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I have been with the Human Resources Department at The University of Akron, serving as the Learning, Development, and Communications Consultant for over 2 years. Working in Human Resources has allotted me a unique opportunity to work with a wide cross section of the University community and get a very real sense of the issues and concerns that affect our employees. However, my experience with The University of Akron does not begin here. I have seen this University from a variety of perspectives as a student, both undergraduate and graduate, a student employee, a graduate assistant, and a full time staff employee. I have worked in a number of offices on campus including: International Programs, The Registrar's Office, The Graduate School, and now Human Resources.

As an HR employee, it is personally rewarding to be in a position to offer learning opportunities to our employees with the hope that their quality of work/life can be greatly improved. The accomplishments of SEAC should offer the same reward to those who have the privilege to serve and represent their fellow coworkers. SEAC has a wonderful opportunity to be a collective voice for the campus staff community by addressing their needs and concerns and serving as a faithful representative.

As a University, we have experienced unparalleled growth. While we can obviously see the excitement on campus with the addition of a new stadium, increased enrollment, and ever improving facilities, we also know that we are heading into economically challenging times. If elected to SEAC, I will encourage my fellow committee members to devote more time and resources into reaching out to the campus at large for creative ideas to save money, find new and unique ways to increase employee morale, continue to grow professionally, and take a proactive approach to dealing with issues.