Important Information

Sign Up
To participate you must sign up by emailing serignese@easternct.edu by Friday, Sept. 19, 2014 at 4 p.m.

Due Date
Portfolios will be due by Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015 at 4 p.m., in the Housing Office, Wood Support Services, Room 241

Questions
If you have any questions please contact the Office of Housing & Residential Life at (860) 465-5297

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For More Information Visit
www1.easternct.edu/housing/IDEAL/
What is an I.D.E.A.L. Residential Portfolio?
A liberal arts education focuses on well-rounded, holistic learning where students are intentional about the education they receive, both inside and outside of the classroom. The I.D.E.A.L. Residential Portfolio encourages students to sample a variety of Eastern's offerings, exposing them to useful resources and activities of interest.

Who Can Participate?
All first-year, sophomore, and junior residential students are eligible to participate.

How to Participate
To participate, interested students must notify the Office of Housing and Residential life by Friday, September 19, 2014. Students will then complete the required check-list and provide proof of attendance (i.e. meeting minutes, pamphlet, flier, ticket stub, or program) to indicate their participation. For each item on the list, students will also write a brief reflection essay discussing their observations, what they learned, and their feelings about the experience. These reflections and proof of attendance will be compiled in a portfolio binder and submitted to the Office of Housing and Residential Life by Wednesday, February 18, 2015.

Benefits
All students who complete the I.D.E.A.L. Residential Portfolio automatically earn 20 Priority Points, in addition to any points they accumulate while attending events to complete the portfolio (e.g. UROC & RHA Meetings, RA educational programs, CCE events).

Students will also be eligible for merit-based awards on their portfolio’s content, creativity, and overall effort. Students from each class with comprehensive, reflective, and creative portfolios could win a year of free housing, the first pick in room selection, an iPad, or a $100 gift card to the bookstore. Finalization of the merit-based awards will be announced on the website at the start of the Fall semester.

Portfolio Requirements
- Attend four (4) Residence Hall Association (RHA) meetings.*
- Attend a RHA Event.
- Attend at least two (2) University Residential Outreach Council (UROC) meetings.*
- Attend a UROC event.
- Attend an educational RA program in your hall.
- Participate in a Center for Community Engagement event.
- Attend an Eastern Athletic event.
- Attend a SGA meeting or SGA sponsored event.*
- Attend a University Hour event.*
- Attend a University Arts & Lecture Series event.*
- Attend a University theatrical or musical performance.*
- Visit an event or local business/establishment in the town of Willimantic.
- Submit a copy of your completed Four-Year Plan.
- Find a job that you would like to apply for upon graduation and submit a copy of the job description, your cover letter, and your resume before and after having it checked by the Center for Internships & Career Development staff.
- Include an essay on how you have grown in your time at Eastern, what Eastern’s Core Values mean to you and how you attempt to incorporate the core values into your Eastern experience.

Bonus Activities
- Complete a Roommate Expectation Form.*
- Take and include a photo of your favorite residence hall bulletin board and explain why you chose it as your favorite.
- Include five (5) photos of some of your favorite memories at Eastern with a description of each.
- Create a 30 second to 5 minute video about your experiences at Eastern and share the link/file with us. In the event of a tie, this video will be used as a tie breaker when giving awards.

* Please include programs, copies of minutes (must include your name in the attendance sheet) and fliers to verify your completion of each of these requirements.