

Hailey Calderon

Educators Rising

2/27/2023

Educators National Officer Essay 2

How will I help grow our family?

I want to grow and strengthen our organization by going to schools all across Arkansas. To put this into more depth, I want to go to each school that doesn't have the Educators Rising program to educate and promote what we do and how amazing this program is. From experience I tend to listen more to students who are in a program and have actually experienced what the program is about rather than an adult who is just relaying a message. Students are able to connect with other students on many different levels that a teacher or adult can't do. When an adult tries to educate the youth many think it is a lecture and will find it uninteresting, whereas when students come up and talk about their experience many will feel like they relate and would want to join. I feel it would be beneficial to have a slideshow of all the fun activities we do like trips, competitions, and most of all the people we meet.

I feel as though to strengthen our organization there should be set rules. I know we have rules and expectations. Rules as in if teaching isn't in your future please don't take opportunities from others who it may help. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier just be kind and courteous of others. Many kids will join a program because it looks good on a college transcript but will often not do anything. So many people run for office and make it but then don't reach out to anybody or put forth any effort when it comes to their position. Some also join even though it has nothing to do with career path and, as stated before, to help them look good for college applications and good colleges. Wanting to become a teacher or anything related to that

takes a lot of work and many times the people that are just in it to be in are taking opportunities away from others who would actually benefit from these positions.

As for achievable efforts we could do, I think we should give back. We already giveback so much yes but to help grow this organization sometimes you have to give a little extra. Even if it is just helping a student with their lunch debt. That helps put our organization out there and more people will see our name and want to learn more about it. When I first heard about it I was interested and wanted to learn more. As I become more involved with my community and this group I've come to realize that I do enjoy teaching and helping others. Sure, I don't want to be in a classroom teaching traditional things to one grade, but I do want to teach. I want to be a zookeeper who teaches all ages. Not only could promoting this organization at my dream job benefit this organization, but would also help those who want to teach but not in a classroom setting.