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JANUARY 2012

Hey all! Welcome to Spring Semester 2012! And to the new Community Advisors, congrats and welcome. This semester make sure you make goals for the kind of CA you want to be! I plan to be more involved on my floor and to take my residents to dinner more often! One of your goals could be planning more Social Justice events! Here are a few examples.

Jeopardy Game: *Social Justice and Diversity Jeopardy*

Lawrence Hall Community Council put on an AWESOME event last semester. It was run by CA Vanessa Burggraff! She created great questions and had Hall Director Zach help host! It truly was a fun night! Vanessa states "the whole point of the event was to bring awareness to the residents of Lawrence hall. I know when you are trying to get a message out there the best way to start is to start small. This wasn't a way to make people feel dumb because they didn't know the definition of a word, but rather teach them something new for the day. The topic of Social Justice and Diversity is something that really gets pushed to the back of discussion because it isn't always the happiest subject to talk about. This event can make people feel uncomfortable sometimes with the questions, but the whole point of making them uncomfortable is getting them past that stage into a comfortable learning stage." You can run the game pretty similar to Jeopardy; just tweak it with the size of your groups. A few topics of questions could be: social justice, diversity, history, and fun facts! Some examples of questions are: "Define Social Justice." "Give an example of diversity!" "What is an identity?" If you need help or more questions, come see one of us! :)

Here is another event is great to run if you have international students! It is an International and Cultural Potluck! Plan well in advance and talk to your residents about it. Explain that you want everyone to bring their favorite dish from home. It can be anything! Do posters and formal invitations to make sure it is well advertised and you have a good turn out! You can even have your residents share a favorite memory or tell why it is important food for their culture! It really will surprise you what your residents bring...and remember, tell them they can bring their Mom's taco hotdish if they really want to! ☺ Share food, share culture, share knowledge!



PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDARS!!!

It Gets Better Launch Party!

January 18th 2011 7:30 to 9:30pm

Snacks, speakers and seeing the video that we spent so much time on!

Social Justice and Diversity Committee Meetings:

2pm EVERY Thursday! (Darcy's Office)

Everyone is welcome. Stop on by to see what we are planning or to share ideas.

Hannah's Office Hours:

12pm to 2 every Thursday!!! (Holes Hall Resource Room)

Come see Hannah for help about bulletin boards, social justice and diversity events or just to say "Hello". Please stop by and see us!

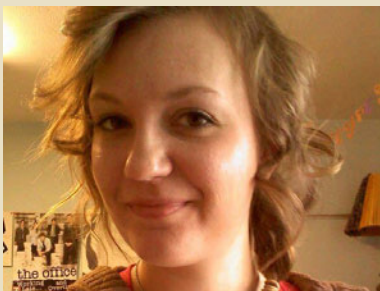
Invite Lulu and I to your Social Justice Events and we will put it in the tapestry to share to the rest of the CAs! Sharing is caring!

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NEWSLETTER FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORS

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Welcome!



This is the first Edition of the 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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Monday 3:00pm-5:00pm

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

JANUARY ISSUE

A new year has come, and I am excited! Classes are new and opportunities are abundant! I always feel that with a new year, anything is possible. This is a time to start fresh with your community, and be proactive in making spring semester something to remember.

A big part of being a CA is time management. It is a good idea to sit down and prioritize everything that you have to do this semester. Write down your schedule, including classes, CA responsibilities, club activities, study time, and any other things you wish to add to your schedule. Then, start creating your big ICE night. Figure out what you want to do, and then work it into your schedule, making sure it doesn't land too close to a break. Once you have your schedule worked out, your semester should be much less stressful!

There are many residents who have moved around campus who need to get integrated into their community. Start off the semester by doing a quick knock and talk with each of your residents just to be sure that you didn't miss anyone. Ask them how their break was, if they are looking forward to classes and if they need anything from you. This will give you a chance to connect with anyone you may have missed last semester, and give you a foot in the door for new residents. I always make new residents a special door dec, to greet them as individuals, so that they know they are truly welcome on my floor.

Important info:

My office hours have changed!
I will be in the Holes resource room from 10am to 1pm on Wednesdays, and in the Shoemaker resource room from 3pm-5pm on Mondays! Stop by and talk to me about door decs, bulletin boards, and programming!

Keep it crafty,
Rachel Croon

SPRING BREAK ON A BUDGET?

Here are a few ways to spend your spring break, have a blast and not break the bank!

APPLY FOR A



SUMMER

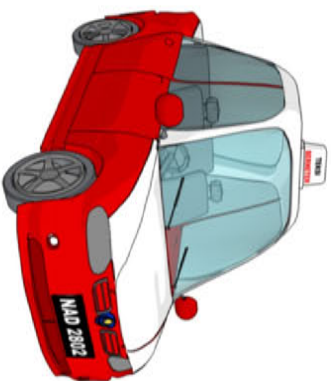


INTERNSHIP



What's the best way to guarantee an offer for a real, full-time job after college? Having an undergraduate internship of course! If you're feeling a little overwhelmed with the internship application process, hit up career services in centennial hall!

GO ON A ROAD TRIP



Grab 2 or three of your best friends and start planning! First, choose how long of a trip you want to take, and then choose one destination per day. Road trips are great because you can choose exactly what you want to do, and how to spend your money. For a super cheap trip, bring all food from home, and camp every night!

HANG OUT WITH

MOM AND/OR DAD

Sometimes it is nice to go simple, and just go home for break.

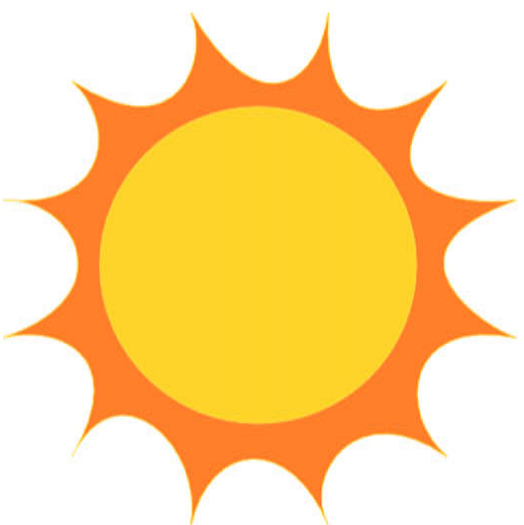
Nothing fancy, but it could be incredibly relaxing! Have a movie night with your parents or siblings. Get take out for dinner, rent a movie and spend the night in your pajamas, on the couch!

VOLUNTEER!



Team up with a local volunteer group such as habitat for humanity, catholic charities or another group on campus that is doing a service project. These can be a lot of fun and really give you a sense of self worth.

HIT THE POOL!



Grab a group of friends and find the nearest water park! If a water park is out of your budget range, most hotels allow anyone to pay about five dollars to use their pool!