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Dear Lisa,

Upon his telling me, I could not think of another person more deserving of the Fee Waiver Scholarship for SEAHO 2008. Even though Ryan Roche is one of the newest members of our professional team, he has been involved in the Department of Residence Life & Housing since he was an undergraduate at Emory. Throughout this time, he has successfully assisted in building community among our upperclass and graduate communities through programming and operations responsibilities.

Now, as the Complex Director of a graduate community, Ryan has been able to extend those experiences to his current position. Ryan was able to successfully coordinate the opening of an existing apartment complex that the University is leasing. No one had the foresight to see what challenges and opportunities this community had in store for our department and we were confident that Ryan could effectively handle anything that our department encountered. Along with the assistance of both our operations and residence life staff, this graduate community has allowed us to provide more on campus housing for graduate students and Ryan has been the "face" of our department for this community.

In addition to his daily responsibilities, I had the pleasure of team teaching a class with Ryan to a group of our returning RA staff during the fall semester. His own experience as a student staff member and his graduate education allowed him to offer an interesting perspective on each topic that was discussed. He often took on the task of making sure that we were well prepared for the weekly class and his assistance was a great asset to our success. Having Ryan in class as a team teacher was a delight, he added a dimension that made our class more meaningful to undergraduates. I know I certainly enjoyed his presence.

One would think that opening a community and assisting in the coordination of our RA class would be enough to completely fill one's plate. Ryan, however, also assists our department in developing our sustainability efforts throughout our residence halls. This spring, he is planning to involve our Residence Hall Association in order to address each community on an individual basis since there is no "one size fits all" method to involving our residential population in recycling and other sustainable practices.

I truly appreciate Ryan's dedication not only to our department, but also to Emory University. His involvement within the alumni community affirms this and extends his desire to provide back to his alma mater. We, as a department, are grateful of Ryan's hard work and dedication and we expect many more great things to come.

Should the Awards and Recognition Committee have any questions or require further explanation, I can be reached by phone or email at 404.727.7631 or ajtrink@emory.edu.

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