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Dear Magnified Giving volunteer,

My name is Matt Huston and I was the student director of the PSL student philanthropy program for the class of 2017. Congratulations on being chosen for this prestigious volunteer position. As the student director of the philanthropy program you play a huge part in the entire grant selection process that the whole class participates in. Working as the student director of the philanthropy program is a very unique volunteer placement that will provide you with a lot of freedom to really make the program your own but it does come with a lot of responsibility, but trust me it is all ~~worth~~ worth it. There may be times where you will feel disconnected from your service because there is a lot of work that goes into the program that has to be done before everything comes together and you get to see the value of all your hard work. Don't let this discourage you because although this volunteer position is a challenge it is something that very few others have the opportunity to do, I mean how many kids can say that they were the director of a non profit their senior year of high school? My advice would be to not let yourself get overwhelmed by the list of things that you have to do to facilitate the grant process, because it is a lot, but if you break it up and set goals for yourself along the way the work will fly by. I hope that your time as the student director of the philanthropy program is as rewarding as my time was, because having the opportunity to give back to my community in such a meaningful way through the grants is something that I could have never imagined doing (and getting to say that you're the director of a non profit definitely doesn't look bad on college and scholarship applications). →

So once again congratulations on being chosen to be the next Student Director of the Berry Service Learning Student Philanthropy program. I can't wait to hear about all the wonderful things that you accomplish over the upcoming year. If you ever have a question, need help or advice, or even need someone to just talk to about the program feel free to contact me at [huston@otterbein.edu](mailto:huston@otterbein.edu) or text me (440) 413-6024. I hope that you have a fantastic senior year, have fun and work hard because it all pays off in the end!

Sincerely,

Matthew R Huston class of 2017