In Accounting, Everyone Counts

He visited campus in a snowstorm and Senior Ross Sigler has been storming through his college career ever since. The accounting major is treasurer for the Crookston Student Association, the student governing body on campus. It also means he chairs the finance committee that determines the financial allocation for the student clubs.

Sigler’s involvement doesn’t stop there, he is the coordinator of Peer Connections, a campus mentoring group; served for two years as an orientation leader; a member of the Accounting and Finance Society; and tutors students in accounting in the Academic Assistance Center.

His dream job would be to work on the finance side of a sports team, but for now, Sigler is polishing his leadership skills by encouraging students to have input on the proposed wellness center and considers the future of that project to be a legacy of his and his fellow students time on campus. “I think we are here to advocate for students of the future,” Sigler believes. “We value everyone’s input on this project.”

He had a leadership example on campus before he began. His cousin Alumnus Chris Waltz, a 2009 graduate, was instrumental in leading the effort, along with Erick Elgin ’09, for the LEED certification of Evergreen Hall. “I heard great things about this place from Chris,” Sigler says. “And, he was influential in my decision to choose Crookston over others.”
A bit of a political aficionado, Sigler, who was president of the student body in his high school in Wheaton, Minn., enjoys the debate and conflict that are an integral part of the political system. He credits Senior Kayla Bellrichard, a management major from Elk River, Minn., with getting him involved in student government on the Crookston campus.

As an accounting major, Sigler is planning to sit for the certified public accountant exam and adding a minor in finance. He has loved math since high school and always felt this was the major he wanted to pursue. “I really enjoyed my high school accounting teacher,” he recalls. “I believe my high school accounting experience helped determine my future career in the field.”

Outside of accounting and finance, he enjoyed his classes in business, particularly principles of management.

Nearing the end of his college career, Sigler looks back and says, “The people here are the best. I like the size of the campus and the campus culture. I made the right choice.”

Most memorable for him remains his participation on campus. He recommends students get involved, but before they do, “They should take their time,” he reflects. “And, look at their options, and join clubs and organizations that are the right fit for them.”

Good advice from someone who has the experience and expertise to back it up.