

**JUSTIN LEE**

*Student Leader of the Year*

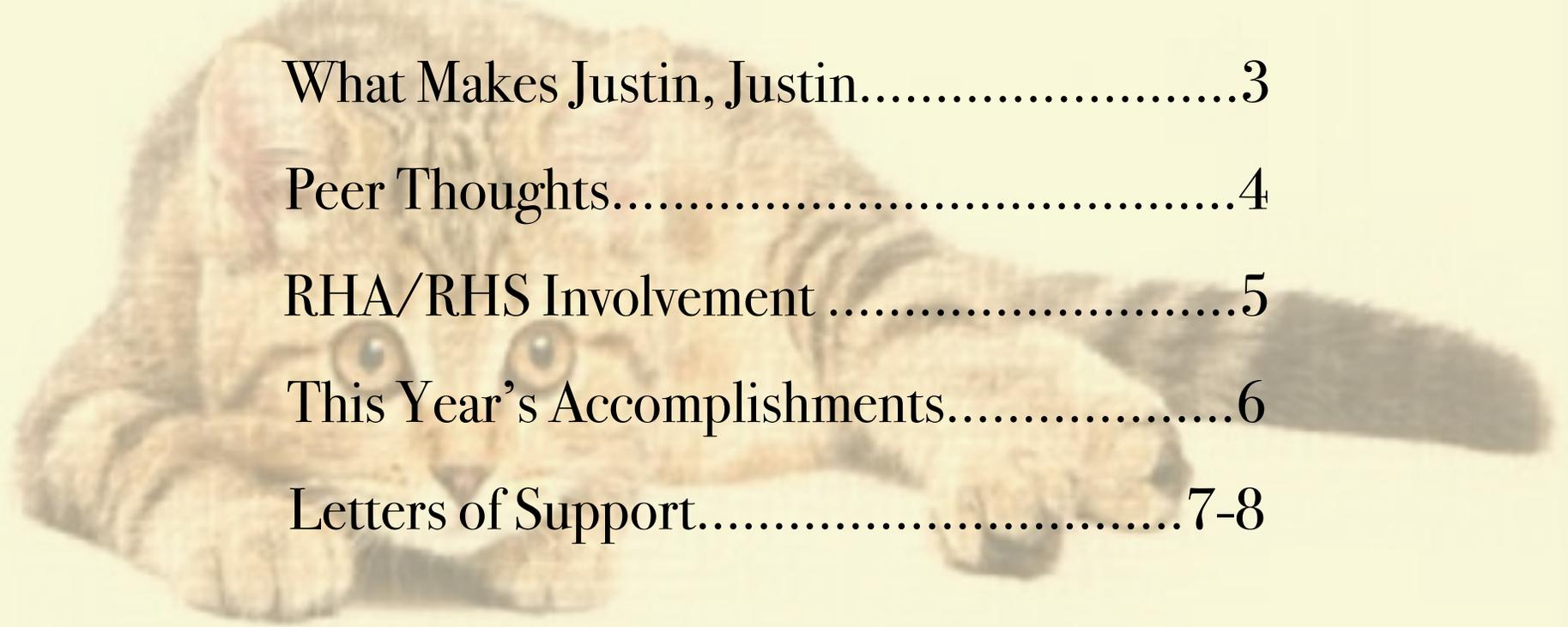


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# INTRO

**Hometown:** Kennesaw, GA

**Major:** Psychology/ Communication Studies

**Year:** 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Position:** Residence Hall Studios (RHS) President

**Previous Position:** RHA Representative

Fierce Pierce Award Winner

GRHO Delegate 2014-2015

NRHH Member



# *What Makes Justin, Justin*



His mono-toned voice, permanent unimpressed face, attempts to have any sort of relevant fashion. His passion for anything of the feline variety, learning, adventure, outdoors, helping people, the simple life; so many things can describe the person who Justin is. He is very driven, but can turn it around in a second to tell you a joke that is so hilarious that you have to bend over a clutch your stomach. Justin Lee is overall a humble guy that should be recognized more often for what he does.

# Peer Thoughts

“Justin is one of the hardest working, dedicated, and truly authentic people I know. I think all of those qualities have transferred over to RHS really well in that he’s managed to form a team of equally hardworking and dedicated people who strive to make the best content possible. I count myself very fortunate to call Justin one of my best friends and it’s an honor being able to see him work though RHS this year.” **-Jessica Keever, RHA Vice President**

“As a person, Justin is a straight up honest guy who isn’t afraid to say what he thinks. He’s honest about opinions, but also very dedicated to discussion and broadening his horizons. He values science and is passionate about it, especially psychology. He commits fully to the things he loves and enjoys and it’s inspiring to know him as a friend and colleague. As President of RHS, Justin is very business-like, but also very humorous. He creates deadlines, pushes his exec board to perform to the best of their abilities, and enjoys working with other organizations. Justin is driven and has set goals in mind for creating an RHS that the university can be proud of. He has a strong passion for film and theatre, and he uses that passion to fuel his drive in building RHS up.” **-Alex Lutgen, NRHH**

“I have never met a more inspirational and hardworking man than Justin Lee. He truly epitomizes University Housing and the Residence Hall Studios. His passion for this organization is just as illuminated as his face against his computer screen the many nights he spends working away. Justin is the type of person that you know you can call at any time and he would be willing to help you in any situation. My level of admiration continues to grow as I see the wonderful work that he does for everything he is a part of. If there were ever a person worthy of Student of the Year, it would Justin Lee. Plus, he gives the most exceptional hugs.” **-Morgan Pippin, RHA NCC**

“Justin Lee again and again goes above and beyond the expectations set upon him. He is worthy of Student of The Year because in both his leadership role in Housing and his studies, he is constantly challenging himself to not take the easy path, but to learn and try new thing to learn more about his leadership potential and the subjects he is learning about.” **-Joshua Schwartz, RHA President**



# RHA/RHS Involvement

## RHA

He first heard about RHA from a close friend that suggested that he joined this organization to gain positive connections within housing, but once he got into RHA, he quickly realized that this organization was more than that. He immediately saw that this was something that he could stay with for the entirety of his college term. Figuring this out, he began with his residence hall where he ran for the RHA representative of Payne Hall Council; because this was such a small residence hall, less than 200 residences, he won this position by a default. Through this, he grew to love and enjoy all the people within his council and the organization and he even garnered a nickname, #LustinforJustin.

## RHS

He began in RHS his freshman year of college. He first heard about it at Exec 'N' Rec during a presentation for Chris Carpenter. With his previous experience with directing for his high school theater and his founding club, Creative Writing Society, he was quite intrigued by this organization. While never actually working with film, he quickly took on the challenge of running a film production and studio.



# *This Year's Accomplishments*

For the 2015-2016 year of his time as the Residence Hall Studios President, he plans to reinvent this program by implementing these three points; education and recognition, news and entertainment. For education and recognition, he plans to do a monthly research spotlight on different opportunities around campus and doing a Georgia History Series to highlight the historical buildings on campus. In the news part of his plan, he is planning on doing 5 minute weekly new summaries and improve upon the television show, Classic City Bark. Lastly, for entertainment, Justin plans to create a parody "Reality" show and also improve upon another one of RHS' shows, College Code.





January 28, 2016

Dear Voting Representatives,

I want to first thank you for taking the time to review this bid. An exemplary amount of work and time has been dedicated to recognize a student at the University of Georgia who has first-hand improved not one, but two organization that directly benefits the residents. It is with full faith that I offer complete support for Justin Lee as Student of the Year. Justin's high-level motivation, diligence, and commitment to improving both Residence Hall Studios (RHS) and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) while still being a high caliber student at the University of Georgia continue to impress his peers.

When I first met Justin, he immediately struck me as quiet visionary. He offered opinions that were well thought out and valuable to the task at hand. Throughout the semester, it has been inspiring to watch Justin grow as a leader. Justin is also the epitome of a team player. He never fails to put the needs of his fellow executive members and the UGA community above his own, and always comes through on his commitments. There has never been a time that I have witnessed Justin not willing to dive into a problem to help his fellow board members or friends, whether it was an organizational challenge or simply help with homework.

Since his election, Justin has diligently sought to leave a lasting impact on RHS, and he has certainly done so already. He has spent countless hours editing videos to ensure they are aired on Housing 12, a channel University Housing owns and gave to RHS to broadcast its productions. He has built a lasting relationship between RHS and RHA that hasn't been capitalized on before, labeling key areas of growth the help both organizations fulfill the mission and provide opportunities for the residents. Not only that, Justin continually applies academic initiatives and goals to RHS productions, reaching out to the Media Productions department, teaching video editing classes, and incorporating new RHS members into existing productions, to name a few. While accomplishing all of this, Justin also successfully balances serving on both the RHA and RHS executive boards, and continuing to maintain and academic excellence.

I believe that Justin is deserving of the Student of the Year award because of the profound impact his work has had on not only RHS, but RHA and the residents of UGA. His passion and hard work have already taken RHS to new highs. I wholeheartedly support this bid and hope you see how worthy his is of this title as well.

Sincerely,

*Josh Schwartz*

Josh Schwartz - President  
Residence Hall Association  
University of Georgia



January 29, 2016

It is a genuine pleasure and honor to recommend Justin Lee for Student of the Year. I have come to know Justin very well over the past two years with his involvement in the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH), Residence Hall Association (RHA), and Residence Hall Studios (RHS). He is currently an Executive Board member with RHA and is the President of RHS. RHS is an organization that provides a creative outlet for residents through film production, writing, and other forms of media. Finished productions are aired throughout the residence halls on channel Housing-12 for residents to enjoy. Members are responsible for every aspect of production which includes writing, filming, and editing, thus creating an open environment for personal growth and experience. His work with RHA and RHS is phenomenal.

I have been in an advisory role for the past ten years and I can honestly say I have "NEVER" met a student quite like Mr. Lee. When I met Justin in the fall of 2014, he was a first year student trying to find his niche. I believe he accomplished his quest of self-discovery through his involvement in RHA. He possesses a hunger and a thirst for excellence and success for students. Through Justin's leadership our RHS has grown by leaps and bounds. As a student leader in housing he assisted his peers in understanding civic engagement and responsibility. He became a part of our organization during a critical administration crisis and shift. Through his work, he was able to help the organization "rethink" the importance and necessity of each position along with their duties and responsibilities. Justin was not afraid to say "no" or give an encouraging "yes" during difficult conversations. He single handedly restructured the administrative needs of RHS. In our department Justin serves as a Desk Assistant (DA). In speaking with those who supervise Mr. Lee, they mention his positive attitude and the ability to bring an optimistic perspective to any situation, dedication and timeliness in completing tasks, his organization skills, and how he consistently exceeds all expectations. I believe Justin's experience in housing and student leadership makes him the Student of the Year. This young man is "AWESOME." Mr. Lee is highly recognized and respected on campus. Every day is a new adventure with Justin. He is the student that gets "IT."

It is simply a joy to work with Justin. He is confident, kind, and an all-around good person. His positive attitude and outlook on life is contagious. His sense of humor and ability to work with others is amazing. He is the type of person who can take "lemons and make lemonade". He is truly the Student of the Year.

Sincerely,

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