

## Day in the life of a SGA President:

On Monday morning I walked into my office at 8:30 AM and checked emails that I had already received from UMSL's Chancellor, a Vice-Chancellor, two directors, and a handful of other UMSL administrators. Then I had a meeting in Woods Hall at 9:00 that lasted an hour in which we talked about parking on the campus. That was followed by a meeting at 10:00 with the Blanch Touhill Performing Arts Center where we are working on an open house at the Touhill and also planning a big name (yet to be announced) performance for UMSL students in the spring. Even though every administrator says that class comes first, the job of SGA President doesn't come without its sacrifices. I had a midterm at 11:00 that I was late for because of the Touhill meeting. After class things have slowed down some. I had a break for lunch and worked on some homework. Then it was off to another meeting, this one about the USA Today Readership program (which is where students can pick up a free copy of the USA Today, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the New York Times at various locations around campus). Following that meeting there was a meeting on the Metro Link Pass Program (where students can buy a discounted Metro Link pass, but we are trying to make it free). Not all days are this full, but today was defiantly one of my busier meeting days. However, this weeks agenda includes finding students for a Financial Aid Advisory Board, working on our Red and Gold Campaign (which we are getting "Go Tritons!" banners put up in local business, starting a collectors cups series, and various other initiatives for school pride), putting the finishing touches on a Campus Housing Guide, and many other things that we are working on all before our next SGA Meeting which is this Friday.

The job is a very stressful one but I would be lying if I didn't say that I enjoyed it very much. It has its perks, such as dinners and receptions with people I would have never met normally (to name a few: Governor Matt Blunt, other state officials and St. Louis Cardinals' executives and players). One thing that I can't help but think about during all of this is how Sigma Pi is responsible for everything. Things that I have learned during pledgship such as time management, respect, and not quitting have helped me everyday and in every meeting. However, the thing that has helped me most is our motto, progress. We are not perfect and we will never be perfect, but what is important is that we strive for perfection. As Student Government President I am not perfect and I will never be perfect, but everyday I strive to achieve those ideals that Sigma Pi has taught me.

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