

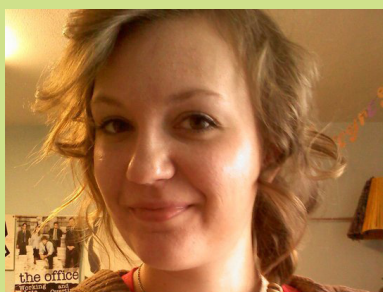
# Die CUT digest

NEWSLETTER FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORS

September

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.

## office hours

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Feel free to contact me via Email or during my office hours with questions or ideas!

## MEET RACHEL CROON!

My name is Rachel Croon and I am your new Resource Room Coordinator! This is my second year as a CA and I am so excited to be a resource for you!

My job is to keep the resource room well stocked with things to help you keep your floor looking sharp. I am here as a resource for programming, bulletin board and door dec ideas and anything else that you might need! Basically, I'm here to help you be an awesome CA! Sometimes life gets so busy as a CA that it can be hard to come up with unique ideas for your floor. You can refer to the monthly Die-Cut Digest to get ideas and inspiration if you are running short on creativity or time.

## Programming for Fall:

These next few months are crucial for developing relationships on your floor. Early fall is the time that residents are trying to figure out where they belong and how to meet new friends. Encourage your residents to get to know their roommate so that they can have a welcoming living environment. Create programs that include team building activities such as cooking contests, obstacle courses (husky challenge course is a great option) treasure hunts around campus and other such activities where roommates are partners. The most important thing is encourage your residents to be social by being social yourself!

## Door dec tip of the month:

For easy and fun door decs, you can find a cheap deck of cards related to the season or closest holiday. Slap some tape on the number side and stick to the door. Shizam- door dec.

Keep it crafty!

-Rachel Croon

## How to USE and UTILIZE the Resource Rooms

First stop by either the W.W. Holes front desk and check out the key, be sure that the CA/ or desk worker checks you out and they enter your purpose there (so that your not held responsible for someone else's mess) by purpose we mean specifics: "making a bulletin board about study habits" or "just picking up some green and brown paper to make tree door decs." the more specific you can be the better we are able to monitor and keep the rooms clean. To best utilize the resource room, come with some ideas pre-planned out, or come during our office hours to get ideas and help. Look for bulletin board and door dec ideas in each months Diecut Digest or come into the resource room during our office hours. The supplies will be moved around but we hope that by the end of the semester we have a good system figured out for you. Look for new supplies, die cuts, and stencils to help you come up with creative ideas. Do you have a great door dec or bulletin board that you created and feel that it deserves some recognition? send us a picture of your bulletin board and we'll add it to the online resource room, or turn in a door dec during our office hours, with your NAME, year you created the door dec (2011-2012) or (Fall 2011), and which hall you live in and we will post it on the Door Dec Hall Of Fame, which will be located in Holes resource room. Have questions, comments or concerns for the resource rooms, or looking for specific information, like an extra copy of the student handbook etc. leave a note on the Holes resource room rolling white board and we will take care of it on the following Wednesday- meaning we will need some notice, but our primary goal is to be able to help you out! and be as resourceful to you as we can.

## Fall Bulletin Board Ideas

### Fall Bulletin Board Ideas:

Bulletin boards can get a little bit tricky if you don't have a plan. I hate slapping one together last minute. For fall bulletin boards, make them informative and advice driven in order to make things easier on residents. Save the fun stuff for later. Incoming freshmen can often feel very lost and anxious about being alone on campus. A good idea is to have an information board. This can have campus events on it and important phone numbers on it. I like to have a small spotlight section on the same board, highlighting a different resident each month, starting with myself in August. Other ideas: tips for freshman year, responsible alcohol consumption information (refer to U-choose seminar during training), building facts and hints (whats at the front desk, game areas and community council info), or a giant map of campus. For more ideas go to [www.residentassistant.com](http://www.residentassistant.com)

## 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](mailto:crra0901@stcloudstate.edu)!

You could be featured in next month's issue!

# THE TAPESTRY

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## The Tapestry

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.

## SEPTEMBER UPDATE

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 residents! You can contact me for anything at my e-mail: daha0801 or my room phone: 8-4583. 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 community! Contact information: luze0801@stcloudstate.edu, 320-308-1220.



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## Forward

St. Cloud State is a diverse university. Respecting the variety of identity in the community through actions, words, and behaviors is essential in building a socially just community. For college students, understanding differences turns to be challengeable. Having your own opinion and not thoroughly understanding the diverse behaviors are acceptable. Nonetheless, you should pay great respect to the diverse members, and treat others equally without prejudice.

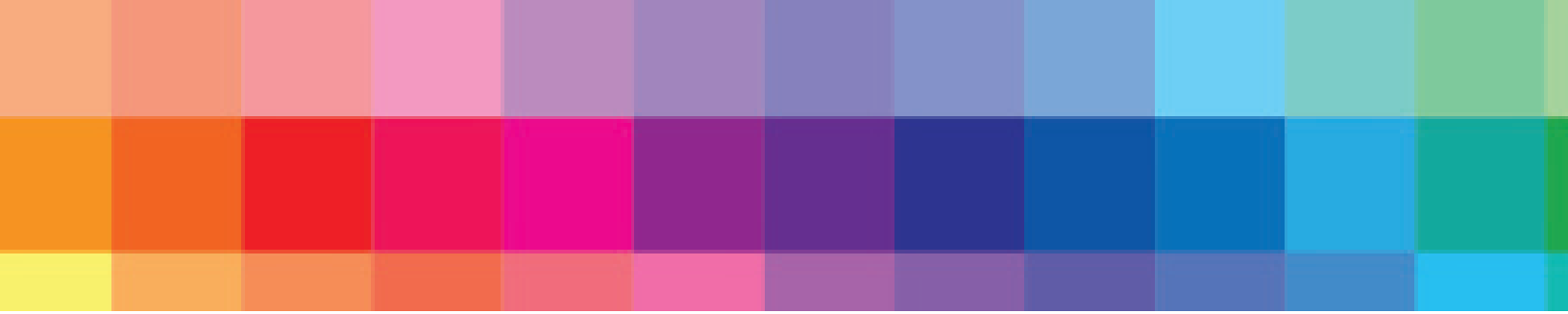
If someone is offended by the behaviors of others, we are here to help and speak up if necessary. Charity is provided as well. In addition, justice focuses on social change, and charity focuses on social services. In the words of Pius XI, "Charity will never be true charity unless it takes justice into account ... Let no one attempt with small gifts of charity to exempt himself from the great duties imposed by justice".



## Social Justice and Diversity Committee

The Social Justice and Diversity Committee is a programming group through ResLife and will plan events for the residents and students of St. Cloud State University throughout the 2011-2012 school year. Although LuLu and Hannah are going to be running the meetings the programs rely on the input of the members of the committees. The first meeting was September 12th at 2pm in the Mitchell Hall Lounge! The meetings are open to anyone who is interested and has an agenda of planning when the weekly meetings will be, introducing the Social Justice and Diversity Retreat, and beginning to plan out the rest of the year together! The Social Justice and Diversity retreat will be on Sunday, September 18th. It will start at one in the afternoon and end at about five which the members will go to Garvey Commons together to eat dinner! After the retreat the participants will understand the terms social justice and diversity and be able to be competent advocates around those issues. If these dates do not work for you and you want to be involved, please let Hannah or Lulu know and we will make sure to keep you updated!



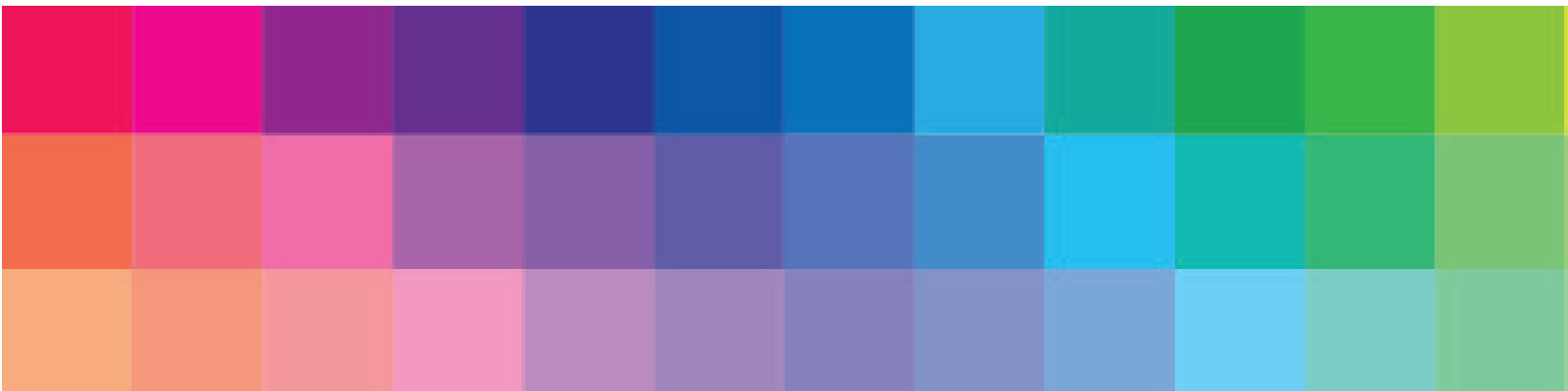


## Lance Pemberton

Lance Pemberton is the Pride Community Community Advisor in Benton Hall. He states that he wants the Pride community to be a safe environment for GLBTQA students and that it would be an active, fun place to live. His personal plans for the community include an "It gets better" video made by his residents and other St. Cloud community members and having his residents be involved in St. Cloud pride events. Any Community Advisor can contact Lance on bulletin board ideas surrounding LGBT issues or help plan events that educate students on LGBT issues. He also wants to remind Community Advisors to sign up for the safe space door stickers that Heidi Aldes discussed during Fall training!

## The Pride Community

SCSU Residential Life is very unique in the fact that it has an all-gender housing option for incoming and returning undergraduate students! It is for students that identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender-queer, intersex, gender-variant, questioning, anyone that does not fit the gender binary and their allies! It is a dynamic living environment and residents are asked to sign a community agreement that discusses their expectations for living in such an environment! It offers an opportunity to live in a safe place with roommates of the same, opposite or other genders!



# Event Calendar September

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This list of events is by no means complete, keep an eye out for other events on campus. For more information on specific vents visit the campus event calendar at <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/events/default.asp>

## Celebrations/awareness days in September

September 1st  
Ganesha Chaturthi (Hindu)  
September 2nd  
Paryushana begins (Jain)  
September 11th  
Enkutatash – Ethiopian New Year  
September 16th  
Independence Day (Mexico)  
September 19th  
International Day of Peace  
September 21st  
Women on Wednesday  
September 23th  
Mabon (Wiccan)  
September 24th  
St. Cloud Pride  
September 28th  
Navaratri begins (Hindu)  
September 29th  
Rosh Hashanah begins (Jewish)

## September Events

### September 10th

Chinese Moonlight Festival

Location : Atwood Ballroom

Description: Moonlight festival is a popular harvest holiday celebrated by Chinese. The cultural night contains performances, food, and games. \$5 for students, \$8 for faculty and public

Time: 5:30pm – 10pm

### September 17th

Saudi Night

Location : Atwood Ballroom

Description: Traditional Saudi music and dance performances, and authentic cuisine. More information to come!

## September 23th to 25th:

St. Cloud Pridefest!

For their second annual St. Cloud Pridefest, St. Cloud Pride is hosting a three day event. Something to note is that “Pride in the Park” occurs on Saturday the 24th from 11am to 5pm in Wilson Park that would be great for any student to attend! The event is promised to be full of entertainment with many vendors and exhibitors to see! For more information about the events, go to: <http://www.stcloudpride.org/>

## National Hispanic Heritage Month

Starting on Thursday, September 15th begins another month nationally dedicated to Hispanic Heritage! This year’s theme is “Many Backgrounds, Many Stories...One American Spirit”. This tradition began in the United States under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968 originally as a weeklong dedication. President Ronald Reagan expanded the week to a month time ending on October 15th in 1988. September 15th is a very important date for many Latin American Countries including Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua as it is their anniversary of independence. September 16th remains an important day for those of Mexican descent for their day of independence from Spain and September 18th is Chile’s celebration of independence! Columbus day or Dia de la Raza also falls within this month period on October 12th! For more information, please go to the Library of Congress sponsored website: <http://hispanicheritagemoth.gov/>