Residence Hall Association ~ Executive Board Training

Residence Hall Association (RHA) Executive Board Training: In an effort to ensure that our RHAs have the training they need to conduct business, budget wisely, and plan the best events possible, this past weekend, our office conducted our first annual training for RHA e-board members. The day-long conference was open to all e-board members currently serving one of the RHAs in the 13 halls on campus. The president of the University Residential Outreach Council (UROC) opened the meeting with a welcome on behalf of UROC, which is the parent organization to the RHAs, followed by remarks from Dr. Nunez. Sessions for all participants included: financial paperwork and Robert's Rules of Order, followed by break-out sessions for each position, and mini conference sessions on organizational goal setting, programming, time management and motivational advertising. LaMar Coleman, Director of Housing and Residential Life, was the keynote speaker and shared his insights with students on “The Art & Skill of Leadership.”

DEANS CUP STANDINGS

1st - Burnap Hall
2nd - Winthrop Hall
3rd - Constitution Hall
4th - Mead Hall

IMPORTANT HOUSING DATES
Dec. 2nd – Winter Housing applications available
Dec. 4th – 24 hour quiet hours begin
Dec. 9th – Classes end
Dec. 10th – Reading Day
Dec. 17th – Finals end
Dec. 18th – Halls close at noon
Eastern Students Make a Difference

As finals are coming to a close and so is the semester, it is inevitable that many students are more than ready to leave for the winter break. However, what many of them are unaware of is upon their return second semester, many changes are going to be underway. Many clubs and organizations on campus such as the Student Government Association (SGA) and the University Residential Outreach Council (UROC) serve as change agents on campus and a way for students to have access to a form of advocating at the university.

Not only have students shown their empowerment through organizations such as SGA and UROC, but many students participate in student run clubs on campus that encourage advocating for prominent issues on campus, in the community and nationwide. Every winter, Habitat for Humanity students participate in an overnight stay in boxes on Webb Lawn during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week to empower students to not only become more educated on this issue, but donate and take part in the efforts towards bettering shelters in the local community. Overall, the club raised over $1,300.00 to be given to the Covenant Soup Kitchen in Willimantic.

So many clubs and organizations on campus serve as advocates for students, issues and much more. Clubs and organizations such as these that those highlighted teach students much more than just advocacy and empowerment. They integrate many skills that can be applied inside and outside the classroom and on and off campus.

From the Director ~ Closing information

All residence halls close at 6pm on Tuesday, Dec. 17th. Students who have a travel or exam conflict can speak with their Hall Director and they will be given permission to stay until Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 12 noon. Students must check out with an RA in order to avoid a $25 improper check-out fee and must return keys to the staff to avoid a lock change and charge over break. Students should NOT return their main door fobs that they use for entry into their residence halls. Students that are not returning to the same housing assignment for the spring must move completely out of their fall spot.

Winter Session Housing: A limited number of spots are available for students requesting winter session housing. These spots are available to students working full-time on campus or taking classes. The cost is $290 per week. Applications are available in the housing office and spaces are assigned on a first-come basis. Winter session housing is not open to residents of first-year halls or Niejadlik Hall until Thursday, Dec. 19th at 7pm and those students will have to leave campus on the 17th and return on the 19th.

Spring Opening: All residence halls will open on Sunday, January 12th from 10am-7pm.