

SA Member U Should Know: Dion Smith

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The director of Student Life is an important ingredient to the SA. Dion Smith is a senior with a double major. Dion has been involved in almost every aspect of campus life. He has served on various committees and organizations. He has helped established the Get out Debt office, which launched this fall.

Danielle Wideman: What is your major?

Dion Smith: I am a Political Science major with an emphasis with Public Law and Sociology major with the emphasis of criminology and a minor in Black Studies.

DW: Wow! What are your plans after college?

DS: I want to go to Law School and get a judiciary degree. I would like to work in the public sector or law consulting (lawyer) or something like that.

DW: How long have you been with the SA?

DS: This is my second year.

DW: What other positions have you held?

DS: Last year I was a Senator and I served on the Finance committee.

DW: What are your duties as Director of Student Life?

DS: I am the liaison between student services such as the rec and campus child care and students. My job is to figure out what students don't like about the services and address them.

DW: Explain more on how you help students?

DS: Basically I go to them [student services] and make sure the students are receiving the best help they need from them [Student services].

DW: Why should students be involved on campus?

DS: Some students complain that there is nothing to do on campus but being involved gives students opportunities. Being involved is needed for the workforce, because it shows you are open to new things. It is better they [students] get the exposure now than in the real world!

DW: What is your greatest accomplishment?

DS: The Get Out Debt office! Being a college student, I understand college is expensive for some. It is hard to avoid debt. If a student is in debt, there is help. Your credit score is for the rest of your life. Just being more educated about your credit is important. People should read credit card terms instead of just filling them out.

DW: What other organizations are you involved in?

DS: I am the treasurer of Black Student Union (BSU). I am member of the Judicial board and NAACP.

DW: What should know about the SA?

DS: SA is open to all! Everyday there are [students] have students fighting to make sure they have the best education cost for the best available cost. People should enter NIU and feel their life has changed some when they receive their degree.