Neil Mohan Harwani Selected as CUAB President

Serving as the 2016-2017 Carolina Union Activities Board (CUAB) President and Carolina Union Board of Directors Vice-Chair is Neil Mohan Harwani, a rising junior business administration major.

Harwani programmed for students in the Manning East Community with the Residence Hall Association (RHA) last year and said that he enjoyed that experience. “At the end of my first year, I saw CUAB as an opportunity to really expand my reach, instead of programming just in my community, I wanted to support the entire campus community, programmatically.” Harwani said.

Currently serving as the CUAB Union programming chair and the RHA community governor of Ram Village, Harwani applied to be CUAB President in hopes of bringing new ideas and changes to benefit Carolina students.

“I want to keep building on this year’s successes within CUAB by trying new and innovative ideas that haven’t been done before and by modifying already existing programs” Harwani said.
Harwani’s plans for CUAB include expanding the organization’s reach beyond main campus to south campus, graduate and professional schools, and off campus students. Harwani’s goals are to connect to all fee paying students no matter their demographic or their current home on campus.

“If we’re successful, we provide activities for every type of person—we program intentionally and inclusively all across campus, in order to provide a place for everybody,” he said.

He recently attended a conference called National Association for Campus Activities with other CUAB members, chairs and advisor. He said they saw a lot of great acts and booked several, including spoken word artists and a step show.

“We wanted to find events that allow us to partner with student organizations and other campus groups that we haven’t partnered with before,” Harwani said.

Harwani is excited for his new role in the upcoming year, especially about working with the rest of the board, who are being selected now.

“It’s really going to be a strong board and I am excited to help CUAB create a positive experience for the UNC community,” he said.

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