

Dear ISA Board,

I would like to express my interest in the Head of Academic Affairs position in the International Student Association. I am motivated to represent the students, sort out academic problems and be included in efficient communication between the students and the university.

I have gained leadership experience and experience in a Board at Rowing Club Naarden in the Netherlands, where I was appointed Treasurer to the Youth board. Although my formal responsibility was as a Treasurer, our board was closely working together, and I had responsibilities that extended beyond finances. In my second year I was appointed Chair of the Youth Board. During this period of two years, I coordinated activities for Rowing Club members aged 10 to 17, organizing activities each month, and helped plan and run our annual summer camp. A lot of preparation was necessary in order for this camp to run smoothly. It took months of planning and good communication with multiple different parties, such as parents, the Executive Board, and external parties. During this time I learned how to balance leadership with teamwork, to anticipate challenges and foresee problems, and to ensure that everyone involved felt included and informed.

After my term as Chair in the Youth Board, I continued to help the newly elected Youth Board, helping them through their first few months and being present in their first summer camp in 2024. Although it was initially difficult to step away from the responsibilities, I found the importance of maintaining continuity while allowing others to step up and grow in their roles.

The ability to work in close collaboration with the ISA board and assist students managing academic circumstances is what I like the most about this role in ISA. I enjoy thinking in a problem solving way and believe good communication and teamwork are essential in this position.

I would be honored to be Head of Academic Affairs and help ISA represent and look out for students at RSU. Thank you ever so much for looking at my application.

Best regards,
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