

Hello fellow MERT members, my name is Nicholas Frankiewicz and I am running to be your PR Officer! For those of you who have not yet met me, I am currently an 803 in our organization and enrolled in the EMT class; I plan to apply to the 802 program this coming spring. I am a freshman from Buffalo, NY and love that I was given the opportunity to serve our campus through MERT!

To be an effective PR Officer one should have past experience in the capacity to do their job, as well as the enthusiasm to do their job cheerfully. I have the qualifications that are needed and I have the enthusiasm to carry out the job cheerfully. In the past I have been in Boy Scouts where I learned invaluable First Aid skills, as well as leadership skills. I was the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, in charge of pretty much everything, from getting our meetings started and coming up with great ideas for future things to do, to keeping the meetings on track. I have also worked in scouts, many times, to get our members involved in programs and campouts that they want to do. In the past I was also the secretary for my high school's chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society. In this role I was in charge of the secretarial and public relation functions. I was my job to let everyone in our school know what our group would be doing in the future, such as about our fundraisers and about our future meetings, as well as helping the new members get acquainted to the group. In addition, I have the enthusiasm needed to excel as your Public Relations Officer! I am so enthusiastic that, and it embarrasses me to say it, I had been emailing Sanuja about the application process since before the end of last June! In the last few months that I have been an 803, I have taken numerous shifts and have thoroughly enjoyed being able to help our campus!

Through my time as PR Officer, I want to continue with many of the awesome things that our current PR Officer has worked on! But I also want to improve some things and fix things that may have not been seen as needing addressing. For example, in my time as PR Officer, I want to continue the Preceptor/Preceptee program that has really helped me especially, get acquainted to this amazing organization! (Shout out to Brian my Preceptor!) I also want to work with other facets of our organization to improve our website, as this is a very important part of how people outside the organization view us! I want to, for example, update the photos under the "About" section to better show our current membership, as well as show how active we are in our community! I would also love to work towards creating another promotional video, for example, depicting MERT's role in an MCI, if we were to have one during training week! I also want to rework the "PR" section of the member dashboard to allow the user to be able to see what events are coming up that they might be interested in, and be able to sign up for those events, or to suggest an event they want to see! But I would definitely keep the member of the month section!

I would further love to work towards educating the school population about MERT and how we are there to help! This could be in the form of seeing if MERT could share the space of a UHS bulletin board, or working towards getting our own! Additionally I want to continue a project that Sarah is working on. I want us to be able to get T-Shirts that we would be able to wear to events such as co-sponsorships, to be able to identify us and allow us to be seen out in the community, and allow us to interact and talk informally with the student population! Furthermore, I want to work towards holding CPR classes for students, with our own instructors, to increase our visibility and be able to interact with the general student population! I would also love to work towards having blood pressure screenings, as they can be a great way to interact with the general population and be visible within it. But most importantly I want to do activities that the MERT membership, that's you, wants to do! I am very open to ideas and meeting people and would love to hear your ideas!

Thank you very much for your time and consideration!