

# Office of Residential Life

## Departmental Newsletter



### Tunnel of Oppression

Please join us for the Tunnel of Oppression in the Harre Union Ballroom A on March 28th from 5PM to 10PM, or March 29th from 10AM to 5PM. The Tunnel of Oppression is an experience that highlights contemporary topics of oppression and privilege. Participants will pass through a series of areas where they will be subjected to scenes, imagery, and information regarding various social issues of oppression designed to challenge and educate.

The Tunnel of Oppression is a grassroots diversity program that originated in 1993 at Western Illinois University. Modeled after the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles, the goal of the Tunnel of Oppression has always been to not simply educate participants on oppression, but to have them experience it firsthand. While most participants may have never experienced many of the issues in the Tunnel, they may be able to obtain an understanding of oppression or discrimination through the true experience that is the Tunnel of Oppression. Though the content can be very intense and emotional, the highly interactive and engaging experience makes the Tunnel one of the most highly effective diversity programs employed in higher education today.

### Spring Break Housing

As Spring Break approaches, you may wonder if you qualify for break housing. Below are the criteria for students wishing to apply:

1. You are an International or Interlink student.
2. You are a VU student athlete in mid-season with practice and/or games over break.
3. You are a student participating in a credit-bearing activity such as student teaching, internship, or co-op.
4. You live 500 miles or more away from your permanent address.

If you qualify, please go to [www.valpo.edu/reslife](http://www.valpo.edu/reslife) and fill out our Spring Break Housing form - this must be complete by **5pm on Monday, February 27th, 2012**. Our break housing buildings are Brandt, Wehrenberg, and Uptown East - if you do not live in any of these buildings and need break housing, please find someone in these buildings who is willing to let you use the room, and have that information ready for the form you need to fill out. If you do not know anyone, there is a space on the form to indicate this.

**NOTE: Students ARE NOT automatically eligible for break housing if they hold an on or off campus job that is not directly associated with a credit-bearing academic program.**



### National Residence Hall Honorary: Of the Month Awards

Has someone in your community gone above and beyond in such a way that you think they deserve recognition? Nominate them for an OTM! There are 5 categories that residents can be nominated for: Resident Assistant, Desk Attendant, House Council/Judicial Board Member, Student, and Program. The winners for the month of December and January are:

#### **Resident Assistant of the Month**

Amy Schutte – Alumni Hall (December)  
Samantha Cassell – Guild Memorial Hall (January)

#### **Student of the Month**

Joel Luedtke – Alumni Hall (December)  
Alyssa Arwady – Wehrenberg (January)

#### **Desk Attendant of the Month**

Caleb Rollins – Alumni Hall (December)  
Kimberly Fisher – Alumni Hall (January)

#### **House Council/Judicial Board Member of the Month**

Dounia Ardahji – Alumni Hall (December)  
Patrick Olson – Alumni Hall (January)

#### **Program of the Month**

Jen Sommers & Alex Hoffmeyer – Wehrenberg Hall –  
Cupcake vs. Muffin War (January)

There are two ways you can nominate. You can email [valponrhh@gmail.com](mailto:valponrhh@gmail.com) or you can complete the nomination form at: <http://bit.ly/vtw4KU>

You will need to include who you are nominating, what position you are nominating them for, and then a blurb as to why you are nominating them!

### Be an RA at Valpo!

Applications for Resident Assistant positions for the 2012-2013 academic year are available now! Applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA, attained at least sophomore status by the end of the Fall 2012 semester (24 credits or more), and have lived on campus at Valparaiso University for at least one semester.

Applications can be found on Residential Life website ([www.valpo.edu/reslife/RA.php](http://www.valpo.edu/reslife/RA.php)). They must be submitted by 5pm on Friday, February 10, 2012.

Contact MaryAnn Matzke at x5763 or [maryann.matzke@valpo.edu](mailto:maryann.matzke@valpo.edu) with any questions.

**Online Room Selection for the 2012 – 2013 Academic Year**

**Need housing next year? Follow these simple steps:**

<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	March 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now. Go online and SELECT the room you want during your appointment time.	Go online and SELECT the room you want during your appointment time.

**Don't need housing next year? Follow these simple steps:**

<b>Step 1</b>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Go online to CANCEL your housing for next year.

**Want to live in Uptown East next year? Follow these simple steps:**

<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	February 10 <sup>th</sup>
Go online to SIGN UP for housing.	Uptown East Applications are on our website and due on February 10.

**Want to live in a fraternity house next year? Follow these simple steps:**

<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	March 26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now. Go online and SELECT the room you want during your appointment time.	Go online and SELECT the room you want during your appointment time.

**Want to live in sorority housing next year? Follow these simple steps:**

<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	February/March
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	Your Chapter President will contact you about your room placement.

**Want to be part of a Living Learning Community (Fellowship Hall, Upper-Class Honors Community, Global Leaders Community) next year? Follow these simple steps:**

<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	February 17 <sup>th</sup>
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	Deadline to fill out online application – <a href="http://www.valpo.edu/reslife">www.valpo.edu/reslife</a>

**Going abroad next year? Follow these simple steps:**

<b>Step 1</b>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Go online to CANCEL your housing for next year.

**Need medical housing next year?**

<b>Step 1</b>	<b>Step 2</b>
By March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	February 24 <sup>th</sup>
Go online to SIGN UP for housing. You also choose your roommate(s) now.	E-mail <a href="mailto:reslife@valpo.edu">reslife@valpo.edu</a> to make an appointment to sign up for your room.

**All students must log in to the online room selection website and choose one of these options by Friday, March 2, 2012.**

## Still have questions?

**Visit us: Harre Union 250**

**Call us: (219) 464-5413**

**E-mail us: [reslife@valpo.edu](mailto:reslife@valpo.edu)**

**Check us out:**

**[www.valpo.edu/reslife](http://www.valpo.edu/reslife)**



# THE BRANDT HALL GAZETTE



## January Events in Review

### *Sledding*

Joe Salsbury organized a spontaneous sledding program, which drew 12 residents. It was many residents first sledding experience and a fun time for all!



### *Cupcakes!*

Kayla Logsdon held this program where residents received a chocolate cupcake in exchange for an interesting fact about themselves. 13 residents took part in the program and learned more about each other!



## Upcoming Events

### *Super Bowl Party*

Meet RAs at 5:20 pm on February 5 to walk over to the Union to enjoy the big game and food.

### *Tax Program – Joe and Chris*

Learn how to file your taxes and the tricks and tips on how to keep more of your money. Date, time, and location to be announced.

### *Valentine's Day Speed Dating – Natalie*

Meet new people and perhaps find that special someone! Details to be announced soon.

### *Interviewing Program - Natalie*

Gain or refine your skills for upcoming job and internship interviews. Date, time, and location to be announced.

### *Valpo v. Butler Basketball Game – Chris*

On February 24, check out the Crusaders as they take on instate and conference rival Butler!

## Brandt Hall Resident Spotlight

### *Kelly Belisle*

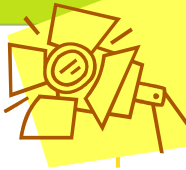
**Favorite Color:** Blue

**Favorite Movie:** *Mulan*

**Favorite Food:** Strawberries

**Favorite Quote:** "Be not afraid of greatness: some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." - William Shakespeare

*Kelly serves Brandt Hall as desk attendant. She is smiling face and a positive leader in the building.*



## Brandt Hall RA Spotlight

### *Joe Salsbury*



**Favorite Color:** Blue

**Favorite Foods:** Apple Pie and Pizza

**Favorite Movie:** *Shamshank Redemption*

**Favorite Quote:** "The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will." -Vince Lombardi

**Best Program So Far:** Joe had the most fun at his sledding program, especially watching people who had never sledded before.

*Joe is a fun person to be around. He has built an outstanding community and is always willing to help others.*



# Notices, Quotes, and Fun Stuff!

## Get Connected!

We are now on Twitter! Follow us to get updates on important information for all students living on campus, upcoming events and programs in the building, and for the chance to win prizes in fun contests!

**You can find us on Twitter at:**

[@ValpoBrandt](https://twitter.com/ValpoBrandt)

Sign up today!

follow us on  
**twitter**



**You can also find Brandt Hall on Facebook:**

Click [here](#) to like us!



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## A Note from the Brandt Res Life Staff



Please keep the kitchen clean and remember to take your personal trash to the trash area in the main TV lounge.

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

~Thomas Jefferson

## Valentine's Day Word Search

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| Card      | Feelings   | Kisses       | Valentine |
| Chocolate | Flowers    | Love         |           |
| Couples   | Friendship | Lovers       |           |
| Cupid     | Gift       | Romance      |           |