Raymond White is a junior Harlan Scholar majoring in political science with a minor in sports administration. He currently serves as the Interfraternity Council President and is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. Raymond is the co-founder and chapter president of the Roosevelt Institute at UofL. As a member of the Freshmen LEAD program, he received the outstanding service award and has continued his service with Cochran Elementary as a student tutor.

Troy Sterling is also a junior by credit hours and is an Honors Chemistry major. He began volunteering weekly with Cochran Elementary as a participant of the Freshmen LEAD program in 2014. Troy is also highly active with the UofL chapter of Habitat for Humanity, where he served more than 50 hours last year to local and national builds. He spent the summer volunteering at Camp Quality, an outdoor summer experience for children living with cancer.

Both of these individuals are excellent examples of the many students that serve our campus community through their leadership and service. We are certainly proud of their accomplishments and happy to call them fellow Cardinals!

A theme that highlights your influence on others.
Woo stands for winning others over. You enjoy the challenge of meeting new people and getting them to like you. Strangers are rarely intimidating to you. On the contrary, strangers can be energizing. You are drawn to them. You want to learn their names, ask them questions, and find some area of common interest so that you can strike up a conversation and build rapport. Some people shy away from starting up conversations because they worry about running out of things to say. You don’t. Not only are you rarely at a loss for words; you actually enjoy initiating conversation with strangers because you derive satisfaction from breaking the ice and making a connection. Once that connection is made, you are quite happy to wrap it up and move on. There are new people to meet, new rooms to work, new crowds to mingle in. In your world there are no strangers, only friends you haven’t met yet—lots of them.

Woo sounds like:
The first day of classes is always so fun. I made a lot of new friends today, and introduced myself to each of my professors.
I don’t have many friends. I don’t think I am looking for friends. I am looking for connections. And I am really good at that because I know how to achieve common ground with people.
I do know how to put people at ease. A lot of my job is just humor. If the patient is not very receptive, my role becomes a stand-up comedian.

The Woo theme is an asset to any organization because of your positive impact on those around you. You welcome, influence, and persuade others by your ability to put people at ease and draw them into relationship. This signature theme can “win others over” through your people connections both inside and outside the organization. Your Woo influence can be intentionally applied to your work at University of Louisville to help us better fulfill our mission.