



*Amanda Bush is
Shooting for the Stars*

*Bid for Michigan
Regional
Communications
Coordinator*

*GLACURH 2002
University of Wisconsin-Osh Kosh*



November 15, 2002

Dear National Communications Coordinators,

I am pleased and honored to be bidding for GLACURH's Michigan Regional Communications Coordinator position. My name is Amanda Bush and I am a third-year student at the University of Michigan. I am a former NCC, and have served the past six months as the Michigan RCC.

Halfway through my term as NCC last year, I became filled with an unyielding passion for GLACURH. When Jeni, the former Michigan RCC, transferred to Iowa, I was more than willing to step up and fulfill her term. I feel that my previous experience as an NCC helped make this transition smooth.

Now that it is November, I have had 6 months experience in the position of RCC. While I have learned and done a great deal, there is still much more to be accomplished. I am in love with this organization and its people more than ever. If elected, I would be devoted to serving you and your schools' needs as a leader, a resource, and as a friend.

My theme for this bid is shooting for the stars. I have large goals for the region, the Michigan sub region, myself, and for you all. I want to support you all in reaching your maximum potential as student leaders, and as student organizations.

I would feel privileged to serve you and your schools on the Regional Board of Directors for the 2002-2003 school year. I want to help us shoot for the stars together so that we all may shine bright during our journey over the next year.

Much GLACURH Luv,
AMANDA BUSH

Amanda Bush
Michigan Regional Communications Coordinator, 2002

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars." -Les Brown

Constellation Chart - Who is Amanda Bush???

Here are a few fun facts about me:

Favorite Number: 46, 137

Birth date: March 8, 1982

Hometown: Freeport, MI

Favorite Movie: Dirty Dancing

Favorite Color: Pink

Concentration: Women's Studies

Favorite Food: Ice Cream (Anything But Chocolate Flavored)

Previous Voyages - Past Conference Experience

- ❖ GLACURH 2000 – Conference Delegate
- ❖ NACURH 2001 – NCC
- ❖ GLACURH 2001 – NCC
- ❖ No Frills 2002 – NCC
- ❖ NACURH 2002 – NCC/RCC

Also Program Presenter:

"I'm Not a Barbie Girl in this He-Man World"

"Billionaires, Belly dancers, and Bombers"

- ❖ Leadership Connection 2001 – Weeklong campus leadership program

Support from my home Galaxy

I am grateful for the extended support of my host institution, the University of Michigan. The Residence Halls Association has agreed to support me financially (not to exceed \$200) and with office facilities. The Housing Department has agreed to support me with a van and gas as long as it is available when I need it.

"It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves." William Shakespeare

Shining Bright - Campus Involvement

2000-2001

RHA Newsletter Committee - Editor
Markley Hall Council - RHA Representative (1st semester)
Markley Multicultural Council – RHA Representative (2nd semester)
University of Michigan VARSITY Track and Field Team
Michigan Co-ed Wrestling Club - Founder and President
UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program)
College DECA - Delegation Spirit Leader
Move-In-Makers - Volunteer
Euchre Club

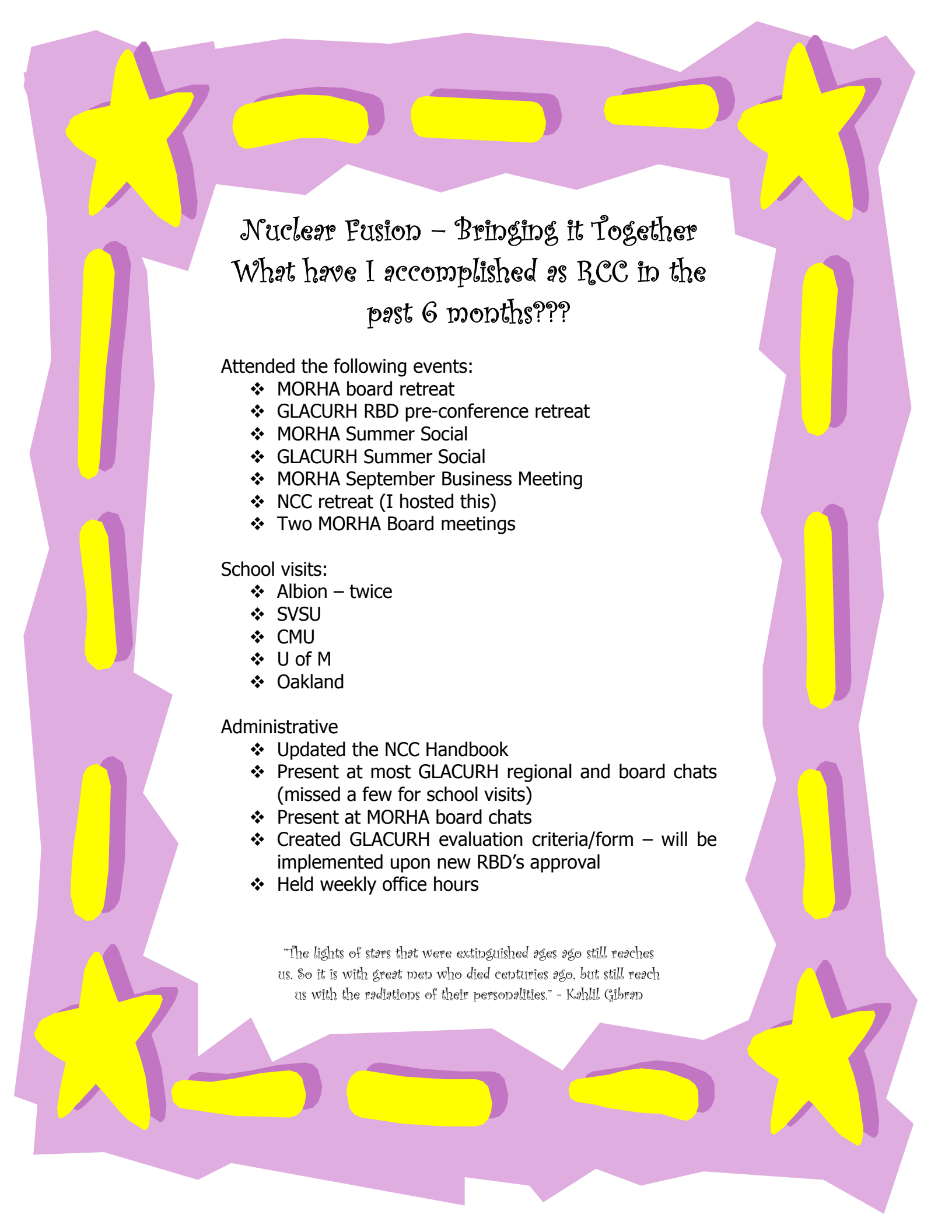
2001-2002

RHA – Vice President for National Relations/NCC
RHA – HSCR(Housing Student Conflict Resolution) Committee Director
Michigan Co-ed Wrestling Club – President
Institute for Social Research – Clerk
Move-In-Makers – Volunteer
Detroit Project Day 2002
Academic Peer Advisor (APA) for Summer Orientation

2002

GLACURH - Michigan RCC
Resident Advisor – Alice Lloyd Hall
RHA - RA Representative for Lloyd
Facilitator – Women’s Studies 100 – Women’s Issues
Peer Academic Advising Office – APA
New Life Church – Member
Campus Crusade for Christ
K-Grams - Pen pal

Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground. –Theodore Roosevelt



Nuclear Fusion – Bringing it Together

What have I accomplished as RCC in the past 6 months???

Attended the following events:

- ❖ MORHA board retreat
- ❖ GLACURH RBD pre-conference retreat
- ❖ MORHA Summer Social
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- ❖ MORHA September Business Meeting
- ❖ NCC retreat (I hosted this)
- ❖ Two MORHA Board meetings

School visits:

- ❖ Albion – twice
- ❖ SVSU
- ❖ CMU
- ❖ U of M
- ❖ Oakland

Administrative

- ❖ Updated the NCC Handbook
- ❖ Present at most GLACURH regional and board chats (missed a few for school visits)
- ❖ Present at MORHA board chats
- ❖ Created GLACURH evaluation criteria/form – will be implemented upon new RBD's approval
- ❖ Held weekly office hours

"The lights of stars that were extinguished ages ago still reaches us. So it is with great men who died centuries ago, but still reach us with the radiations of their personalities." - Kahlil Gibran

Aiming High - Goals for 2002-2003

ACCOUNTABILITY

- ❖ Maintain a visible presence in GLACURH – I will accomplish this by promising to make it to every chat feasibly possible and attending all functions
- ❖ Submitting monthly reports

ACTION

- ❖ Work more on retention – visit every member school at least once before GLACURH 2003
- ❖ Recruit at least two schools
Here are the ones I am pursuing – Oakland (former GLACURH school), Siena Heights, Michigan Tech, NMC, Alma, and Marysgrove.
- ❖ Re-update the NCC handbook
- ❖ Attend at least one other sub-regional conference

COMMUNICATION

- ❖ Talk with at least one RBD member from each region every month
- ❖ One non-IM communication with each NCC/month

"Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny.

" – Carl Schurz

Things I'm working on Improving

- ❖ Not a member of NRHH – only know about its functions from working with Nathen – GLACURH RAD, and members
- ❖ Procrastination – I almost always get things done on time, but sometimes I don't get them done to the last minute. I'm working on improving this by setting concrete deadlines for everything
- ❖ Having personal time – I sometimes forget that I'm a person too and need to take time away from GLACURH, school, and RA responsibilities to stay healthy. Every two weeks I am going to take a "me day" where I attempt to escape and refresh myself
- ❖ Response time in emails/IMs – Sometimes I forget to flag important emails and they will get buried in the mass that I accumulate everyday – I am working on flagging messages that I cannot respond to immediately
- ❖ School visits – I wanted to visit every school in the Michigan sub region before GLACURH, the short amount of time that I was elected to did not allow this to happen

Strengths

- ❖ Experience as NCC
- ❖ Experience as RCC
- ❖ Goal Oriented
- ❖ Multitasking ability
- ❖ Open to Constructive Criticism
- ❖ Passionate about GLACURH
- ❖ Friendly, Approachable, and full of Energy
- ❖ Huge network of resources – contact with other RBDs from NACURH and other NCCs across the region and nation
- ❖ Glass is half full – optimist
- ❖ Almost always online

"Reach high, for the stars lie hidden in your soul. Dream deep, for every dream precedes the goal." - Pamela Vaull Starr

November 1, 2000

Dear National Communication Coordinators,

It is with great privilege and honor to be writing this letter of recommendation for Amanda Bush for Michigan Regional Communication Coordinator Position. I have known Amanda for the past year and a half in my capacity both as Conference Co-Chair and also Director for the Michigan Organization of Residence Hall Associations (MORHA). For the past while, I have seen amazing things happen under Amanda's leadership both as National Communications Coordinator for the University of Michigan and also in the short time that she has been Michigan RCC.

When I first met Amanda, I was blown away with the energy and passion that she has for RHA. I could see the excitement in her eyes when she would talk about what her RHA was doing and how GLACURH had inspired her to become a better student leader as well as help her school's RHA become a better organization. Amanda just sparkles when you talk with her; her ability to connect with people and motivate them to make a difference is truly a talent that Amanda possesses. No matter if you are speaking with Amanda in person or in an online conversation, you can tell that she is listening intently, always looking for a way to reach out and get to know you. This ability to connect with others has truly made Amanda an impactful person to work with.

Amanda has served as an ex-officio member on the MORHA executive board member since her appointment into the RCC position in May. Though Amanda may be an ex-officio member, she certainly has been anything but outside of the MORHA Executive Board. Amanda has attended our Board meetings, monthly business meetings, as well as our summer Executive Board retreat. Amanda has offered advice, helped with problem solving, and has been intrical in keeping MORHA connected with the region. Amanda meets with the NCCs at every business meeting and reports the NCC's needs to the MORHA Executive Board. Amanda challenges us think how we can remain connected to GLACURH and how the organization of MORHA can aide in the development of the NCCs. Amanda has also planned retreats for her NCCs and has visited several Michigan Schools in the past few months giving presentations and showing her support.

Amanda has certainly been a motivator to me as Director. I value her positive attitude, aggressive communication skills, and impressive work ethic. Amanda is large part of the MORHA Executive Board and her talents have helped shape the success of MORHA. I have no doubt that Amanda will do all of these things for the region of GLACURH and for her NCCs that she represents.

I only see positive things happening from Michigan with Amanda as RCC. I can think of no better person to represent the needs of Michigan to the region than Amanda. It is without hesitation that I recommend Amanda Bush as your next RCC. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call on me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Much GLACURH love,

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November 6th, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of Amanda Bush to bid for Regional Communications Coordinator (RCC) for the Great Lakes Association of College and University Residence Halls. For the past few months, the Residence Halls Association (RHA) at the University of Michigan has helped support Amanda financially as RCC by providing her with use of a copy machine, telephone, and transportation when needed in addition to other issue.

This past Thursday the RHA Assembly voted to approve support for Amanda in bidding for the RCC of Michigan. This support would allow her the use of a copier, long-distance telephone, fax machine, and any other supplies that may be needed. RHA will also cover up to two hundred dollars in expenses made by Amanda during her term.

Amanda has also been showing her dedication to her position throughout the last six months as RCC in addition to her very busy life at the University of Michigan. RHA would like to see Amanda attain the position of RCC and feels that she would do a great job of looking out for the rights of all schools within Michigan.

Sincerely,

TIM WINSLOW

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RHA President, 45th and 46th Session

