Why did you want to be an RA?

I wanted to be an RA because I was genuinely excited to be a leader and a role model for Loyola students. I had a strong desire to be able to guide and teach my residents, as well as forming deep and personal connections with them. I know how difficult it is to be in a new environment, and as a freshman RA I want to be able to show my residents that I am there for them if they need me for absolutely anything!

What has been your favorite part of being an RA?

As an RA, I really love having the ability to plan extravagant events for my residents. I always make sure I am getting tasty snacks and having fun activities/crafts for them to decorate their dorms with. Being part of those events has really provided my residents with a safe space to be creative and have a good time!

How has the RA role supported your future goals?

The RA role is able to provide me with leadership experience, as well as improving my skills with students. As a future nurse, being an RA will have given me the tools to be able to handle my patient with the utmost care and give them the best quality of life possible.

A favorite program you have planned and implemented?

My favorite program would have to be the movie night I hosted! My dorm theme is Student Ghibli, and I called my event 'Painting, Pizza, and Ponyo'! My residents and I were painting on canvases while watching Ponyo and enjoying a fresh hot cheese pizza. We got to indulge in hot chocolate, tea, and popcorn as well. It was so fun!

Why do you think others should be an RA?

I think more students should consider being an RA because of the opportunity to enhance their leadership skills. As an RA, you are able to interact with a multitude of different people from different cities, countries, and backgrounds. It is an excellent way to diversify your knowledge of people!