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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). 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 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 UPTOWN EAST GAZETTE



September Events in Review

UPE Cookout

A bunch of residents stopped by the Uptown patio for hotdogs, s'mores, and a good conversation around a campfire. Keep an eye out for more events like this!



UPE Block Party

Over 100 residents of Uptown East Apartments came out for free pizza and smoothies and to listen to a great DJ from Chicago, all sponsored by Uptown East!

The Uptown East Resident Spotlight!

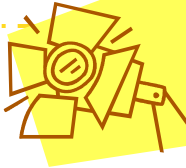
Ryan Wendling

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Movie: My Cousin Vinny

Favorite Food: My grandma's spaghetti!

Favorite Quote: "You can't make a second first impression."



Get Connected!

Like us on Facebook to get the latest news and information on upcoming events and activities. You can find us at:

www.facebook.com/ValpoUptownEast

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:

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

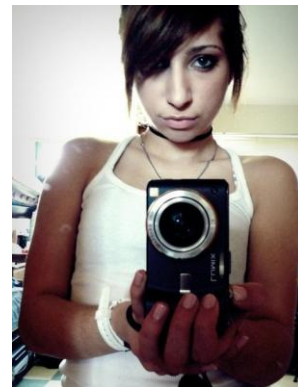
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The Uptown East RA Spotlight

Ellen Wilson



Favorite color: Purple

Favorite food: Panda Express

Favorite movie: Lord of the Rings

Favorite quote: "This is my life. These are my choices."

Best Program So Far: Block Party

Ellen is a returner to the UPE staff. Her great programming ideas and ability to build community in the apartments are GREAT assets to the UPE staff.



Notices, Quotes, and Fun Stuff!

Upcoming Events

Thursday September 29th at 8pm. Come and listen to someone from the Career Center tell you everything you need to know to make a good impression at the Career Fair! We will cover interview skills, what to wear and what NOT to wear, how to ask interesting questions to make a good impression, how to prepare your resume, and more! Coffee and cookies will be provided!

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



Winterizing Your Ride

Billy and Ryan

We are choosing to teach residents all the steps needed to winterize your vehicle. Winter is fast approaching and we wanted to get this out before the cold weather hit, and then no one wants to go out in the cold to work on their car. We want to emphasize the value of taking care of your car, even if you seldom use it in the winter time.

Date, time, and location to be announced.



Voter Registration

Kristen and Ellen

Since the elections are coming up and some residents probably have never registered to vote, or even if they have don't know how to do absentee voting, we will educate them on how to get the process going. We hope that by coming to our program they'll learn how the voting process works and thereby be responsible citizens.

Date, time, and location to be announced.

Koinonia

Ben

The educational will provide an opportunity for individuals throughout uptown to come and talk about faith. Koinonia is Greek for fellowship and that is what this educational will provide. It will educate them on different ideas to worship, practice faith with others, and have an open forum to express ideas and thoughts. This could also create networks for individuals to create their own times and ways to worship.

Date, time, and location to be announced.

You Yoga?

Daniela

Learn how to relax and relieve stress!

Date, time, and location to be announced.



A Note from the Uptown East Res Life Staff



The dumpsters have moved! They are now located in the enclosure in the parking lot between buildings 1, 3 and 4.

Something wrong with your apartment? Submit a work order! John, the maintenance guy, is super nice :) Go to www.theuptowneast.com and fill out the form online!

"When I became a man, I put away childish things, including the fear of being childish, and the desire to be very grown up."

~ C.S. Lewis

