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Student regent has big plans for NKU

Cronon says he wants to give back

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HIGHLAND HEIGHTS - Gabriel Cronon, a junior speech communication major, is the newest student regent at Northern Kentucky University.

"I wanted to be the student regent to help create a better Northern Kentucky University as well as to enhance the campus and academic experiences of current as well as future students," said Cronon, 31, of Erlanger. "I want to give back to the institution that has given so much to me."

Cronon assumed the post when he was elected president of the Student Government Association. He said becoming the student regent is part of having a full student experience.

"I have always strived to have the best experience in whatever I do. Life is lived through challenging yourself and the others around you," said Cronon. "I am not only building a resume, I am building skills that I will take into my life as a professional and as a professional."

"Just going to class and leaving means you are missing out on one of the most important experiences in college - social networking. I have created friends that I will take with me for life."

Cronon said his primary goal as regent is to be an advocate for the students. Specifically, he'd like to address student concerns and holistic wellness and continue increasing campus pride - what Cronon calls "the Norsification of campus."

He would also like to increase relationships with the faculty, staff and administration, and increase student involvement in student government.

Cronon said he's already receiving help in fulfilling the duties of his position.

"Northern is an institution that supports, and I have advisers, mentors and friends that guide me in every aspect of this position," he said. "Dr. Davenport, my vice president for student affairs, is a constant source of information and wisdom. He constantly reminds me that I am here to represent the student body of Northern and that is the most important tip."

Before becoming SGA president and regent, Cronon was co-director of the Northern Kentucky Leadership Institute, chairman of the 2006 and 2007 homecoming celebrations and president of the Norse Leadership Society.
