Hello, my name is Kristin Erickson and I am from Alexandria, Virginia. I grew up as an “army brat”, moving around every few years. I spent three years in Paris, France and then five years in Bern, Switzerland; due to my time overseas, I have gained a broad perspective and have become a more open-minded person. My background is pretty diverse and I think that aspect is an important and crucial for a position in Student Senate because it allows me to represent a wide range of students and their backgrounds that I share, and can relate with. Dickinson fosters a diverse community, which I would love to be able to represent.

In high school I was a part of my school’s student government. I was class president freshman, sophomore, and junior year and, in senior year, I was elected school president. One of the projects I invested a lot of time into was our annual “Got Hope? Walk-a-thon” which raised thousands of dollars for Life with Cancer and Crisis Link, organizations for curing cancer and suicide prevention, that greatly affected my local community. I have had experience with representing a large community with my position as a student representative to my county’s school board my senior year. There, I was in charge of dealing with larger community goals such as implementing later start times, regulating school lunches, and electing members to the school board.

I am currently involved in Dickinson’s Blue Mountain Battalion (Army ROTC), Dickinson’s Dog House, and hope to get involved with many of Dickinson’s community service organizations. I consider myself a very involved person but I also know how to effectively and efficiently manage my time so to be able to lend my undivided attention to Student Senate.

As a first year I am still getting used to campus and learning what I can to improve our community however, as the year progresses I hope to adapt and assist my fellow members to achieve success. I plan to collaborate with the other class senators to effectively represent my class by getting their ideas and concerns addressed.

I believe I would be a great addition to Student Senate because I am a focused, driven, organized and enthusiastic person who will devote my time and energy to bettering the Dickinson community in any way I can.