Have Spanish House

Resident Application

Academic year 2017-2018

**Application Deadline: Friday, Feb. 17th, by 5pm**

**Mandatory Room Assignment Meeting for selected finalists: Thu, Feb 23rd, 11am-12pm, JRC 203**

**Name:** Oleksandr Yardas

**Class:** 2020

**Major/s:** Undeclared (most likely Physics/Spanish double)

**Have you lived in the Spanish House before?**

No

**Are you a native speaker of Spanish?**

No

**Please list the courses you have taken in Spanish at Grinnell.**

Spn-105

Spn-106

**Please list the courses you plan to take in Spanish at Grinnell during academic year 2017-18.**

Spn-217

Spn-285

Spn-204

Spn-205

**Have you been approved for off-campus study next year?**

No

**If yes, indicate the program:**

**Semester Off-Campus:**

**Indicate the name of an alternate student who would fill your space in the house if you have already identified somebody.**

**I will ONLY live in the House if I can have a single room:**

The point of my applying to live in the house is to be involved in a community whose pillar is the Spanish language, which is independent of my rooming situation. Restricting my options to one form of room or another does not aid or hinder my participation in the community.

TL;DR

I would want to live in the house regardless of my rooming situation.

**I would prefer living in a single, but do not mind a double:**

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I would prefer living in a double, but if that is not an option I would be happy with a single.

**Please list name of your roommate:**

I am planning to be roommates with Langston Thomas, but his application is contingent on other things, so it comes to be that he is not applying/does not get accepted, I would be happy being paired up with another student. If that is not an option I would take a single.

**Are you committed to speaking Spanish in the public/shared spaces of the house? Please describe how you will take advantage of this opportunity.**

I am extremely committed to speaking Spanish in and outside of the house. For me, living in Spanish house is an opportunity to expose myself to the language at a level which I hardly get in day to day life at Grinnell, excluding classes of course. I have been trying to involve myself as much as possible in Spanish language oriented activities and events activities (Cultural hour, Spanish Table, Spanish lab, studying and talking about academics in Spanish, etc.), but it can be hard sometimes to do ALL of these and balance my other academic obligations. Living in Spanish house would give me the chance to be a part of an entire Spanish language environment daily, which, for me, is something that would be impossible to not take advantage of. But I also hope to contribute as well, by being an active member of the Spanish house community, hosting activities (game night, movie night, cooking, music, study sessions, etc.) in Spanish.

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Yes I am committed, and I would take advantage of the opportunity by using all the resources available to me to help improve the community dynamic as well as outside involvement in the community by hosting and participating in, events and activities.

**What other types of events or activities would you be interested in helping to create or organize at the Spanish House next year?**

I would be very interested in hosting and/or helping to host a periodic event where residents cook and serve traditional Hispanic foods and include a short presentation on the history and cultural significance of the foods. Some research would be required, but the process of making and eating the food is a good way to get people interested in the culture.