

October 2011

# Office of Residential Life

## Departmental Newsletter



### Valparaiso University Residential Students-

Welcome back to campus! As you get settled into either your first year living on-campus or coming back to stay with us, we would like to share with you some important processes we handle in the Office of Residential Life that are coming up soon and that may have an impact on your current living situation!

### Get Connected to Residential Life

The Office of Residential Life is now on both Facebook and Twitter! You can follow us to get updates on important information for residential students, upcoming activities and events in the residence halls and around campus, chances for contests and prizes, plus more!

You can find the Office of Residential Life on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Valparaiso-Universitys-Office-of-Residential-Life/216748738356021>

And follow us on Twitter: [@ValpoResLife](https://twitter.com/ValpoResLife)

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### Room Consolidation

In an effort to give everyone the opportunity to live with a roommate as well as make sure our rooms are at full occupancy, once the room change process is complete we will begin the room consolidation process. For all students, this means if you are currently in a double room by yourself, in a triple room with two people, etc. al, we will be looking into moving you in with someone or having someone move in with you. If you are part of this group, you will receive an e-mail within the next few weeks letting you know the process has started! *NOTE:* our goal is to keep you on the same floor in the same building you are currently in, unless you have a preference of moving elsewhere.

### Be an RA at Valpo!

Applications for Resident Assistant positions in the Spring 2012 semester will be available on Friday, October 7! Applicants must have at least a 2.3 GPA, attained at least sophomore status by the end of the Fall 2011 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](http://www.valpo.edu/reslife)). They must be submitted by 5pm on Friday, October 28, 2011.

Unable to apply for next semester? Applications for RA positions in the 2012-2013 academic year will be available in January! Contact MaryAnn Matzke at x5763 or [maryann.matzke@valpo.edu](mailto:maryann.matzke@valpo.edu) with any questions.

### Fix My Room

If there is a maintenance issue in your room you can go online and place a work request! Visit the Residential Life webpage on the Valparaiso University website and under current student you will find the Fix My Room link. For safety related maintenance issues please notify your RA or RLC immediately (i.e. lost keys, doors that won't lock). Here is the link: <http://apps.valpo.edu/fmOWO/request.php?type=residents>

### Room Condition Report (RCR)

When you checked in this year, a Resident Assistant went through your RCR with you to note the condition of your room at your time of move in. At the end of the year, if something from that report has changed (for example, a chair is missing, marks are left on the wall, and so on), our department assesses this and may charge you. To be proactive about this, we recommend the following:

- Do not remove any furniture from your rooms at any time! This is not only a policy but very important to help you avoid fines and fees at the end of the year. This includes putting furniture in lounges and hallways.
- Do not hang anything up with materials that would tear the paint off your wall. Some tapes and adhesives will do this.
- If you have a question about anything in your room or something was not recorded on your Room Condition Report, **ask your RLC!** Do not wait until after closing!

### Questions and Concerns

We are here to help you with any questions and concerns you might have about on-campus housing throughout the year. To help you navigate whom to ask for what, we have a list of popular topics/questions and where you can go for assistance. Please let us know if there's anything we can do for you!

#### RLCs

Building Specific Issues  
Roommate Issues  
Judicial Board and House Council  
RA Related Questions

#### Central Office/Kretzmann Hall

Pick up and Drop off Room Change Request Forms  
Housing Exemption Requests  
Damage Appeals and Billing Requests  
Housing Assignment Questions

## Here To Assist You! Central Office Staff

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# THE BRANDT HALL GAZETTE



## September Events in Review

### Dec the Hall

Dec the Hall was hosted by Jazymne Davis. Residents from the 2nd floor made decorations with information about themselves such as majors and favorite television shows to put on their doors. The decorations, colorful and covered in glitter, brighten up the hallway.

### Speed Dating

Jerome and Kayla hosted Speed Dating, which over 30 residents attended. The event provided an opportunity for residents to meet one another... in less than 2 minutes. Many residents continued their conversations even after the program ended and the brownies were all eaten.

## The Brandt Hall Resident Spotlight!

### Jordan Lewis

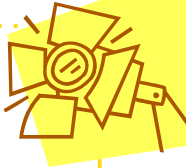
**Favorite Color:** Blue

**Favorite Movie:** *The Dark Knight*

**Favorite Food:** Jerk Chicken

**Favorite Quote:** "It always seems impossible until it's done." -Nelson Mandela

Along being a political science and internal business double-major and a member of the football team, Jordan has is involved in the hall. He works as a desk attendant and is the student coordinator for the Judicial Board.



## Upcoming Events

Keep an eye out for these during the month of October!

### *Wing Night – Alex*

I will be taking a group of residents down to buffalo wild wings for cheap wings on Tuesday October 11 at 7 pm for some floor bonding.

### *Hair-dying – Jazmyne and Kayla*

Jazmyne needs her hair dyed and who better to do it than her residents. Date and time to be announced.

### *Future Planning – Jazmyne and Joe*

Jazmyne and Joe will be having a future planning educational with the career center to help residents with looking towards the future the date is October 12 and time has not been set.



## The Brandt Hall RA Spotlight

### Joseph Finke



**Favorite Color:** Red

**Favorite Movie:** *Shanks Redemption*

**Favorite Food:** Nutella sandwich on wheat bread

**Favorite Quote:** "The will to win means nothing without the will to prepare." –Juma Ikangaa

**Best Program So Far:** The Roommate Game



# 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:**

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## A Note from the Brandt Res Life Staff



For your own personal and community safety, do not prop doors and unprop the doors when you see them. For each propped door found by the Res Life staff, there will be a \$50 community fine. If you are caught using a propped door or propping a door, the situation will be documented and sent to Judicial Board.

*"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You." – Dr. Suess*



Have fun with this free coloring page!!!

