WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL LIFE

Dear New Student,

Welcome to Eastern and welcome to the irreplaceable on-campus living experience you are about to enjoy! As you begin your journey at Eastern, I want to introduce you to a tradition that we have started for first year students called The Six Week Challenge. Within The Six Week Challenge, we have planned a diverse array of programs, activities, and events that will aid you in becoming acclimated at Eastern. In fact, our calendar is packed so that there is something going on each day for the first six weeks of the fall semester. While the activities are optional, the challenge will be for you to complete a certain number of activities to be eligible for a variety of prizes and rewards at the end of your first six weeks at Eastern. This publication will describe all of the events that are planned and will help you to keep track of how close you are to meeting the challenge. We look forward to your participation and wish you the best of luck within The Six Week Challenge and throughout your journey at Eastern.

With all good wishes,

LaMar Coleman
Director of Housing & Residential Life

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THE SIX WEEK CHALLENGE CELEBRATION

The final event for The Six Week Challenge will be the celebration. This will be the time when all students who were successful in attending at least 18 events in addition to the 6 mandatory events will receive their prizes and be entered into the drawing. Additionally, students who attended all events in the guidebook [not including the ones noted with the (*)] will be entered into the drawing for the “Ultimate Six Week Challenge” prizes.

DATE: Thurs. Oct. 13
TIME: 8-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Student Center, Betty R. Tipton Room

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RESIDENCE HALL DAY OF SERVICE EVENTS

DAY OF SERVICE: It is important to be able to contribute to the society that we live. Eastern embraces and encourages civic and community engagement. Each residence hall will sponsor their own Day of Service and then subsequent community service events. Be on the lookout for your respective hall’s Day of Service Event(s) and come show your support for the community.

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<td><strong>UROC CRAFT NIGHT:</strong> Are you artistic? Do you like working with your hands to make things? Then Craft Night is the event for you. Come see the various creations and crafts you can make with the various craft supplies we’ll have available.</td>
<td>Thurs. Oct. 6</td>
<td>8-10 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>FRIDAY AFTER DARK (FAD) OPEN MIC NIGHT:</strong> Come to a relaxing, yet, intriguing night of poetry, spoken word, and other talents at our Open Mic Night. Hear from professional spoken word artists as well as Eastern students who are talented poets. You won’t want to miss the creative use of words that will intrigue and inspire all.</td>
<td>Fri. Oct. 7</td>
<td>8-11 p.m.</td>
<td>Student Center, Betty R. Tipton Room</td>
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<td>(*<strong>) TRAIL OF TERROR TRIP:</strong> Halloween is approaching! Come get frightened at one of Connecticut’s largest haunted trail experiences. Sign-up in the Housing Office and $5 will reserve your spot.</td>
<td>Sun. Oct. 9</td>
<td>6-10 p.m.</td>
<td>Meet at the Student Center Lot</td>
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FAMILY DAY: Invite your family to visit campus and participate in the various activities for Eastern's Annual Family Day. Family members can enjoy meals with students, partake of athletic events, participate in shows at the New Fine Arts Building and more. The Office of Student Activities will distribute schedules as we get closer to the date.

DATE: Sat. Oct. 1
TIME: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Throughout Campus

(*) OUTLETS MALL TRIP: Do you love shopping? Join us for a trip to the new Outlet Mall near the casinos. There are dozens of stores, shops, restaurants, and entertainment. Sign-up in the Housing Office and $5 will reserve your spot.

DATE: Sun. Oct. 2
TIME: Noon-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Meet at the Student Center Lot

WEEK #6

CAMPUS-WIDE ROOMMATE GAME: If you won the Roommate Game in your residence hall, try your luck at winning against the other pairs of roommates from other halls. Let’s see who the most bonded pair of roommates might be. Those not competing can come cheer on their friends.

DATE: Mon. Oct. 3
TIME: 8-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Student Center Theatre

VICE PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE VIEWING PARTY: Come hear the Vice Presidential Candidates debate the issues so that you are informed for the upcoming elections.

DATE: Tues. Oct. 4
TIME: 8-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Student Center Theatre

WORKSHOPS ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW) – STUDY SKILLS: As we’re getting closer to midterm time, it’s important to begin thinking about the various study skills and techniques that will come in handy on tests, exams, and term papers. Come learn some of those techniques so you can continue to excel academically.

DATE: Wed. Oct. 5
TIME: 8-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Your Residence Hall Lounge
RA/RESIDENT 1:1 MEETING: Your Resident Assistant will be a valuable person during your first year. Get to know your Resident Assistant by having a quick one-on-one meeting with him/her.

DATE: Ongoing
TIME: Speak with your RA
LOCATION: TBA

RA/RESIDENT MEAL: Enjoy a good meal with your Resident Assistant. RAs will be inviting residents to join them in the dining hall for the first several weeks of the semester.

DATE: Ongoing
TIME: Speak with your RA
LOCATION: Hurley Hall or Student Center Food Court

RESIDENCE HALL SOCIAL: During the second week of the semester, join your Hall Director and other students living in your residence hall for a social as you begin to build your Residence Hall pride and spirit.

DATE: Second Week
TIME: TBA by your Hall Director
LOCATION: Your Residence Hall Lounge

WEEKLY EVENTS (MUST ATTEND 20 EVENTS TO WIN CHALLENGE)

WEEK #1
FIRST DAY OF CLASS CELEBRATION: Stop by your residence hall lobby to get your classes started right. Enjoy a light breakfast and receive complimentary school supplies on your way to your first day of classes.

DATE: Mon. Aug. 29
TIME: 10 a.m.-Noon
LOCATION: Your Residence Hall Lounge/Lobby Hall

DIRECTOR DINNERS: Enjoy a good meal with your Hall Director. While some Hall Directors will have dinner prepared within the residence hall for all to enjoy, others may elect to accompany students to the dining hall. See your respective Hall Director for details.

DATE: Tues. Aug. 30
TIME: 5:30-6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Your Residence Hall or Hurley Hall[*]

(*) PROJECT MATCH-UP SOCIAL: New students who participated in the Project M.A.T.C.H. – U.P. Mentoring program are invited to attend this social with their upperclassman mentor. Food will be provided and new students and mentors will be able to become better acquainted.

DATE: Wed. Aug. 31
TIME: 7-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Mead Hall Commons

PEER STUDY GROUP SOCIALS: Want to meet other students who live in your residence hall and are taking the same classes as you. Come to the Study Group Social to meet others who may want to form study groups in common classes and form networks of people who can help each other academically throughout the year.

DATE: Mon. Sept. 26
TIME: 7-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Your Residence Hall Lounge

TRIVIA NIGHT: Which residence hall is the smartest? Join your hall’s trivia team or come out to support your hall as they compete in the Trivia Competition. Winning teams will be rewarded.

DATE: Tues. Sept. 27
TIME: 8-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Student Center, Betty R. Tipton Room

ELECTION HOT TOPICS: With the Presidential Election upon us, it’s important that we have as much information about the various presidential candidates as possible so that we can make informed decisions on Election Day. Come hear information from an expert panel about the individuals vying for the nation’s top office.

DATE: Wed. Sept. 28
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Fine Arts Instructional Center, Room 103

WORKSHOPS ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW) – HEALTHY LIVING: In college, it is important to not only achieve academic success, but, it is also important to live a healthy lifestyle. This involves proper eating habits, getting regular exercise, avoiding substance abuse, and maintaining good mental health. Come learn how you can maintain a healthy life while in college.

DATE: Wed. Sept. 28
TIME: 8-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Your Residence Hall Lounge

PEP RALLY: Come show your Warrior pride and spirit at our annual Pep Rally. Get to know our athletic teams, get excited with our cheerleaders, see some of our dance troupes perform, be entertained by various talents, and win prizes in various competitions as we get excited for this year’s Athletic competitions.

DATE: Thurs. Sept. 29
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Sports Center Gymnasium

CAMPUS ACTIVITY BOARD (CAB) LATE NIGHT: Come to the Student Center for a movie, a music event, and late night activities of food, activities, novelties and more.

DATE: Fri. Sept. 30
TIME: 6 p.m.-12 a.m.
LOCATION: Student Center
WEEK #4

CONSTITUTION DAY ACTIVITIES: The Constitution of the United States is one of the most important documents in our county’s history. It contains the principles that our country was built on. Join your respective residence hall staff as they present various programs about this historical document.

DATE: Mon. Sept. 19
TIME: Varies
LOCATION: Respective Residence Halls

RES-HALL ROOMMATE GAME: Think you know your roommate well or want to cheer on your friends? Come show how bonded you are as you compete with other sets of roommates from your hall in the Roommate Game. Prizes will be given and winning team from each hall will advance to compete in the campus-wide Roommate Game.

DATE: Tues. Sept. 20
TIME: 8-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Your Residence Hall Lounge

WORKSHOPS ON WEDNESDAYS (WOW) - BUDGETING & FINANCIAL LITERACY: Managing money is an important aspect of life. It is just as important for college students. Come learn various strategies for making your dollars stretch and learn about Eastern’s Financial Literacy Software (SALT) that is available to all students.

DATE: Wed. Sept. 21
TIME: 8-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Your Residence Hall Lounge

UROC KICK-OFF EVENT: As the governing board for Housing & Residential Life, the University Residential Outreach Council will host its annual kick-off event so that everyone is familiar with who they are and what they do. Be on the lookout for more information regarding this event and come out and have some fun with UROC.

DATE: Thurs. Sept. 22
TIME: 5-7 p.m.
LOCATION: TBA

POOL BATTLESHIP COMPETITION: Come work with your fellow-residents from your hall to build a boat that can make it from one side of the pool to the other. Residence Hall teams that can successfully make it across the pool without sinking will be rewarded.

DATE: Fri. Sept. 23
TIME: 7-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Sports Center Pool

(*) ADVENTURE PARK TRIP: It’s one of Connecticut’s largest ropes courses with lots of zip-lines and aerial trails. Challenge yourself and have some fun in the trees at this exciting ropes course. Sign-up in the Housing Office and $5 will reserve your spot.

DATE: Sun. Sept. 25
TIME: 1 p.m. -5 p.m.
LOCATION: Meet at Student Center Lot

WEEK #2

WORKSHOP ON WEDNESDAY (WOW) - ROOMMATE COMMUNICATION: Come learn about how to effectively live and communicate with your roommate.

DATE: Wed. Aug. 31
TIME: 8-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Your Residence Hall Lounge

KITCHEN CAFE PANCAKE NIGHT: Come enjoy pancakes along with entertainment and activities with the Campus Ministries staff.

DATE: Thurs. Sept. 1
TIME: 9-12 a.m.
LOCATION: Student Center Cafe

FRIDAY AFTER DARK (FAD) WELCOME BACK CARNIVAL: There will be music, rides, novelties, blow-up obstacles, and more at the FAD Carnival.

DATE: Fri. Sept. 2
TIME: 8-11 p.m.
LOCATION: Hurley Hall Lawn Area

RESIDENCE HALL LABOR DAY WEEKEND PROGRAMS: If you’re around during Labor Day Weekend, be on the lookout for a variety of activities and trips that may be taking place in your residence hall.

DATE: Sat.-Mon. Sept. 3-5
TIME: Varies
LOCATION: Residence Halls

STUDENT SERVICES PASSPORT CHALLENGE: Get to know the various services and resources that Eastern has available for students. Students will be challenged to find the various office locations, visit the offices, and receive stamps within a specified time to be entered into a drawing for prizes.

DATE: Tues. Sept. 6
TIME: 1-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Student Center Café (Starting Location)
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<td>on the Women’s Volleyball Team as they take on the Coast Guard Academy.</td>
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<td><strong>PRESIDENT’S PICNIC/STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR:</strong> Come enjoy a great BBQ with</td>
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<td><strong>WARRIOR CUP COMPETITION KICK-OFF EVENT:</strong> Get your residence hall started on</td>
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<td>will be encouraged to read. Get a summary of the book; foreshadow plot highlights;</td>
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<td>take a guess at the book’s ending. Reading’s never been so fun!</td>
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<td><strong>EASTERN RES-HALL FEUD:</strong> Join with the other residents of your hall to form</td>
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<td><strong>DOWNTOWN WILLIMANTIC 3RD THURSDAY EVENT:</strong> You’re a Willimantic citizen now!</td>
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<td>Downtown Willimantic (Main St.)</td>
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<td>Come see what Willimantic has to offer at their traditional 3rd Thursday Street</td>
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<td><strong>(*) BOSTON TRIP:</strong> There’s so much to see and do in Boston. Transportation will</td>
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<td>be provided to and from Boston for you to enjoy restaurants, historical sights,</td>
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