

Paige O'Connor



Classification: Senior

Major: Child Development

Hometown: Tulsa, OK

What organizations are you involved in?

Kappa Kappa Gamma and Phi Upsilon Omicron

Where do you volunteer?

I have volunteered numerous places throughout my college career, but this year I have chosen to be apart of Washington Regional hospitals healthcare team as well as Children's Therapy T.E.A.M.

Why do you volunteer?

At the beginning, helping my community through serving was all about building my resume and doing something to be proud about. Not long after being given such wonderful opportunities to help others, I grew to have a greater appreciation for humanity and for the lives that I am able to

reach. Volunteering has helped me step out side of my comfort zone and see a different part of my self, a part that I enjoy. It has been a wonderful experience for me. My friends and family have been able to see the joy it brings to me, which is why they have started volunteering themselves. Looking back through my acts of service, my resume may be complete and I can say I have volunteered for X amount of hours. However, the most important thing to me now is that not only have I been able to have an impact on others lives, but they have also had a significant impact on mine! With that said, the reason I volunteer is mainly to make a difference as well as to give something back to my community and lend a helping hand to people and organizations.

What is your most memorable volunteer experience?

I have had many memorable experiences, but if I had to only choose one I would have to choose one that is humorous. A year or so ago I use to volunteer at a local elementary school. As I was there I would tutor young children in kindergarten who needed extra help with certain subjects. The one on one time spent with the children really benefited them. One afternoon I took a young boy in the hall to practice writing his name on a dry erase board. As he wrote his name several times, I decided to write my name for him. I showed him the board and said, "What does that spell?" He shrugged his shoulders, "I don't know." I explained to him, "It spells my name, Paige." He replied, "Then turn it!" Children really do say the darndest things!

Who is the person you admire the most?

The person I admire most is my sister. She is hardworking, ambitious, resilient and giving to others. She is just as pretty on the outside as she is on the inside and has a heart full of gold!

What is your favorite quote?

"It's not where you end up, it's the path you take to get there" - Phil Robinson