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**NRHH President of
the Year
Patrick Calderon**



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SWACURH

COOKIE RUN
sweet escape adventure

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Patrick Cookie & the Team



Patrick is a Biomedical Engineering major who is involved in campus by being part of many different organizations at UH. He is a part of the Filipino Student Association, UH Biomedical Engineering Society, and a Living Learning Community called IMPACT. He collaborates with a food service group in UH called UHFoodie. Patrick helps by being an experimental control for them when their programs are on.

A Natural Servant-Leader

Patrick takes naturalized leadership positions in the IMPACT LLC when no one steps up to do it. He ensures everyone is having a good time and doing their job. If someone wants to lead, then he holds back his leadership and allows them to take charge.



NRHH x IMPACT Collaborations

He especially worked with IMPACT to bring some of the NRHH members in some day wide volunteer work and collaborate with more organizations. One of the members had learned more about food insecurity and started allocating their time towards the project they're passionate about.



Helping Others Succeed:

"Not gonna lie, I wouldn't have known about this if Patrick hadn't told me about this"

—Joshua (IMPACT)

Patrick's Seasonal Missions



★ Get new members

Then he was able to get some new members into the chapter advertising the values of NRHH. By advertising these values, some candidate members saw that these values coincided with their own and started coming on their own volition.

★ Get a full executive board team

The beginning of the year was effortless as he was able to get a full executive board through an arduous interview process with each qualified person ensuring both social and studious aspects would be maximized to the fullest degree.



Three Stars for the Missions

He had always done exceptional work beyond his presidential duties. In the UH NRHH constitution, the work of a president works minimally in the planning process and executing process; however, he defies that and wants to work with everyone! How can the president be called a leader if he's not working directly with it? He works more personally on the behind the scenes with one of the Hall councils.

Keeping it Lively in NRHH

To keep members active, Patrick had revived an old method of keeping members active. He started using a point system.

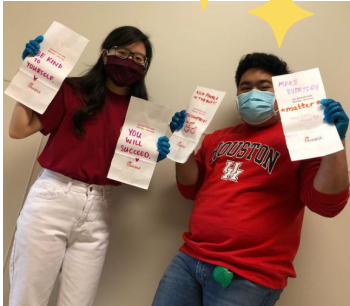
The point system allows for members to keep track of themselves and get their incentives. When a person has reached a certain number of points, they receive some Swag gear to better represent UH and push for better gear.



The Legendary Team Comp (1)



The president had planned alongside his executive board plans for the year. The first semester of having the executive board was to get them to familiarize with the responsibilities needed at a pace to where they can be self-sufficient. He had worked with their executive board by planning programs, having fun, and ideas for the semester by having 1:1s. They take ideas that have been used before, positively modify it, and execute plans when the time comes. He generally takes part in all of the planning for the chapter and interacts with the other NRHH executive board members on what to do next.



Writing encouragement on Chic-fil-a bags!



Banner that thanked Metroclean!

Cookie Toppings Fully Utilized

The nominee has used their executive board to the fullest. He had enacted four new board members. Vice President (VP) of Service, VP of Recognition, VP of Operations, and VP of Membership*. He has weekly executive meetings on how everyone is doing and ensures the goals are completed by the next executive meeting. Through the VP of Service, we constantly look for ideas to help set everybody up or if something was sponsored by the university or organizations, we advertised for it. Through the VP of recognition, we had to look for people to recognize on campus, especially the ones on housing. The main people to recognize were the professional staff and student workers. The biggest event was to give each professional staff a DIY mug kit and student workers in housing a gift bag of healthy items and a fidget toy for their trouble. Through VP of Operations and Membership, they would have a three-person one on one as their positions were somewhat similar and allowed for more freedom from their roles. They set up gaming socials and what to buy for the students having accumulating points.



The Legendary Team Comp (2)

Fully Hybridizing Cookie Toppings with RHA

Patrick and the NRHH organization work very tightly together. Patrick is a part of the executive board in RHA. He acts as a liaison for NRHH telling new information to the RHA executive board and is part of the general assemblies that happen every two weeks. He tells new information to the hall council representatives and puts his input on the legislation for constructive criticism. Patrick is also a part of the roundtable discussions for RHA. He is scheduled to offer assistance and answer any questions for anybody who showed up. At the end of the roundtable, he even included an activity to put up a recognition event planning proposal for the professional staff of UH housing.



Soaring Compassion for the Values



Increasing Recognition

To increase recognition in the residence halls, he was able to create some resources for the residents. He created flyers that were posted by the recognition chairs in their individual residence halls and left a couple of flyers of how to create an account on the website and tips and tricks on creating a campus-award winning OTM. The recognition chair made some certificates to award to the writer of the OTM and give it to the winner.

Increasing Service

To increase service in the chapter, Patrick and the VP of Service had scoured across campus to find interesting and different volunteering opportunities for the candidates. He talked with some organizations that focused on housing the homeless called Refugee Advancement Through Humanitarian Aid or even another organization about educating the people on campus about food insecurity called Cougar Cupboard.



Volunteering Cookie

One of his favorite service event is during Thanksgiving, he grabs anyone on campus, including commuters, and brings them along to the City-Wide Club for Thanksgiving preparation. They volunteer all day so that cans are organized, food is prepared, and the stadium is decorated for the people.

His Value as a Support Cookie

One of the values Patrick tends to go for, is to complete work efficiently. His leadership style is a Laissez-faire type of leadership. He allows full reign of programs by others to let executive members have control and execute their plans. He jumps in when things go wrong and fixes it. Others are really thankful for his actions and ability to stabilize the situation.



The Ovenbreak Bonds: Overcoming Adversity



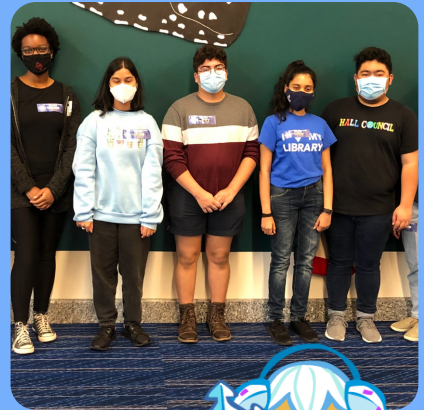
Patrick learned how to overcome adversity in one of his residence halls he was assigned to. There was a new community mentor that had no experience leading a hall council. This created challenges of hiring and leading HC events due to lack of training. They both scheduled a 1:1 on a Friday afternoon to discuss how to lead a hall council group and their responsibilities on working with us. He had asked Patrick multiple questions that had lasted an hour and a half and he had answers to almost all of them. It did not even feel like a regular meeting; it felt like meeting a new person and befriending them. After the meeting, the community mentor was able to act as a leader and guide the hall council members to the best it can be. Patrick also overcame challenges of limited COVID budgeting and transitioning to face-to-face meetings by mobilizing his executive board.



Development with the Professional Cookies

Patrick had personal connections with different RAs and CMs about their thoughts on what they want for the new school year; with a new year comes better changes.

By using his personal connections, he asked them what their thoughts were on certain things in a friendly manner to obtain information and constructed a student staff appreciation program. They felt better getting these items.



Regional + the World Exploration



Conference spirit with the UH RHA delegates!

Patrick has been involved in some parts of the region especially the questions and chats in the area. Every NRHH focused chat in the beginning of the 2022 school year, he was able to join before the suspension of the positional chats.



Patrick has been involved in the recent conferences at NACURH 2021, RLC 2021, and including this conference!

In RLC 2021, Patrick had surprised us by receiving a silver feather pin. He conversed with his fellow RHA members and generally had a fun time!



Posing after RLC!

To the SWACURH Selection Committee:

I am writing to express support for Patrick Calderon for NRHH (National Residence Hall Honorary) President of the Year. I have known Patrick for many years, and I have firsthand witnessed his passion for NRHH and supporting the chapter. I have had the pleasure of seeing Patrick grow both personally and professionally during my time as an RHA/NRHH advisor and have been able to see how his initiatives have contributed to the overall well-being of other RHA (Residence Hall Association) and NRHH Members.

Patrick currently serves as the President of NRHH at the University of Houston and has played an integral part in the advancement of NRHH. Patrick joined NRHH as a member and grew into his leadership role as the President. His many years of service in this organization have been an upward trajectory as he has been able to utilize his passion for servant leadership to empower others to grow alongside him

Patrick's commitment and involvement is not limited to NRHH. Patrick represents residents by serving as their voice on campus matters. Patrick serves on several university committees to help the residential voice be heard on matters that impact their experience. Often, the residential voice goes unnoticed, and Patrick can take their concerns and opinions to the committees he sits on so that committee members do not forget about the huge population of students that are living on campus

Having worked with Patrick, it is with immense pleasure that I recommend him for the SWACURH NRHH President of the Year award. Patrick has clear goals for his future both in and out of NRHH and I can honestly say that he is doing everything he can and more to accomplish those goals.



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NACURH Board of Directors,

It is our privilege as the SWACURH Regional Board of Directors to write this letter of support for Patrick Calderon from the University of Houston for NRHH President of the Year. As NRHH President, Patrick has been instrumental in the growth of UH NRHH this year, as well as demonstrating an amazing commitment to service, recognition, and the honorary. Additionally, he has shown great participation and an outstanding commitment to recognition and support throughout SWACURH spaces.

As an NRHH President, Patrick has made huge strides for the growth and progress of the chapter. He's spearheaded initiatives to increase awareness and resources surrounding food insecurity, and restructured the way that their chapter engages current members to increase participation. Additionally, his modifications to the NRHH executive board and reframing of the chapter's initiatives in goals has truly revived their commitment to the pillars of the honorary and vastly increased excitement for the organization. He's also one of our most active NRHH representatives in the region, actively assisting in parli-pro assistance and bid discussions, as well as having a perfect attendance record for NRHH chats.

With his clear goals, commitment to his campus and the honorary, and execution of his goals and more, Patrick has been able to make real changes in his NRHH chapter and within the region, and has served to uplift the pillars of NRHH in many facets. Due to all these factors and more, we are proud to endorse Patrick Calderon from the University of Houston's bid for NRHH President of the Year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ducky Love,

SWACURH Regional Board of Directors

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