

Andre Allen  
Dean of Students  
Methodist College  
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Andre Allen, Dean of Students at Methodist College, proudly shared his optimism for the city of Peoria.

“We’re in a rebuild right now. We might not make the playoffs this year but we’re gonna get a draft pick,” said Allen, apologizing for his frequent sports references.

Allen’s advice to Peorian’s: “we have to remember our DNA. We’ve always been a city that can adapt to change. From a whisky city, to a manufacturing hub, we’ve shapeshifted to this medical district that is an anchor for the state.”

Allen was appointed Dean of Students at Methodist College in 2017. He lives in Peoria with his wife and college sweetheart, Jaleesha, and their three children.

“Peoria’s personal to me, that’s why I try to make it better. I grew up here and have good memories,” said Allen.

Allen emphasized the way Peoria’s small size allows you to make a real difference wherever you are involved.

Allen serves on multiple boards and committees including Police-Community Relations Advisory Committee(Chair), Peoria Public Schools Foundation, Young Professionals of Greater Peoria and is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Kappa Pi Lambda Chapter of Peoria, Illinois. In December of 2017, Andre co-founded the Jaguars Squad Male Mentoring Program at Sterling Middle School, the school he attended.