



Resident Assistant Grace

Major:

Political Science
and Sociology

Pronouns:

She/They

Year:

Senior

Why did you want to be an RA?

I applied to be an RA because I wanted to feel a sense of belonging at Loyola! My first year of college was completely virtual and I felt disconnected from the campus and my fellow students. In becoming an RA, I have been able to find my place at Loyola while also assisting students with their own journey in college!

What has been your favorite part of being an RA?

My favorite part of being an RA has been being able to build community with my residents. I have really enjoyed helping first-year residents explore how to navigate college and be a mentor for them to go to if they have questions or need advice.

How has the RA role supported your future goals?

The RA role has greatly improved my public speaking and administrative skills. I feel much more comfortable talking to large groups, which will certainly help me in my future career in public service. Through planning programs and completing other administrative tasks, I have bettered my organizational and time management skills as well.

A favorite program you have planned and implemented?

My favorite program I have planned was called "What Toppings Do You Want?" and it was centered around making pizza and consent. Residents had the opportunity to make pizzas with their peers while practicing how to communicate about consent. My residents really appreciated this program because they were able to learn about a relevant topic while also making food with their friends!

Why do you think others should be an RA?

You should apply to be an RA because you the position makes you feel very connected to the Loyola community! I've made so many friends with other RAs and have made great memories. The RA role is also very fulfilling and the work is meaningful, which makes it much more enjoyable.