



Committee Assignments:

Jonathan Rivers

Resides: Wichita, KS

Hometown: Manhattan, KS

Education:

- ◆ BS 2011—Social Sciences, Emporia State University
- ◆ MBA 2015—Business Administration, Friends University

Professional background:

- ◆ Kansas Health Foundation (Associate Program Officer), 2011—2015
- ◆ Wichita Habitat for Humanity (Volunteer Coordinator), 2015—present

Special interests / hobbies:

- ◆ Traveling
- ◆ Dining out with family and friends
- ◆ Playing Frisbee
- ◆ Visiting museums, parks, and zoos

Favorite memory as a Hornet:

Serving as student body president and studying abroad definitely rise to the top as my favorite Hornet memories. Both experiences gave me the broadest appreciation for lifelong education and service, and encouraged me to actively participate in volunteering at Emporia Middle School and with Habitat for Humanity. I will always look back on my time at ESU fondly because it was where I encountered new challenges, made lifelong connections, developed my passions and met my exceptional wife!

Favorite college class or professor:

My most memorable course was my first semester freshman public speaking class. I love learning about people and I love stories, so it was a natural fit. What's more, it was the perfect introduction to college; hearing from new perspectives and individuals with different backgrounds, experiences, and values. I don't know if every moment in life happens for a reason, but in that class I learned, that because things happen, there are reasons to be found, learned and appreciated.