



*Resident Assistant Eric*

**Major:**

Biology, Pre-Health Track, Junior

**Minor:**

Spanish

**Pronouns:**

He/Him

### **Why did you want to be an RA?**

I always wanted to be a Resident Assistant because I loved the idea of being a student that can help out my peers, especially new ones, to assimilate. I know that in my past I have had trouble getting used to new places and not always fitting in well, but at Loyola it felt like home to me, I'm hoping to help my residents feel that way too.

### **What has been your favorite part of being an RA?**

Personally, my favorite thing is getting to know my residents. I had a bumpy start, most of my residents did not like me too much. I was known as the 'mean' RA, but as soon as we got to talking and they saw who I was beyond being their RA, we all got along so well!

### **How has the RA role supported your future goals?**

Currently, I am hoping to become a doctor but know that if that does not work in my favor, that I want to be a biology teacher. Either choice I make, being an RA will help me develop the skills I need to become the leader I would need to be in both fields.

### **A favorite program you have planned and implemented?**

I loved my first passive educational program that I implemented. It was a board that I put up named, "Even Squid Games Asked For Consent". I loved this, many of my residents stopped to look at it because it caught their eye and they would take a minute and actually read it. Many thought it was a cool idea and a fun way to learn about consent.

### **Why do you think others should be an RA?**

Being an RA is hard work, nothing to take lightly, but there are so many reasons to become an RA that those willing, should apply. This position offers so many benefits that allow us, as RAs, to better ourselves as people, all the while helping others figure out where they land within the Loyola community.