

University of North Carolina Wilmington's
Very Own Captain Planet



Scott Busiel

SAACURH 2007
Student of the Year Bid

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Captain Planet (Character and Personality)

To say one is like Captain Planet is an amazing compliment but if anyone deserves this high compliment, it is Scott Busiel, RHA's Vice President of Programming for UNC Wilmington. He is a sophomore at UNCW who is majoring in Marine Biology with a minor in Leadership Studies from Woodstock, Illinois. With that sentence, he sounds like a typical student yet he is unlike anyone else on the campus of UNCW.

Captain Planet had planetees who encompassed many different aspects of the world in which they inhabit. Kwame (Earth) is always taking a leadership role. Gi (Water) loves marine biology as well as being a team player. Mai-Tai (Heart), the youngest planeteeer has such compassion and care for everyone. Wheeler (Fire) has his heart in the right place and does the best he can. Linka, (Wind) provides the analytical and practical side.

Captain Planet incorporates all of his planetees in him and even though Scott has a much larger group to draw energy from than Captain Planet, he manages to combine all the aspects of earth, water, heart, fire and wind. Scott is the Vice President of Programming for Residence Hall Association (RHA) but he is the *heart* of the executive board. His truly gives all his *heart* in everything he does which he does without a question or complaint. He creates this *fire* that makes the rest of the executive board and general body want to be a part of what he has such a passion for. He is providing the gust of *wind* for people to get involved and for himself in working to create a bigger and better RHA. *Water* is the most abundant aspect of this world and Scott is abundant in the world here at UNCW with his activities in RHA and in other organizations on campus. Like the *Earth*, Scott does change and he has grown so much this past year by giving 110% to everything he does.



Don't tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with the results.

--George Patton

The “Earth” of our Captain Planet (Involvement)

✦ RHA Involvement

🌍 Vice President of Programming School Year 2006-2007

🌍 Created large scale programs for RHA

■ Summer Sizzle – Back to School Summer Party

- Involved coordinating entertainment, food and games for residents to enjoy

■ All-Star Volleyball Tournament

- Coordinate with Area Chapters to make sure all areas were represented to play in a tournament of volleyball

■ The Price is Right

- Worked on the UNC Welcome Back committee and past VP of Programming and his programming committee to create the famous game show

🌍 Created and maintains a Programming Committee

■ The Programming Committee meets every two weeks to work on details for large scale programs for RHA

■ Successfully continues to use the programming committee to has a vital role in RHA and continues to have support for the programs

✦ Area Chapter Involvement

🌍 Seahawk Village Area Chapter: President 2006-2007

🌍 Coordinates all other executive members to help plan programs for the Area

🌍 Helped to build an amazing first year Area Chapter

🌍 Tri-House Area Chapter: Vice President of Public Relations 2005-2006

🌍 Created all advertisements for major programs

🌍 Created a backdrop (sheet painted like a forest with snow on the trees) for Tri-House’s Snowball (Winter Formal)

Give me where to stand,
and I will move the earth.

--Archimedes



The “Water” of our Captain Planet (Extra Curricular Activities)

- ④ Honors Scholars Program
- ④ National Residence Hall Honorary
 - Top 1% of Student Leaders on Campus
- ④ 2007 UNC Welcome Back Committee
- ④ Campus Recreation Advisory Committee
- ④ Co-Captain of Razzle Dazzle Flag Football Team
- ④ Office Assistant at Center for Leadership Education and Service (CLES)
 - Helps to organize volunteer and leadership programs for CLES
 - Goes above and beyond title of office assistant
 - Always looking for ways to help with out being asked to do so
- ④ Usher, Cashier and Ticket Seller for Classic Cinemas Woodstock Theater in Illinois
 - Has worked there since 2002 and continues to be a dedicated employee when home for summer and breaks
 - Given several honors
 - Top Salesperson
 - Classic Cinemas Scholarship
 - NATO Scholarship



Like swift water an active mind
never stagnates. --Author Unknown

The “Heart” of our Captain Planet (Community Service)

- ✦ Work for the Center for Leadership Education and Service
 - Attended an Alternative Fall Break Trip to Washington, DC
 - Helped in a homeless shelter during the week (4 Days)
 - Planning an Alternative Spring Break Trip (9 days) to Mobile, Alabama to do a Habitat for Humanity build on the Gulf Coast
 - Planning a Break Trip to Guatemala with the Full Belly Project in May to construct peanut shelters for a community
- ✦ Working with the Village Area Chapter
 - Halloween Carnival (3 hours)
 - Set-up a booth for underprivileged children to play games and get candy, which gave them a safer Halloween
 - Adopt-a-Family (Thanksgiving)
 - As an Area Chapter, we raised money and bought a turkey dinner and sides for a family
 - Angel Tree (Christmas)
 - As an Area Chapter, we raised over \$120 and bought gifts for 2 children
 - Canned Food Drive (Collaborate with Greek Orgs.)
 - Coordinated a weeklong food drive and collected over 200 cans for a local food pantry
 - Seahawk Village Clean-Up (2 hours)
 - Worked to better the community through a simple clean-up
 - World Aid’s Day
 - Cut red ribbons and made pamphlets for World Aid’s Day then distributed them to all of the residents in the apartments on campus
- ✦ Working with Classic Cinemas: Woodstock Theater
 - Wednesday Morning Movie Series (1 hour each week for 3 months)
 - Work with younger children every Wednesday before a movie showing by playing games and handed out prizes

A good exercise for the heart is to bend down and help another up. -- Author Unknown



The “Fire” of our Captain Planet (Awards and Achievements)

- ☀ Winner of NCARH’s Student of the Year Award
- ☀ Dean’s List
 - ☀ Cumulative GPA out of 4.0 scale: 3.95
- ☀ Chancellor’s Achievement Award
- ☀ Cornerstone Leadership Award
- ☀ Silver Seymour -- Of the Month Award
- ☀ SAACURH 2006
 - ☀ Part of the “Most Spirited Delegation”
- ☀ Residence Hall Leadership Conference 2007
 - ☀ Part of Village Area Chapter in a conference hosted by UNCW’s RHA
 - ☀ Awarded the “Most Spirited Delegation”
 - ☀ Awarded the “Best Role Call”

The inner fire is the most important thing mankind possesses.
--Edith Sodergran



The “Wind” of our Captain Planet (Goals)

- ⊕ Planning to graduate in May 2009
- ⊕ Planning to become a professor and teach to college students or possible work for a government organization to do research
- ⊕ Also considering working in student affairs dealing with leadership on a campus
- ⊕ Continue to be a leader for whoever he can inspire!!!

Thought is the wind, knowledge the sail, and mankind the vessel.
--August Hare



January 24, 2007

Members of the SAACURH Student of the Year Selection Committee:

My name is Greg Steele, Residence Coordinator for the University Apartments and Belk Hall and RHA Advisor at the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW). Scott Busiel is our Vice President of Programming and I have been advising him since August of last year.

You do not have to talk to Scott to understand how much he enjoys life, everything he does and everyone he comes in contact with along the way. All you have to do is either see that infectious and ubiquitous smile of his, or hear someone speak in nothing but superlatives about who he is, what he does and how passionate and dedicated he always is; either way, odds are you will end up smiling as well. You see, that is the effect Scott has on everything and everyone; he has a good outlook on life, maintains a positive attitude and believes his approach to life acts as a morale booster for everyone else. And you know what? He's right.

As well as being a great person, Scott is so successful because he is an even better leader. As our Vice President of Programming, Scott is responsible for turning ideas into campus-wide successes. And even though Scott gets a lot of help from a lot of people, a lot would not get done without his guidance, leadership and support. In addition to his smile, outlook and attitude, Scott brings unparalleled amounts of passion and dedication to each and everything he does. Whether it be planning a huge programming or organizing a small meeting, Scott gives all he has to get all he can out of everyone around him. People see that, people love that and try their hardest to reciprocate that back to him, to impress him as much as he impresses them, to not let him down and, above all else, to try to enjoy it all even a fraction of how much Scott always does. You cannot help but have a lot of love and respect for someone who has so much love and respect for everything and everyone around him.

Yet, even though I struggle to speak in nothing but superlatives about what Scott has done – and continues to do – as a student leader on this campus, it is how he balances that with what he does in the classroom that has me giving him my highest recommendation for your Student of the Year Award. In addition to finding success in almost every arena outside of the classroom, it is the excellence Scott maintains in the classroom that makes his aforementioned accomplishments that much more impressive: he is majoring in Marine Biology and maintaining a 3.95 GPA.

But what makes this all even more impressive than it already is, is the fact that Scott has achieved all of this in less than two years here at UNCW. And if you knew Scott, you would know that he already has his sights set on bigger and better things; in spite – or because – of all that he has already done, he knows he can do even more and will not settle until he has. And I, like everyone else, am eager and excited to where his future takes him and us...

Sincerely,

Greg Steele
RHA Advisor

January 24, 2007

Dear SAACURH Student of the Year Selection Committee:

After having worked closely with Scott over the last two years, it is with honor and pride that I recommend him for Student of the Year 2007. Scott has been impressing people with his dedication to all he does since he first started at UNCW and became involved with the Tri-House Area Chapter as the Vice President of Publicity. This year, Scott is RHA's Vice President of Programming and continues to inspire us on a daily basis. One can always rely on Scott for a smile and loves to make people laugh. His enthusiasm for RHA is contagious and he positively influences all of those around him.

Scott is also the President of the Seahawk Village Area Chapter. Seahawk Village opened this year and contains six apartment-style buildings designed for upperclassmen. Although it is generally harder to get upperclassmen involved on-campus, Scott has made the Village one of the most successful area chapters. He has accomplished so much, started traditions, and continues to lead an executive board that respects and admires him.

I have the privilege of working with Scott not only in RHA, but also in the Center for Leadership Education and Service (CLES) where we both work. Scott's hard work is consistent in everything he does and he brings that dedication to CLES everyday. He was hired as an office assistant but continually goes above and beyond his job expectations. Instead of doing the bare minimum his job requires, Scott is always looking for ways to help other people. He has stepped up and is leading a Spring Break service trip, something an office assistant has never done in the past.

As president of RHA, it is important to have executive board members that are passionate about their job. Scott's passion continues to amaze me; his upbeat spirit always puts me in a better mood and he is someone I always know that I can rely on. Sleep is last on Scott's priority list and never fails to accomplish what he sets out to do. Scott also has a Programming committee that meets every two weeks and has a tremendous impact on the programs RHA sponsors. Scott is the first VP of Programming to successfully have a Programming committee. He aims high, but works hard and is successful at what he does.

Working with Scott is a pleasure and always gets me motivated to do good things for the on-campus community and everyone else we work with. RHA is a much better organization because of Scott's dedication and we are truly lucky to have such an amazing individual on our executive board.

Sincerely,

Kelli Mercurio
RHA President