

Summer Newsletter

AUGUST 1, 2008

IMPORTANT DATES

- August 11
HRAs and DSs
may arrive early
- August 12
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must arrive by 4
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- August 12
RAs and DAs
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- August 13
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- August 20
FTLW Ends

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RCL Report

Hello RCL!!

I don't know about you, but I cannot believe that this summer is coming to an end, and believe it or not, I could not be happier. Longwood is not the same without you all here! I need you here to make this place fun!

Needless to say, there is a very thrilling year ahead of us. I am very excited about our new Assistant Director and RECs. Jean, Matt, Natalie, and Abbey are great people, and I cannot wait for you to meet them and see what they are doing to make RCL a stronger team. Please know that all of the familiar faces have been working very hard this summer to house students, coordinate the best Fall Training and Leadership Workshop, and create a new staff manual for you!!

FTLW 2008

Oh where does the summer go?
But please have no fear.
Because didn't you know.
Fall Training and Leadership
Workshop 2008 is here!

On behalf of the FTLW training committee, we would like to welcome you to FTLW. The training committee and RCL department have been working diligently to make this the best FTLW yet. We plan to give you the resources so that you will be confident and comfortable in your RA job.



The biggest news at Longwood is our growth. We will have our biggest freshman class ever. We were anticipating 980 freshmen, and as of today, we have housed 1051! Needless to say, this is great news; however, it has caused a few issues for RCL. In order to ensure that we can house everyone, we have made the decision to re-open Tabb and South Ruffner! This means that there are six very excited staff members who have joined the RA team. To add to this excitement, we are also looking forward to the grand opening of the newly renovated Cox. The building is looking great, and we have been assured that the resident rooms will be ready in time for your arrival.

The upcoming year will also

see the introduction of the new Residential and Commuter Life Advisory Board, a new cable system for the central campus, and our chance to present the VACUHO RA Conference. I hope that my excitement is contagious. With all of this growth and all of these changes, your jobs have never been more important. I always say that the RCL team represents the best of Longwood's citizen leaders! I cannot wait to see you succeed throughout the upcoming year.

I look forward to seeing you soon! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Larry Robertson
Executive Director- Residential
and Commuter Life



Training will be intensive. There will be a good amount of information disseminated within long days so please do what you can to prepare early, such as creating door decorations, duty boards, bulletin boards, etc. Training will also be packed full of fun. You will see again this year Hall Prep time and the Spirit Competition.

Please note that HRAs and DSs may return early on the 11th but no meals will be provided.

HRAs and DSs must return by the 12th at 4 to begin training. RAs and DAs may return early on the 12th but no meals will be provided. RAs and DAs must return by the 13th at 4 to begin training. Please speak with your supervisor about your plans for arrival.

So we hope that you are as pumped and ready to return as we are to have you return. We can't wait to see after training all the places you'll go.

Jean Wilwohl

I am originally from West Chester, Pennsylvania (which is a suburb of Philadelphia).

Prior to coming to Longwood University and the state of Virginia, I earned my B.S. in education at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. I then completed my M.A. in Professional Communication at La Salle University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. After

spending four great years as a Resident Coordinator at La Salle University, I assumed the role of Community Director at Montclair State University in New Jersey for two years.

When I am not working you can usually find me on the golf course. I am also a collector of video games. I can often be found playing on my Wii. I also enjoy playing board games and

spending time at the beach.

I am very excited to be here at Longwood University and I look forward to meeting everyone. My office is located in the RCL office in Lancaster. Please feel free to stop by and say hello.



"And will you succeed? You will indeed! (98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed)"
Dr. Seuss

Natalie Degerstrom

I am a Maine-iac!

Originally from Bangor, Maine I received my undergraduate degree in theater from the University of Maine. After taking a year off I returned to UMaine to get my Masters in Education in Student Affairs.

I have a few loves in the world: my partner Troy, the theater, and students. I

am also a part-time dork. I enjoy videogames, Magic the Gathering, GeoCaching, getting lost on back roads and cooking.

I am extremely excited to be here, at Longwood University, and look forward to sharing my experiences as well as learning from yours.



Abbey Rowe

I graduated from Roanoke College in 2006 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting. I then attended the University of South Carolina (go Gamecocks!) where I earned I Masters Degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs in 2008.

At Roanoke, I was involved in Relay for Life and Student Government, and I served as a resident advisor for 3 years. I am also a very

proud member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority, and I currently serve as a district volunteer for the national organization. During my time at the University of South Carolina, I worked as a graduate hall director in a residential college and I especially enjoyed my work with academic success coaching. In my spare time, I enjoy live music, spending time with my friends and family, and taking road trips, especially to the beach. I am also a college

football fan and I love the New York Yankees!!

My professional interests include first year students, greek life, and student success initiatives. I am currently a member of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) and the Association for Fraternity Advisors (AFA).

My office is located behind the front desk in ARC. My door is always open for visitors-come on over!

Matthew Coats

I'm originally from Virginia Beach, VA.

I received my Bachelors Degree from Old Dominion University in Psychology in '04' and my Masters from Radford University in Student Affairs Administration this past May.

I'm a huge Washington Redskins fan and some of my other interests are music, cooking, history; most specifically WWII and the Civil War, and I've just

recently started getting into golf.



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Dr. Seuss

VACUHO RA CONFERENCE



With about three months until Longwood hosts the 2008 VACUHO RA Conference, we wanted to ensure that all our card sharks (RAs) are up-to-date with the latest information.

The summer has been a busy but exciting time. We have garnered a premier keynote speaker in Ms. Phyllis Mable. We are completing the final touches on the conference website. We have also acquired meals that are nothing

less than High Roller quality. We have also been successful in our fundraising and sponsorship endeavors.

Please know that in the coming weeks RAs will be asked if they are interested in attending the RA conference as part of Longwood's delegation. We need enthusiastic and spirited people to represent Longwood throughout the conference. (Please note that we will still have the 40+ RAs who signed up

for committees assist with the RA Conference preparation; however an official Longwood delegation is still needed).

We encourage everyone to sharpen their card skills and get ready for an exciting semester leading up to the conference.

See you in Vegas!

FTLW SPIRIT CHALLENGES

Guess what is back ladies and gentlemen. That's right...Spirit Challenges. In an effort to promote high energy, fun, and to keep your attention on our hardworking presenters, the RCL professional staff have come up with new ways to heighten your spirits.

With Curry Hall returning this year as our overall Spirit Winner from

last year, the 2nd annual challenge is surely going to be all the more fun. From challenges last year ranging from staff roll calls, to decorating a hat, to penny jar decorations...the sky is the limit for '08 challenges. One thing that can be guaranteed again is attendance and attention. So be on time, leave those cell phones closed, and eyes wide open.

This will be a year long challenge as the fun in RCL isn't restricted to just training. So, come back prepared and ready to go because the challenge is on.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE RCL PRO STAFF
Unscramble their names

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RCL and Campus Updates

Residence Hall Occupancy

Longwood continues to grow, and it is appears that we will open with our largest freshmen class ever. We have re-opened Tabb and South Ruffner to provide housing for the overabundance of new students, and we continue to look for inventive ways to ensure that everyone is in a comfortable home for the academic year. At this time, we are very excited that no one has been placed in transitional housing. In short, we have not assigned a third person to rooms that normally accommodate two. To date, we have also not housed anyone in RA rooms; however, we want to remind you that it is still possible that some RAs will have the opportunity to live with a temporary roommate for a few weeks. We will be in touch with you if that does happen.

Residence Hall Renovations

RCL is very pleased to announce the following facilities enhancements that have taken place over the summer:

Cox Hall will re-open after its renovation. The plumbing, electricity, and elevators have all been enhanced. There is also a new back porch, and the Glass Lounge has never looked better. New room and common area furniture have been purchased. And oh yeah, the building is now air conditioned.

The first phase of the Curry renovation project will also be completed soon. The suite doors have been replaced, new mattresses have been bought, and the lobby has been renovated to provide a small seating area.

Also, Frazer has received a new roof.

Longwood Dining Services Announcements

Longwood Dining Services has announced that it will open a Moe's Southwest at the Landings. The Chick-fil-A will also move from the Lancer Café to the Landings. An Einstein's Brothers Bagels will also open at the Café. All of these changes should take place during the fall semester.