

# Giglio represents positive outlook

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Tucked away at the bottom of an e-mail signature is the famous quote, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." The philosophy is that of Mahatma Gandhi, though the e-mail belongs to Paul Giglio, a student who is working to make that mantra ring true for The College at Brockport community, one step at a time.

The sophomore has already accomplished quite a bit in the less than two years he has been on campus, most recently spearheading Brockport's chapter for the Rochester-area Polar Plunge, an annual event warming up funds for the Special Olympics. Paul has been coordinating the program for the campus with other students, working toward making Brockport the "Cool School," yet again, earning a free concert from WBEE.

The event planning and organization, which Polar Plunge provides, is something Paul enjoys. The International Business and International Affairs double major would like to pursue a career in business. His knack for organizing events, programs and galas could transfer into his own business someday.

"Hopefully, one day I can use both of my majors to open an event planning company that would specialize in big international events, such as the Olympics," he said.

With smaller events, the MacVicar Hall community has gained Paul's commitment and event planning skills, as he became a resident assistant this year.

"My favorite 'job' is being an RA," he said. "I definitely enjoy being with freshmen in MacVicar Hall. The community, the people and the staff are all wonderful, warm and full of energy. I have the most fun with my staff and the quality time that we spend together, singing songs, programming and just being great friends."

Above all else, Paul serves the on-campus community as a member of the Brockport Student Government board of directors, taking office as an on-campus representative.

"Paul is a diligent, hard-working individual, whom possesses a high degree of maturity, which exceeds his years," said BSG Vice President Bill Keating. "He has been a pleasure to work with, and I see him accomplishing a great deal for the BSG in the years to come."

When considering colleges in high school, Paul applied to 13 total colleges, including some Ivy League schools. Brockport was the last school he applied to, but was drawn to it for the Delta College program.

"The Delta College Program was the selling point for Brockport because it enables the student to

take their core-curriculum courses in a different setting that enhances group collaboration, discussion and a new twist on learning," Paul said. "The Delta College students are very closely knit and many strong and everlasting friendships are developed and formed through the close interaction with one another."

Besides Paul's success in the Delta College program, he has enjoyed his time on campus.

"I really do enjoy the atmosphere of the campus, not to sound cliché," he said. "I like the campus size, big enough to reap most of the benefits of a university, but small enough to have that intimate feeling with your classmates, professors, etc."

Within the Delta infrastructure, Paul is the Delta College Student Association Treasurer and a Delta College mentor.

In the rare moment Paul is not working on something related to his many activities, he enjoys hanging out with friends and playing piano. Movies, skiing and backpacking are other activities that come to mind in free time, but above all, catching up on sleep is important to the busy bee.

"I usually hang out with friends, put in a good movie and cuddle up in my sheets or just take a nap because I am usually exhausted by that point when I have free time," he said.

"Paul is extremely busy on campus being an RA and On-Campus Rep, among other positions" said senior Jeremy Becker. "That being said, he always finds time for his friends. I couldn't ask for a better friend." Friendship is important to Paul, lending an ear or a smile to friends in need.

"I bring a positive, optimistic attitude toward life," Paul said. "Most of the time, I am very laid back, however, am able to knuckle down and be very productive. I feel that my professional attitude helps lead to my good work ethic, but at the same time, I am fun, funny and full of energy."

Paul Giglio is a first-class servant to the college community and on-campus students in particular," said junior and fellow on-campus representative Nathan Herbert. "He works tirelessly to improve The College at Brockport through his resident assistant, tour guide and board of director positions. It has been a pleasure to work with Paul on the board of directors.

With all things combined, it is without a doubt Paul has made an impact on the campus, and those around him.