Exciting things are happening in Residential Services and Residential Life this year! Many positive changes have occurred that will make living on campus a great experience for our residents. We wanted to create this newsletter to keep alumni of Res Life in the loop of what is happening at Northwestern. We hope this is something you look forward to receiving from us from time to time.

One of our most recent changes is the addition of Deb Schmidt-Rogers as the Director of Residential Life. Deb comes to us from DePaul University where she was the Director of Residential Education for years. Deb has filled this role after the previous Director, Mary Goldenberg, accepted a position as Assistant Dean of Students here at Northwestern. Deb is looking forward to starting a new chapter at Northwestern and we are excited for what is in store for Residential Life at Northwestern!

There have been many names for the residential areas over the years. One of our favorites was KISS. Since last year Residential Services has regrouped campus into eight distinctive areas with their own cultures and personalities. The new areas are grouped around the three neighborhood desks and are split into north campus and south campus. The following are the new areas from north to south:

- **NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS**

  **KEeler**: Kemper & Elder Residential Community
  **GLASS**: Goodrich, Lindgren, Ayers CCI, Slivka, & Sargent
  **BOBB McCulloch & 2303 SHERIDAN**: (Green House & CCS)
  **FOSTER WALKER & SEABURY UNDERGRAD**: Shephard, Allison Residential Community, & PARC
  **JIF**: Jones, 1835 Hinman, East & West Fairchild
  **WASH**: Willard & Small Houses (Chapin, Sigma Alpha Iota, 1856 Orrington, Rogers House, Hobart House, & Phi Mu Alpha).
  **GRADUATE HOUSING**: McManus, Englehart, & Seabury Grad.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE PROFESSIONAL STAFF

Last year was the first year that Residence Directors (RDs), formerly Area Coordinators (ACs) started working at Northwestern. While the name is new, the job responsibilities have not changed too much. The...
name change is to reflect what the RDs do in their daily job. This year, Res Life welcomes two more RDs to the university. Erin Boyce, working with Graduate Housing, and comes from Boston College where she completed her undergraduate degree and her graduate degree. Joe O’Geen, working in the Bobb McCulloch and 2303 Sheridan area and comes from working a year at the University of Maine and completed his masters at Florida State University. The following is a list of the professional staff.

**DEB SCHMIDT-ROGERS**  
Director of Residential Life

**PAUL HUBINSKY**  
Senior Assistant Director

**CASSIE ESKRIDGE**  
Senior Assistant Director

**TIFFANY GONZALES**  
Assistant Director

**DAN BARKER**  
RD for KElder area

**JENNY DOUGLAS**  
RD for GLASS area

**JOE O’GEEN**  
RD for Bobb McCulloch & 2303 Sheridan

**DAN AMATO**  
RD for Foster Walker & Seabury

**DEREK MURAKAMI**  
RD for SHARC area

**DANIELLE BURKE**  
RD for J1F area

**JANELLE LOVE**  
RD for WASH area

**ERIN BOYCE**  
RD for Graduate Housing

Residential Services has recently expanded the Graduate Assistantship (GA) opportunities within the department, offering 5 positions to current Northwestern Graduate Students! Two GA positions are under the Office of Residential Academic Initiatives working closely with our Faculty in Residence. These GA staff work with our two Faculty in Residence to plan engaging programs with residents in Allison and Elder Residential Communities. Three of our GA staff members serve as Assistant Residence Directors and work directly with three different residential areas and are part of the in-hall staff team. GLASS, J1F, and WASH are excited to welcome the new addition to the team. The GA staff in these areas have a variety of roles including supervision of RA staff, advising, and community development.

**LINCOLN HILL** is returning to Residential Services in a new role as the ARD for the WASH area. She is entering her second year at The Family Institute, where she is working on her Master of Arts in Counseling. Prior to Northwestern, Lincoln was at Boston University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

**NICK ROYAL** is currently in the Higher Education program at Northwestern University. Nick earned his Bachelors in...
...Law and Economics at Central Michigan University, where he was a Resident Assistant. Nick is working in a dual role serving as a half time Assistant Residence Director, and half time Graduate Assistant with the Office of Campus Inclusion and Community.

PHOEBE JEAN PIERRE is starting her first year at Northwestern pursuing her Ph.D. in the School of Communications. Previously, Phoebe attended Law School at Washington University in St. Louis. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Communications and World History from the University of Pennsylvania. Phoebe also served as a Residential Adviser for two years in her undergraduate career.

JENNIFER GREENE currently serves as the Graduate Assistant for the Faculty in Residence within Allison Residential Community. Jennifer earned her Bachelor’s degree in Engineering at Vanderbilt University, and is working on her Ph.D. in Chemical and Biological Engineering at Northwestern University. Previously, Jennifer served as a Community Assistant in Goodrich.

DANIELLE SCARSELLA is currently the Graduate Assistant in Elder Residential Community within the Faculty in Residence team. Previously, Danielle earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Gonzaga University, and is beginning her second year in the Master of Science in Marriage and Family Therapy program at The Family Institute.

The Office of Residential Academic Initiatives launched in fall 2013 to provide students who live on campus with a seamless undergraduate experience. The new office is part of Residential Services and represents a partnership between the Division of Student Affairs and the Office of the Provost. Along with stewardship of the Residential College system and cultivation of the newer Residential Community model, ORAI is responsible for facilitating faculty engagement, academic programming, and academic support in all residential spaces, including standard residence halls. Highlights of ORAI’s first year include “Coming Soon to a Classroom Near You,” a series of events to help students plan for course registration. Faculty visited residence halls to discuss their upcoming offerings with interested students. Some sessions took place over meals in dining halls while others occurred during coffee hours or in the early evening over pizza.

To help students with their current courses, ORAI arranged for Math and Chemistry tutoring on two extra nights per week in residence halls (as an alternative to Tech) and exam review sessions for most Calculus courses during midterms and finals. In addition, ORAI partnered with the Library and Writing Place to provide end-of-term reference and writing support as students worked on term papers. ORAI is using this summer to assess and refine its pilot offerings while reaching out to new partners so it can provide even more residence-based advising (e.g., Office of Undergraduate Research) and tutoring (e.g., Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching) in 2014-15.
This summer Residential Services hosted our second-ever ACUHO-I summer intern! Fun fact: one of our current Residence Directors, Dan Amato, was our first two years ago. ACUHO-I stands for the Association of College and University Housing Officers- International and is a primary professional association for Housing professionals. The ACUHO-I summer internship program is one of the most prestigious and competitive internship opportunities available in student affairs and provides students invaluable real-world work experience that can be applied to their current coursework.

Alie Brabec joined us from the University of Nebraska- Kearney where she is entering her second year of graduate school. Alie is working towards her Master’s in Higher Education. She currently serves as a Graduate Hall Director on her campus.

While at Northwestern Alie worked on a variety of projects including updating the Resident Assistant manual, assisting on Dillo Day, organizing our Neighborhood Desk operations, updating our alumni database, benchmarking compensation for Resident Assistants and Residence Hall Association exec members, coordinating the Resource Fair for Resident Assistant training and more, all while learning more about our department and offering insights.

We are thankful for the many tasks Alie was able to accomplish within the short period of time she was working with us.

In February, Residential Services lost one of our own. We are still saddened by the death of Kristina Richards. Kristina passed away on February 23, 2014. Kristina was the RD of Graduate Housing and before that she was the AC of the SLAYERS area, which included Slivka, Ayers, and Sargent. Kristina worked for the department for 10 years and was a valuable part of the team.

Tour newly renovated buildings, meet the current professional team, and reunite with your former staff! More information coming soon!
This year, exciting things have happened in the Residence Hall Association (RHA). RHA has been all about change: some of the changes included a new budget structure, new mission statement, new purpose, new website, and many more! RHA has focused itself on internal programming rather than funding campus organizations that do not have ties to residential students. RHA has also been focused on passing initiatives for students in the residence halls by working closely with Residential Services. Laundry is now free for all on-campus residents because of an initiative spearheaded by RHA. This next year, RHA plans on going to the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (GLACURH) Conference for one of the first times since RHA has been around. 2014-2015 is setup to be a transformative year for RHA and we look forward to the positive impact they will have on the Northwestern Community.

The following is a list of the executive board members:

**ANDY NIEDERSCHULTE**,
Junior
Co-President

**JAMES PISANO**, 
Junior
Co-President

**GORDAN KUCAN**, 
Sophomore
Treasurer

**BEN BASS**, 
Sophomore
Publicity Chair

**SHERIDAN LICHTOR**, 
Junior
Programming Chair

**PHIL MEYERS**, 
Sophomore
Secretary

**JACK HEDER**, 
Sophomore
Residential Life Chair

**DAN BARKER**, 
Professional Staff - RD
Advisor

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**REM: RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE MODEL**

Residential Life has unveiled a new community development initiative this fall called the Residential Experience Model. Through assessment and focus groups, we identified that residents were not being well served by the traditional programming that was occurring in the residence halls. Training the to be intentional with their interactions with residents is the focus of REM. We look forward to the success of REM in our communities and to watch them grow now that resident/RA interactions are the key to community development.