific issues they believed The Student Association should address and more.

The third was to fight for the students and the things they wanted to see done on our campus. While there were some points in which we struggled getting things done whether it was due to current standpoints or administration, we accomplished so much. Some of these amazing accomplishments include getting gender-inclusive housing in Centennial Hall beginning in the fall semester, a free condoms program for on campus residence halls, restructuring club trainings, bringing back MidKnight Madness, and more. Overall, there was a lot of ground covered this year and I have high hopes for the incoming board. I also wanted to touch upon specific events this year which I have outlined below.

Fall C.L.A.S.S.I.C.

The annual Fall C.L.A.S.S.I.C. weekend was held at Golden Goal Sports Park in Fort Ann, NY. We had a wonderful time at Golden Goal which was filled with leadership workshops, outdoor and indoor games and activities, a key note speaker, and a closing session with SEFCU talking to our students about financial responsibility including interactive portions. However, while we did have a fantastic time, the attendance for this event continued to drop again only serving about twenty of our students. That led to a conversation about the future of the event.

After carefully looking at Fall C.L.A.S.S.I.C. with the issues of low involvement, lack of interest, and high cost to operate, I decided it would be best to cut the program which we know as Fall C.L.A.S.S.I.C. and replace it. We will be reinventing the core values of Fall C.L.A.S.S.I.C. through a new leadership retreat program which will be day trip styled retreats. Each day retreat will focus on an aspect of leadership and we have had some ideas such as diversity in leadership, self-care, preparing for life after graduation and more. We have faith this program will be more successful and bring something new to the campus. The response from students has been positive and I hope to see the program flourish next year. As we have been trying to find a name to fit this program, we have decided upon Project Discovery. This name reflects that we do not see leadership as one specific thing; that leadership is different depending on the individual and everyone will discover who they are meant to be and how they will be their own type of leader.

Club Counsel

The Student Association always does a training for all Student Association recognized club officers in the fall and then in the spring, if needed, which in years previous has been called Club Council. However, this year we decided to do something different and split the usual program into three different parts. The first part was Council which was comprised of general Student Association procedures, tips for running their clubs, communication, events planning, and more. The second part was Financial Council, which was done through our Comptroller, providing a smaller group setting and a more personable experience for our club officers. Finally the third part was the L.E.A.D. through the Office of Student Life. I found that this process made clear divisions for club leadership and achieved all of our goals going into it with a positive experience.

Being able to serve our student body for the past two years has truly been such an honor and has been the highlight of my college career thus far. The change you can create and the difference you can make for our community through The Student Association has been a wonderful experience and I will miss it dearly. A special thank you for all of our representatives and members, in one way or another, even by just attending the weekly meetings, had an impact on SA and myself in ways that nobody will ever know. This year has been an amazing experience, and I think I can speak for all of my board members when I say we are grateful for everyone who has benefitted the campus by being student leaders and being a voice for others.

It has been my pleasure to work with the Board of Trustees, The College's Administration and Staff, and our students. I am forever grateful for being in The Student Association and being able to work with all of my board members.

Thank you,

Vito Van Dunk

Student Association President

ALEXANDRA MCMANUS
COMPTROLLER OF THE
STUDENT ASSOCIATION

This year I have had the privilege of serving as the Comptroller of the Student Association for the 2017-2018 academic year. Being able to serve in this position for a second year has been so rewarding and I couldn't have asked for a better team to work with throughout the year. As a psychology major, everyone seems confused that I have chose the Comptroller position for two years. But I have enjoyed this job immensely and I couldn't imagine serving anywhere else.

One of my biggest goals this year as Comptroller was making the Budget & Grant process more transparent, and doing the greatest good for the greatest amount of students. In years past, the Budget & Grant committee has not taken this into consideration and the General Club Assistance budget line was not always used effectively. In order to make the process more transparent, I gave more detailed explanations in budget memos and made sure to explain the process of Budget & Grant in the most detail as possible. Ultimately, I think that this year the Budget & Grant committee served the Saint Rose students well and we accomplished a lot of great things with our budget.

In both the fall and the spring, the Budget & Grant Committee held four hearings throughout each semester for students and clubs to attend and propose the events they were seeking funds for. These are the events that the Budget & Grant committee helped to fund this year:

- Custom Frisbee Discs for Ultimate Frisbee Club to sell around the Albany region as well as outside tournaments (2017)
- NYSSMA Conference in Rochester, NY (2017)
- P.A.D National Pre-Law Honor Society Chapter Fee (2017)
- Weekly Yoga through the Office of Campus Ministry (2017)
- 2017 M.A.P.S Regional Conference in New York, NY (2017)
- Audio Engineering Society Conference in New York, NY (2017)
- New York Association of School Psychologists Conference in White Plains, NY (2017)
- BASIC Conference in Rochester, NY (2017)
- TRANScending (S)EXpectations Workshop (2017)
- SUNY Buffalo Annual Step Competition in Buffalo, NY (2018)
- EPA Conference in Philadelphia, PA (2018)

- NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program in Philadelphia, PA (2018)
- International Dance Competition in Albany, NY (2018)
- Boston Sings A Cappella Convention in Boston, MA (2018)
- BASIC Conference in Rochester, NY (2018)
- NSA Spring Trip to Boston, MA (2018)
- AfterMath Spring trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York, NY (2018)
- Survivor-Caregiver Dinner for Relay for Life (2018)
- NYSSLHA Annual Convention in Rochester, NY (2018)
- Slime Making Workshop for Stress Free Week sponsored by the Counseling Center (2018)
- Early Childhood Music and Movement Association 2018 International Convention in Buffalo, NY (2018)

I am very excited about all of the amazing trips, conferences, and events that were able to happen because of the Budget & Grant committee this year. My hope for next year and the years to come is that students and clubs keep reaching out to the committee, and that the committee continues to see the benefits of funding these amazing experiences for everyone on our campus. This committee has made me proud, and I hope that committees down the road continue to serve our campus community effectively.

These past two years as Comptroller has brought me so much joy, and while it pains me to think about not being a part of this executive board next year, I have no doubts that the new board will accomplish great things next year. I am leaving my position to Allison Hansen, an incoming sophomore majoring in Communications Sciences and Disorders. She has been very involved in the Student Association this year, as well as many other clubs and events on campus. She has shown great leadership in her first year on campus, and I have so much faith in her abilities to serve our campus as Comptroller. I am excited to see all of the great things that she will do in this position.

Thank you,

Alexandra McManus

Student Association Comptroller

RENEE KOCHINSKI
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS
FOR THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

For the last two years I have been the Director of Communications. This position has enabled me to work with exceptional Executive Board members, and help plan different events for students. The last two years have been filled with amazing progress not only for our clubs, but also the campus. This position oversees 10 clubs, including our performance groups, our school newspaper, and communication clubs. I am the co-chair for the Student Outreach Committee, with Vito Van Dunk, the President. I also contact people to people to present during our meetings as a Special Order, and update Student Association's social media.

Each meeting we have a Special Order present to our students from different offices on campus. Our primary goal for have presenters is to let our students know about different resources or opportunities on campus. Some Special Orders we have had present were representatives from The Counseling Center, Registrar, Security, The Community Service Office, The Office of Spiritual Life and Dining Services. Our presenters speak for the first 15 minutes of every meeting about what resources they offer to students, and how students can get involved. They then open to questions for our club members to ask for any further information.

Student Association has a large social media presence. We have a Facebook page, an Instagram, a Twitter, and a Snapchat. On Facebook, we have a total of 1,486 likes. On Twitter we have 703 followers. On Instagram we have a total of 239 followers. On Snapchat we have 60 friends! Our social media platforms are used for our clubs to showcase their events. They send us information about their event, or meeting, with a poster and then I upload them to our social media accounts. This is a great way for our clubs to reach a larger amount of people for promotion purposes. We also used our social media for a spirit week! Every person who followed, liked, or added any of our social media accounts were entered into a raffle. We also each day as a theme, and gave a raffle ticket to anyone who sent in a photo relating to the theme of the day. To wrap up spirit week, we have "Find Fear Friday." We posted photos of Fear around campus and the first person to correctly guess the location received a raffle ticket!

New to Student Association this year was the Student Outreach Committee. Vito and I had the opportunity to co-chair this committee. In the fall semester, with the help our students, we were able to bring back MidKnight Madness. We collaborated with Athletics and Student Affairs to hold MidKnight Madness in the gymnasium, with performances from our dance groups and features from the Men and Women's Basketball teams. We also planned an Executive Board Mixer in Standish A&B, where we invited Executive Board members from every club to mingle and get to know each other! The purpose of this was increase collaborations amongst clubs. In the spring semester, we planned our spirit week which ended with our first SA Spring Showcase. We had performances from our dance teams, A Capella groups, and Crate of Apes.

The Chronicle

The Chronicle is our school newspaper. They publish weekly newspapers that feature events on and off campus. The Chronicle was recognized for two categories of the 2018 Scholastic Newspaper Awards presented by the American Scholastic Press Association. They were placed 2nd overall of 7 newspapers for the student population bracket. They were also the recipients of the Outstanding Investigative Reporting Award for the article titled, "Purchased Buildings Remain Unoccupied." They have published phenomenal work and are truly dedicated to the students.

ALANA Steppers

The ALANA Steppers are our Step group on campus. They have been invited to perform at numerous off campus functions. They have been featured for different on campus events and collaborations, as well. Some include GK Dance's Dance-A-Con, MidKnight Madness and Dodgeball Madness. They held an UNO fundraiser, their annual dinner with the steppers, a bake sale and a showcase. They are amazing and talented performance group that continue to make an impact on campus.

The Girls Next Door

The Girls Next Door is an all-female A Capella group. They held their GND Fall and Spring Invitational. They were invited to perform at a variety of off campus events. Some include the Zonta Conference, and the Tune-Up Festival. They performed at the International Competition for Collegiate A Capella and won 4th place! They held multiple fundraisers, such as, a Blaze Pizza and Buffalo Wild Wings. They have made their club well known on campus through their performances.

Golden Knights Dance Team

GK Dance is one of our dance groups. They have held their annual Dance-A-thon, Holiday Show and Showcase. They were invited to perform at MidKnight Madness, Sabor Latino's Founder's Day and many more events. They performed at the Royal Dance Competition and received 10 awards! Some of the awards they received were Student Choreographer Award, Complete Package award and Storytelling Award. GK Dance has continued to influence the campus through dance.

Golden Notes

The Golden Notes are a co-ed A Capella group. They performed at the International Competition for Collegiate A Capella and won the award for Most Outstanding Vocal Percussionist. They were invited to perform at events, such as, ACDA's Pops & Broadway, SEB's annual Riff Off and Parents Weekend. They held multiple events and fundraisers including "A Family Sitcom Dinner," and their Fall and Spring Concerts. They travelled to Boston to perform at the Boston Sings A Capella Conference. The Golden Notes have made their mark on campus through their fundraisers and performances.

The Other Guys

The Other Guys are an all-male A Cappella group. They held their invitational which featured other on campus A Capella groups. They were invited to perform at different on campus functions, such as the Variety Show held by the PR and Advertising club. The Other Guys are committed to their performances.

PR and Advertising

The Public Relations and Advertising club has made a great impact since becoming SA recognized last year. In the fall semester they help a Pumpkin Painting fundraiser, and their Alumni-Student Networking Event, where they invited alumni from the communications department to participate in a panel. In the spring semester they hosted the Variety Show, which featured performance groups from campus. They were also accepted to the Public Relations Student Society of America! This club is dedicated to applying skills in regard to communications to the events they host.

Sabor Latino

Sabor Latino is a Latin dance group that focuses on education, as well as dancing. This was their first full year as an SA recognized club and they have a large membership and held events every month. They held events called Walk-ins, where students can come and learn different dances, such as Salsa, Merengue. They performed at MidKnight Madness, and The ALANA Steppers showcase. They hosted three of their largest events, Descubrimiento, which is based on the Discovery of Puerto Rico, Independencia, which is based on the Dominican Independence Day and their Foudner's Day Showcase. Sabor Latino is committed to educating about their culture, and performing Latin dances.

Saint Rose Television

SRTV became SA recognized last year and has done amazing things. Weekly they upload three different productions to their YouTube channel, called "Kngihtly News," which was a collaboration with The Chronicle. They collaborated with Crate of Apes for "Knightmare on Ape Street," "Guess We'll Do It Live," and "Bluntly Told Jokes." They held Live Game Shows, a Live Matching Game and their 48 Hour Film Festival. SRTV is a student run club that utilizes on campus production equipment to showcase students, clubs and the campus.

Vocal Angels

Vocal Angels is a co-ed religious vocal group. This was their first year being a part of Student Association. They held different fundraisers, such as bake sales and raffles. They held a Talent Show and The Vocal Angels Concert. They were invited to perform at Siena, and a local church. On campus, they were invited to perform at Dodgeball Madness, His Image Gospel Choir and GND's Invitational. They are a performance group dedicated to reaching out to the campus through music.

THERESA BELFANCE
DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES
FOR THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

As a freshman, I knew I wanted to be involved on campus, but I was unsure of what to become a part of. I joined the Council for Exceptional Children and was a very active member and I attended Fall CLASSIC. As a sophomore, I was a club representative for the Student Association. I attended every meeting and was a part of the Fear Fest and Rose Rock committee.

This year, I was the Co-Chair for the Community Service Committee and was the Food Service Liaison. As Co-Chair for the Community Service Committee, I help plan and organize PB & Jams and St. Baldrick's Day. PB & Jams was an event put on in November where we made 3,396 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that were donated to various community shelters and organizations. St. Baldrick's Day was held in March and we raised over \$5,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. This foundation raises money for childhood cancer research. At our event, people could sign up to raise money and shave their heads to show their support for the organization.

As the Director of Academic Activities this year, I was responsible for overseeing 14 academic clubs on campus. I thoroughly enjoyed working with all of the student leaders and watching their clubs do so many great things. Part of my responsibility was to oversee their budgets as well as their events and progress. I am confident that these clubs will continue to be successful and continue to create strong student leaders.

American Choral Directors Association (ACDA):

ACDA had approximately 18 members this year. This club primarily is for music education majors, but students of all majors are encouraged to join. Their primary focus is to foster and promote excellence in the field of choral music. Throughout the year, they had many great events, like a Pops and Broadway Cabaret, a Disney Magic Cabaret, a successful sheet music fundraiser, and many successful bake sales.

Aftermath:

Aftermath is a club focused on promoting and fostering the knowledge of math through various outlets, like meetings, events, and trips. Aftermath started this school year without an Executive Board or members. Throughout the year, they grew to have roughly 20 members. Pi Day was one of their most successful events, next to the New York City Trip. At the Pi Day event, they sold pie and students were able to pie a professor. In New York City, they went to the American Museum of Natural History and students were able to explore all the city has to offer. Aftermath has some great events lined up for next year.

American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA):

AIGA is a club composed of graphic design majors. This year, their membership totals grew to 44 members. They held events such as an alumni panel, a collaborative casino night with the Student Art League, a Skype lecture with Steven Heller, and a design lecture with Stefan Bucher. AIGA has many events and activities planned for next year.

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC):

CEC was very successful this year, holding nine different professional developments. Their professional developments ranged from "Ask an Educator," where students heard from a panel of teachers and administrators different questions to "Autism: True and Blue," where Andrew Maggio, a graduate of the College Experience Program spoke about his life with Autism to a professional development with Jon Gilroy, an individual speaking about his life in the LGBTQ+ community and his life with Cerebral Palsy. They also held the Autism U-Knighted Walk, where they raised over \$600 for Friday Knights and Dylan's Wings of Change, an organization based out of Sandy Hook in memory of Dylan, a boy with Autism, who was killed in the Sandy Hook massacre.

Minority Association for Pre-Medical Students (MAPS):

MAPS is a branch of the Student National Medical Association and they are focused on assisting students on the pre-medical track. They went to the MAPS Regional Conference, where students could interact and network with current medical student and medical professionals to learn about their experiences. MAPS held a suturing session, where students learned how to suture a wound, Wheel of Fortune, a MCAT overview meeting, and a CPR Training event.

National Association for Music Education (NAfME):

NAfME is primarily designated for music majors, as their focus is to foster student involvement through conferences, clinics and workshops. NAfME has put on Music History Bingo, Karaoke Night, and several different workshops. They have also had very successful fundraisers, like bake sales and NAfME T-Shirt sales.

Natural Science Association (NSA):

NSA is a club geared toward science majors and concentrators, but is open to anyone who likes science. This year, they held a trip to the Boston Aquarium, where they

could walk around the aquarium and explore Boston. They have had many different events throughout the year, such as, Element Bingo, Science Jeopardy, and the Mr. Wizard show. They also sold candy grams at Halloween and Valentine's Day for students to purchase and send to a friend.

National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA):

NSSLHA had a very successful year. In November, they held an event called "Just Keep Smiling." During the event, they raised \$750 that was donated to help provide surgeries for children with cleft lips and palates. Throughout the year, they had many professional developments, like Graduate School Application workshops, a session on Transgender Voice Modification, and a workshop on Augmentative & Augmentative Communication.

Psychology Club:

This year, the Psychology Club held many events through their meetings that discussed various topics. They had a very successful chocolate-covered pretzel fundraiser throughout the Spring semester. Students in the Psychology Club were able to attend the Eastern Psychological Association conference in March where students were able to present their research.

Student Art League (SAL):

SAL is a new club this year open to any student who has an interest in visual arts. Even starting as a new club, they have hosted many events. They collaborated with AIGA for a casino night, they hosted ARTsgiving, where students can come for a potluck luncheon, a card making workshop, Art Prom, which is an annual networking event, and a Maker's Showcase of the Arts event put on for the opening of The Senior Show.

School Psychology Association (SPA):

SPA is a club composed of graduate students studying psychology. This year, SPA attended the New York Association of School Psychologists Conference where they presented their research and were able to network with professionals in the psychology field.

Social Work Organization (SWO):

SWO is a club composed mainly of students studying social work, but they welcome students of all majors. This year, they held two successful stress relief mixers where they had raffles and other stress relief activities for students to participate in.

Youth Education Association (YEA):

YEA, formerly known as the Capital District Association for the Education of Young Children, hosted many events and professional developments throughout the year. Professional Developments were held on topics such as music in the classroom, technology in the classroom, lesson planning and professionalism, behavior management, and LGBTQ+ in the classroom. They also held KidsFest, an event where 110 children from the Head Start program came to campus and participated in many different activities like arts & crafts, face painting, and parachute games.

MATTHEW EISNER
DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS
FOR THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

This has been my first year as the Director of Special Interest Groups for the Student Association. Though I am retiring after this year, I believe that I have been able to set a positive example for subsequent Directors to come.

At the beginning of the fall semester, my co-chair, Theresa Belfance (Director of Academic Activities) and I put on the annual PB and Jams event, creating peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for organizations that would be given out to their respective populations. This event allowed students to participate in community service right here on campus. As a community, we made 3,396 sandwiches and donated the rest of the supplies to ensure we did not have any waste. In the spring semester, we put on two more events, St. Baldrick's Day and Stuff the Van. St. Baldrick's Day consisted of money being raised for people to shave their heads in support of children with cancer. Overall, we rose over \$5,000 with the help and dedication of the community service committee and the Student Association Executive Board. Lastly, Stuff the Van features one of the Student Association vans being parked on campus for students to donate clothes and linens. All of these events embody the mission statement, set out by The College of Saint Rose.

From a personal standpoint, I could not be happier with how Student Association has succeeded this year. As a member of the executive board for various clubs, I was a staunch critic of this organization. However, as a Director, I can see how incomplete my thought process was about Student Association. This is a group of individuals who come from various backgrounds to try and do more for the students. This year, we have taken political stances and have made great strides in listening to the students and creating change based on what they would like to see. It has truly been one of the greatest honors of my life to be able to sit as the Director of Special Interest Groups and make change manifest.

BASIC (Brothers and Sisters in Christ)

BASIC is a club on campus that means so much to the individuals within the club. They have some of the most devoted members I have seen. They attend a biannual conference and open it to the entire campus, so students can network with other students of faith. This year, they have done a few fundraisers, brought speakers to campus, and participated in community service.

Best Buddies

This year has been one of the best years for Best Buddies. They have won Club of the Year and have been incredibly active. They have done 9 fundraisers and have held amazing events like the Friendship Walk, Easter egg hunts, and held a holiday party. They have also been instrumental in weaving their buddies (students with IDD) into our Saint Rose community. I am so excited to see what Best Buddies does in their future endeavors.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters holds events on campus for “little brothers” and “little sisters” of the Albany community. This is more of a mentorship-oriented club that puts on amazing events for Saint Rose. This year, they have increased their numbers and are on-par with the average number of “little brothers and sisters” with the Capital Region Chapter. They are a wonderful addition to Saint Rose and I hope they continue their great efforts.

Colleges Against Cancer

Colleges Against Cancer is one of the largest clubs on campus. This year, I have been so proud to have overseen them. They finished one of the three most instrumental events on campus, Relay for Life. They raised over \$17,000. Their event was from 2pm-2am in the Nolan Gymnasium due to the weather, but it was an incredible event. They have also done smaller events like Testicle Festival (for testicular cancer awareness), “Are you Kidney me (for kidney cancer awareness)?” and other events and fundraisers. I am immensely proud of how far they have come and what they will do for next year.

Crate of Apes

Crate of Apes is a fairly new club on campus that is an improv comedy club. They have done so well for being a new club. They have flourished since becoming SA approved, selling raffle tickets and participating in collaborations. They are absolutely hysterical and I am so excited to be able them succeed, as well as, go to their showcases.

Environmental Club

Environmental Club has gone through some difficult times this year; however, they have been able to regroup and finish the spring semester very strongly. They ended with Earth Week, which included activities like tree planting at a local elementary school, flower planting at Saint Rose, and collaborating with many other clubs. They have also decorated birdhouses throughout the beginning of the spring semester.

Geeks of the Round Table

Geek of the Round Table has done very well this year. They have created events to cater to their students and I am happy to see how well they have done. They have held a lot of bake sales and hosted a game tournament and mega-game, which included a large tabletop role-playing game. This club means a lot to their members and allows for a small niche on campus to flourish.

Identity

Identity has done exceptionally well. Their executive board has revolutionized the club for future years. They have brought in their advisor to be more active, as well. Along with Colleges Against Cancer, they have one of the most instrumental events on campus, the

Drag show. It is always one of the events that are most looked forward to. In addition, they also put on an entire week for LGBTQIA + pride and allies. They also brought HIV and Hepatitis C to campus, so students could get tested for free. They have also hosted over 5 workshops to teach the campus about LGBTQIA + issues and how to better support.

International Student Organization

International Student Organization has had a rough year as well, with the large portion of their executive board leaving after the fall semester. However, they were able to rework their club and do exceptionally well during the spring semester. They raised over \$200 from a henna fundraiser they hosted, which is outstanding. They've also hosted an international dinner, which was well attended. This next year, they should be more consistent and have a well-experienced executive board.

Spectrum

Spectrum has done many well-attended events. These include an Afro-Caribbean celebration, Orgullo Latino, Black Expo, and they were able to bring one artist to Roserock. They also rebranded themselves this year to have a topic of discussion at every meeting. There have been some issues with paperwork, however, with a little more training; they have the potential to be incredibly successful. I look forward to seeing and attending all that Spectrum hosts next year.

Ultimate Frisbee Club

Ultimate Frisbee Club is a unique club. They focus entirely on Ultimate Frisbee, whether that be for attending tournaments or selling their own, custom-made Frisbees. They have grown into a successful club this year. Their team is very cohesive and they are starting to attract more first-years on their team. I can't wait to see how they progress in the future.

SONIA MORREIRA
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION

I started my Student Association journey as the Executive Assistant. After that experience, I was inspired enough to run for a Directorship. I chose the Director of Social Activities because I believe nothing brings people together like a good time. My goal was to diversify as well as be more inclusive with everything I tried to do. This position has given me such amazing opportunities to grow, both personally and professionally, among some other amazing student leaders.

As the Director of Social Activities, it is my job to oversee and advise two of SA's largest clubs: the Student Events Board (SEB) and the Music Industry Student Association (MISA). I oversee their budgets as well as track their progress through the year. Other than that, my other duties include planning and executing some of SA's most traditional events. I plan the SA Interest Meetings at the beginning of the year. I put on two club fairs and two blood drives (one per semester). This year I also planned Harvest Fest and Rose Rock.

Student Events Board (SEB)

The Students Events Board is the largest club on campus, in terms of event frequency and budget. SEB consists of a President, Vice President, and Chair positions for Senior Events, Trips, Semi-Formal, Musical Entertainment, Novelties, and Comedians. This year has proven to be one of the toughest years in SEB history. SEB faced the resignation of their first President in early August as well as multiple resignations in the fall semester. They filled those vacant positions and faced one resignation in the spring. Despite that, each position worked hard to continue to put on the events they are known for. Here is a small summary of the positions and their achievements this year:

The Senior Events committee did a great job with putting on their 21 and over nights each semester. They held themed senior meetings as well as reinvented senior week. This year, senior week includes a Senior Luau, a Lucky Strike Social, Wing Night, a Senior Cruise, and a Senior Farewell. Most of the senior week events have been sold out for a while now.

The trips committee did something different this year by putting on more local trips. They strived to show us what the Albany area has to offer, as well as taking us far away from it. We went to Salem in the fall and Boston and Buffalo in the spring.

The semi-formal committee did an amazing job this year as well. We had a semi in the fall and the spring, each at different amazing locations. They included great DJs, photo booths, beautiful centerpieces, and nice semi favors. Semi was a sold out night each semester.

The musical entertainment committee put on successful events as well. They held two well attended coffee houses with outside musical performers. They also put on a series of musical trivia and guess the lyric type events as well.

The novelties committee did a great job this year is planning outside of the box events. They had a brownie bake off, night of the walking dead (Halloween themed events), as well as a selfie scavenger hunt run over social media. This committee worked very hard in planning events that involved many different components so that there was something for everyone.

The comedians committee did a great job at bringing a wide array of comedic acts to campus. Each of their events were well attended. Many of the comedians they brought to campus were very funny and willing to take pictures and autograph things for attendees.

Overall, SEB did have a rough year in terms of leadership. They struggled to get people to come to their smaller events. However, I do commend the chairpeople for doing their best to continue to put on events for this campus. I have high hopes for SEB next year. The leadership they have in place for next year seem to be much stronger than this past year's. I know they will only do better from here and I look forward to seeing that.

Music Industry Student Association (MISA)

MISA came into this year with a more experienced board than most. They knew what they wanted to do and when they wanted to do it. They held tons of open mic nights that also saw great attendance. They were more active with the community outside of music majors this year. They did some open mic nights in collaboration with other clubs in order to raise money for charitable causes.

This year, MISA saved money in order to put on a huge end of the year concert which featured the band The Hotelier. Over 100 students attended. Other than that, they

also help with Rose Rock. They brought the band called The Districts and provided day of help to the Rose Rock committee.

MISA will have a well balanced board of experienced and new people next year. I know that they will continue to succeed next year.

Harvest Fest

Harvest Fest was a huge success this year! The theme was Fantasy Fest in which St. Joseph's Auditorium was made to be an enchanted forest with two unicorn cutouts welcoming you. We had a very diverse lineup of student bands battling for a chance to be the opener of Rose Rock. We has bands that described their sounds as R&B, Rap, Alternative, and Punk Rock. Over 350 students came out for the events and voted for their favorite band. The winner, who also won by a landslide, was Mark Manning and TSB.

We had a variety of SA clubs provide small fantasy themed games or giveaways during Fantasy Fest. This year we saw a huge amount of students stay until the very end of this 4 hour event. I can't wait to see what happens next year!

Blood Drives

We hold two annual blood drives. We do one in the fall semester and another one in the spring. This year, we had over 200 students show up to donate at both drives. The staff often cannot keep up with how many students drop in to donate. We were able to produce over 150 productive units of blood this year.

Rose Rock

I spent the entire year planning Rose Rock. This year, we saw the most accessible forms of headliner voting, but reported much lower participation than past years. We also offered a much more diverse list of initial headliner options as well. After three rounds of student votes, our referenced checked winner was 3OH!3. They are a Hip Hop and Rap group. Rose Rock also had performances from Mark Manning and TSB, who won Fantasy Fest, Clear Mind, and The Districts.

Rose Rock was also beach themed! We had a beach balloon arch to take pictures under and had themed shirts as well. We also had three inflatables as well as fried dough. All of the food and activities were free for students to celebrate the end of a full academic year. Despite small showers that occurred on the day of, Rose Rock still had over 500 students in attendance.

The incoming Director of Social Activities is Rebecca Ford. She is a freshman Criminal Justice major. She has a drive to be involved and is very enthusiastic about all the trials and good times this position has to offer. I think she will do an amazing job in this role. I look forward to all the great things she has in store for us.