

ARCHBISHOP MAY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS – *Where Are They Now?*

NICK THIELE – 2016 awardee

1. Was there a key influence at Dukesne that prompted you to be so interested and involved in service? Please give specifics if possible.

The Key influence in getting me involved with service at Dukesne was the environment, specifically the seniors when I was a freshmen, as well as Key Club. Coming into Dukesne my brother was a senior, a big group of his friends were all in Key Club and encouraged me to apply. The environment Dukesne provided me with this group of students in Key Club made it incredibly easy to get involved with service and just love doing it along side all my friends. It's easy to get involved with service in an environment of students that all enjoy going out and doing it.



2. Have you continued to be involved in service in your life after Dukesne? Please give a few examples, if possible.

I have continued my love of service throughout my first year of college. I joined the Blue Key Honor society at Truman State University, which is an organization that is very similar to Key Club. We meet weekly and discuss service opportunities and get involved in the community. Outside of Blue Key, I'm the service chair of Beta Theta Pi on campus and have started weekly service projects within the chapter, specifically at the local Take Root cafe and humane society. Last Spring Break I went on a mission trip to Trinidad and Tobago with the FOCUS Greek group. I totaled over 100 hours of service my freshmen year of college, and look forward to continuing my term as service chair, running for the exec service position this semester and continuing in the Blue Key Honor society. I'm also starting up and leading an IFC Bible Study and I teach PSR at the local catholic grade school on Wednesday nights.

3. We know you've done a lot for others; what do you feel you've gained in the time you've spent in the service of others? What have you taken away from the experience(s)?

One of my favorite quotes is one from Jackie Robinson, " A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." I have loved this quote ever since I saw it, and one way to do that is through service. I've definitely developed as a person through serving others, and it helps to put things into perspective. It helps to be thankful for what I have been given and help others who are not as fortunate as I've been.