2016 President’s Extraordinary Service Award: Cultivator
Zachary Andrus

As the Campus Engagement Officer for the Department of Athletics and Recreation, Zac Andrus has been instrumental in the creation, nurturing and growth of Vikes Nation. “Harnessing the energy and enthusiasm of UVic students, Zac has elevated the awareness and participation of our programs, services and events, which has contributed directly to thousands of students’ positive experiences and successes at UVic,” says Clint Hamilton, director of Vikes Athletics and Recreation.

Zac’s passion and work ethic are behind the Vikes Nation Ambassador program, which has created leadership and learning opportunities for 250 volunteer student ambassadors. In 2016, the ambassadors logged 3,000 volunteer hours putting on events such as the Blue and Gold Blitz, Yoga Rave and Dodge in the Dark.

“Zac is an activator, someone who turns ideas into action, inspiring the energy of students who believe in the vision of a healthy and active community at UVic,” says Orientation Coordinator Kate Hollefreund. “Zac’s contributions are truly award worthy for his ability to move the culture of school spirit into a nation of support.”