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I am excited to be applying for the opportunity to work as a Resident Director at Oregon State University. I have four years of experience working in Student Life and two years of experience working with College Housing Northwest that would be directly applicable to my ability to thrive in this role. I am very interested in becoming a Resident Director and have reached out and met with a number of current Resident Directors, UHDS staff and an Area Director at OSU. I have also spoken extensively about being an RD with my friend Rebecca Jo Schaffeld, who was a Resident Director at OSU.

During my MBA I was a Graduate Assistant at the Career Development Center before staying on full time for two years in the Office of Student Life. In these roles and while working as an Instructor I have always worked to build and develop community and to provide opportunity for students. As an Instructor, the Dean of Agricultural Sciences wrote in my review, "You do a wonderful job creating an open, welcoming, supportive atmosphere. It's clear your students feel at ease." It would be my goal to bring this same energy and community building to my role as a Resident Director. My goal would also be to create respectful communities where the policies of University Housing and Dining are enforced. My professional work experience has given me hands on experience handling student conduct issues and resolving conflict in a positive and uplifting manner.

I feel strongly that it is important for students to connect socially and engage with the many activities and resources offered to them as members of the OSU Community. While working at the Career Development Center and in the Office of Student Life I helped to organize and run many events attended by thousands of students. I also helped to recruit, hire and supervise our team of undergraduate students. If selected as a Resident Director I would love to be able to work with the Resident Assistants, Community Relations Facilitator and Academic Learning Assistants to create an environment where residents can thrive academically, socially and personally. Finally, in my most recent role at the Basic Needs Center I was able to support students who are struggling both personally and financially. This knowledge would be important to creating a welcoming environment where students feel supported and cared for.

As an out of state student attending OSU I know how important the community I found in the Resident Halls was and my goal would be to create this experience for others. I hope that I have the opportunity to speak more about my background and interest in this position.

Thank so much,
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