

Jon “JT” Engstrom

Trustee Term: 2015

Currently: Retail Coach at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament in Schaumburg

JT Engstrom, a DeKalb resident, was elected to serve as the Kishwaukee College Student Trustee in 2015. Following his service in the U.S. Army, Engstrom initially studied geology at Northern Illinois University before transferring to Kish College to pursue Business Marketing and Management. At Kish, he was active in student government, the Business Club and Latinos Unidos.



What initiatives or accomplishments are you most proud of during your time as Student Trustee?

My passion project was the “Are You Okay?” table. In Student Government, we watched a video about initiatives students had done that made an impact. One initiative was a covered, unattended table that anyone could write on where I saw the message, “I wish someone would ask me if I’m okay. I’m not.” So, I made a covered attended table that read in large, unambiguous letters, “Are You Okay?” I just talked to people that needed to vent or have a human connection. I partnered up with the counseling office and made introductions when needed.

What were the most positive aspects of your time at Kish?

Hands down Student Government was the best time. We put on so many events, had speakers and comedians come in, got involved with the local domestic abuse shelter — too many things to list here. Every week we had something new and impactful.

What is your fondest memory of Kishwaukee College?

It was definitely an encounter with the “Are You Okay” table. One time, a girl saw the table and got really emotional. She asked for a hug and how the table came about, then left. I found out later her house had just burned down. There were more encounters, but that was the most notable.