

Alex Leonty and the Men of Color

Voices for progression and diversity on campus

Brockport, NY, Dec. 3 — When Alex Leonty first came to The College at Brockport SUNY he knew he wanted to make a difference. Leonty is now in his junior year at the college where he focuses on giving his peers someone to listen to.

A student at the college, Zack Perkins, knows Alex as someone who is humble, caring and always willing to help somebody in need.

“He’s the first person to be there to help someone out, he’d give someone the shirt right off his back.” Perkins said. “Another great quality about Alex is his ability to listen, not just his ability to hear what you’re saying but the ability to hear what you’re not saying and I think that speaks volumes for somebody who’s in trouble.”

Leonty’s ability to listen drives him to be a leader on campus for clubs like Men of Color and an advocate for change who has the ear of several influential professors on campus.

Meredith Roman, an associate professor at the college, met Leonty at a lecture she delivered concerning the history of white supremacy in the making of the Atlantic World.

“Alex possesses an amazing ability to work with diverse groups of people in order to build a community and foster understanding.” Roman said. “Watching Alex assume an impressive leadership position on campus while growing intellectually - this has especially been a joy to witness.”

Although Men of Color has no hierarchy in a traditional means, Leonty is one of the directors for the campus club. Using his voice here and in many other settings with his peers, Leonty is one of the many voices of progression and diversity on campus.

Check out the audio-slideshow of Leonty’s journey here: https://youtu.be/NpN_YT_07XU

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