

Senior Advocates for a Liberal Arts Education



Early in his college education, Chris Bach was being steered towards a business or science education as a means to develop “practical life skills.” Instead, he followed his instincts and pursued an education in the liberal arts.

“While business and science are both excellent fields to study, I truly believe that only a liberal arts education will give you the fundamental skills to tackle any problem you may encounter,” said Bach, a senior political science and history major who has an eye towards law school.

“A liberal arts education forces you to come to conclusions only after considering evidence and rationally thinking through the entirety of an issue,” he added. “I don’t think there are more ‘practical life skills’ than having the ability to think critically and make rational decisions.”

Last spring, Bach applied for and was elected to the AHSS Student Advisory Council (SAC), where he currently serves as the Vice President of Alumni Relations.

“My primary purpose on the council is to find ways of thinking about and figuring out how we can include alumni in our programming and events on campus. More than that, my job is making sure that our alumni feel more connected to the DU community,” said Bach.

“I want to ensure that we are headed down the right path as a more interconnected DU community that includes all students, faculty, staff and alumni.”

To attain this goal, he has helped to initiate a biweekly event called the AHSS Community Collective, which serves to highlight different aspects of the AHSS community. One recent event was a thesis support group, which was so popular that it will become a regularly occurring event.

Bach knows something about writing a thesis. He is working on a double thesis for his history degree.

“The first thesis is on Virginia during the early months of the Secession Crisis and trying to understand why it seceded much later than most of the Southern states,” said Bach, who added that his second thesis is more personal.

“I am writing my second thesis on my great-grandmother’s story of being a Greek refugee during World War II and how she was systematically moved by government officials through different refugee camps throughout the Middle East. Both are being written under the wonderful guidance and support of Professor Susan Schulten,” he said.

In addition to working on his senior theses, Bach is busy studying for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

“The plan right now is to go to law school,” he said. “My time here at DU has been spent preparing me to read, write and think critically, which are skills I will utilize in law school and beyond.”