

# Strengthening the Connection between the Fraternity and Philanthropy

Shriners International is proud to have members who are committed to the dedicated work of the fraternity and philanthropy. Andrew Borske and Taylor Richmond, both members on local Shriners Hospitals for Children® Boards of Governors, are two exemplary members who demonstrate the connection between the fraternity and philanthropy.

## Andrew Borske, Past Potentate, Sesostris Shriners

A former patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago, Andrew Borske credits the health care system with giving him the hope and encouragement to live undefined by his condition. In 1969, Borske was born with a congenital limb deficiency involving the lower portion of his right arm. As is typical at Shriners Hospitals, the physicians included Borske in the discussions about his care plan. “Even though I was only a kid, the physicians would kneel down to my eye level to talk with me about the care process,” said Borske. Realizing the worth of his opinion was a pivotal point in his emotional and physical development. “I wanted to be able to make that kind of difference in the lives of other children,” said Borske, who in 1998, became a member of Sesostris Shriners in Roca, Neb.

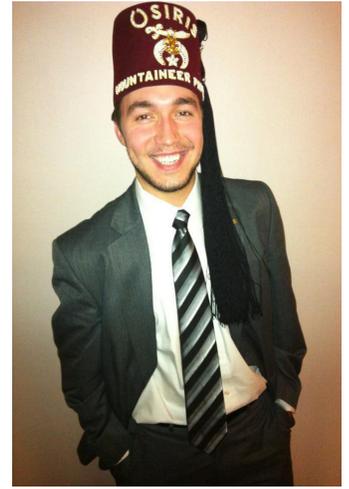
Borske was recently appointed to the Board of Governors of the Twin Cities hospital. A vice president of sales and marketing, he is committed to increasing brand awareness for both Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. “We have such a wonderful system that stands behind physical, emotional and developmental care and it is my personal goal to go out and promote both organizations,” said Borske. As a member of the Board of Governors, Borske hopes to increase community involvement in the local temple events. “Shriners are men dedicated to more than themselves who want to help the community grow and prosper,” said Borske. “We achieve this by helping those most in need, which is children.”

## Taylor Richmond, Osiris Shriners

Taylor Richmond, a graduate student at West Virginia University and a member of Osiris Shriners in Wheeling, W.Va., was recently appointed an associate member of the Board of Governors of the Erie health care facility. Richmond, 24, is the youngest person currently serving in this capacity across the system. Jeffrey Stephenson, the Erie facility’s Board of Governors Chairman, commended Richmond on his new role and said, “It is always



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Taylor Richmond

great to see young Shriners involved in our hospitals, and to have one on our board is especially beneficial. They can bring fresh ideas and a fresh perspective to our governance.”

In addition to serving on the board, Richmond hopes to promote the fraternity to other like-minded young men with a desire to give back. He believes that an effective formula for membership recruitment is, “... to continue to highlight our role as a philanthropy, the number of children whose lives have been changed by this great organization and the enjoyment the Shriners have while making a difference.”

Richmond is very active in his temple and is a member of the Morgantown Shrine Club, Mountaineer Patrol Unit, Hillbilly Clan #154 and the Child Transport Team. Chairman of the WVU Beads 4 Needs Project, Richmond assists this effort, which was started by a patient, by making bracelets to sell to benefit the health care system.



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