

diecut digest

NEWSLETTER FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORS

NOVEMBER 2011

Welcome!



Hello Community Advisors!
Hope CA training went well and you've been able to catch up on sleep as the first weeks of classes are already rolling! This is the first Edition of the 2011-2012 Diecut Digest. You will be receiving one per month. Please open them and read as they will highlight upcoming events, and bring you programming, bulletin board, and door dec. ideas specific toward each month.

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NOVEMBER ISSUE

November is a month of friends and family, festivities kick in and people get busy. Things around campus aren't as bright and shiny as they once were. Life is beginning to seem mundane. This is a great time to connect with residents and make sure that they are doing well academically and socially. Be aware of homesickness and encourage residents to stay active. Thanksgiving is almost here, which means that the semester is almost done. Encourage residents to finish strong on their first semester.

Door Dec Tip:

The purpose of door decs is to give residents a sense of home and promote community. This month, put a little extra time into your door decs. Don't just cut out a random shape with the die-cuts. Put a little effort into it so that your hall not only looks nice, but residents know that you actually put some thought into it. I have a friend who graduated from college 5 years ago and still has a meaningful door dec that her CA made for her freshmen year. Believe it or not, door decs can really make a difference!

Resource room updates

In the last few weeks, a large amount of supplies have gone missing! Because of this, the supplies that go missing the most are now at the holes front desk, and must be checked out. This may be inconvenient, but its not worth it for these items to be left out.

Glitter is back!

However, there are new rules regarding this very messy and greatly demanded medium. The first is that it is only available upon request. You can email me, or come during my office hours to use glitter, but otherwise there will be no access to its shiny goodness. There are two more rules. Glitter cannot be wasted or mixed. Keep the gold in the gold bottle and the silver in the silver bottle. Also, be sure to wipe off tables and vacuum when done!

Resource room in Shoe?

Yes! Shoemaker has its very own resource room stocked with pretty much everything the holes resource room has, but different die cut shapes! Check it out!

Whats happening in November?

National Diabetes month

National Native American Month

Holocaust Memorial Day - 2nd

World Hello Day - 21st

Mickey Mouse's Birthday - 18th

Election Day - 1st Tuesday

Wall of Fame

Post your door decs on the wall of fame in the Holes resource room to show off your work and inspire your fellow CA's!

Whats your story?

Did you have a hit program? Are your residents raving about a bulletin board or floor event? I want to know! Submit your story to the Die-Cut Digest, including bulletin boards, door decs, floor events or any sort of tips or tricks! I want to know what you are doing in your community! Send me an Email at crra0901@stcloudstate.edu! You could be featured in next month's issue!

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THE UNITED STATES IS A DIVERSE COUNTRY. RATHER THAN BEING A MELTING POT WHERE ASSIMILATION DESTROYS DIVERSITY AND UNIQUENESS, THE US IS LIKE A TAPESTRY. "A TAPESTRY IS A HAND-WOVEN TEXTILE. WHEN EXAMINED FROM THE BACK, IT MAY SIMPLY APPEAR TO BE A MOTLEY GROUP OF THREADS. BUT WHEN REVERSED, THE THREADS WORK TOGETHER TO DEPICT A PICTURE OF STRUCTURE AND BEAUTY" (SANDRA NIETO, 2006). WE ARE THOSE THREADS AND THE DIVERSITY WE EACH BRING MAKES THE TAPESTRY, THIS COUNTRY, WHAT IT IS.

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HI, MY NAME IS HANNAH AND I'M THE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DIVERSITY ADVOCATE FOR RESLIFE. I'M A SECOND YEAR COMMUNITY ADVISOR AND A SENIOR IN THE WOMEN'S STUDIES PROGRAM. MY MINORS ARE ETHNIC STUDIES AND GERMAN. I'M EXCITED TO BE AN ADVOCATE BECAUSE THIS POSITION CAN MAKE MORE WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES FOR OUR R E S I D E N T S !

MY NAME IS ZEQING "LULU" LU. I AM A SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVOCATE AND A COMMUNITY ADVISOR IN LAWRENCE HALL. I AM A SENIOR AND MAJORING IN MATHEMATICAL ECONOMICS. I BELIEVE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ECONOMICS ARE RELATED. I WILL SERVE AS A RESOURCE TO HELP BUILDING A SOCIALLY JUST C O M M U N I T Y !

November Events

November 5th
Malaysian Night, Atwood Ballroom

November 7th / 21st
Brother2Brother, 4pm, Cultural Center, Atwood

November 12th
Indian Night, Atwood Ballroom

November 13th
Passport to the World, Atwood Ballroom

November 17th
Speaker Series, 5-6pm, American Indian Center
Multicultural Students Services Rec Night, 7-9pm, Atwood
Underground

November 19th
African Night, Atwood Ballroom

Fixed weekly events

Wednesdays
"Women On Wednesday" is in Atwood theatre at 12pm. This semester's theme is technology!

Wednesdays
"Social Justice and Diversity Committee meetings" in Mitchell Lounge at 2pm!

Fridays
"Cultural Cafe" in Mitchell Lounge 2pm to 3pm.

Bulletin Boards around Social Justice Issues for the Month of November

Instead of doing a "what I am thankful" board, do a board that demonstrates to your residents what they should be thankful for! On each day add a picture of something that most people would want for a gift, you can find these images in advertisements in magazines. On the last day add statistics of poverty to show your residents that not everyone can even afford food on thanksgiving, let alone prepare a wishlist for holidays. This will spark discussion on how they are really grateful for how much more they have than some others in society. You can also connect this with what they should do on thanksgiving to give back-volunteer at a soup kitchen, sleep outside to raise money for homelessness and donate money they could be buying gifts for family members.

As this month is American Indian Heritage Month, you can do a board dedicated to the American Indians that lived here before white settlers. Tell residents about their contributions to this state, like wild rice. Go to the American Indian Center or to us for more information.

"It Gets Better": Social Justice and Diversity Committee pairs with the Pride Community!

Dan Savage started the 'It Gets Better Project' in fall of 2010 after seeing the devastation of several teen suicides. Because of bullying in schools, many GLBT youth cannot see their future as happy and positive. This has turned in to a worldwide movement where many people have shared their own stories to give teens, particularly teens that identify as GLBT, hope for their own futures. Go to www.itgetsbetter.org for more information on the inspiring movement.

But the Social Justice and Diversity committee needs you! As we are also making our own "It Gets Better" video of St. Cloud students for this movement, if you want to spread hope or know of residents that would like to be involved with this, have them contact Lulu or Hannah! We are taping the video during the first full week of November!

Commemorative days in November

November 1st
All Saints Day (Christian)
Samhain (Wiccan)

November 2nd
Dia de los Muertos (Mexico)

November 4th
Hajj begins (Islam)

November 10th
Birth of Gurn Nanak Dev (Sikh)

November 11th
Veterans Day

November 12th
Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'i)

November 24th
Thanksgiving Day
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikh)

November 26th
Day of the Covenant (Baha'i)
Al Hijra-New Year (Islam)

November 27th
First Sunday of Advent (Christian)

November 28th
Ascension of 'Abdu'-Baha (Baha'i)