Message from the President

Greetings residents, hall government members and staff! I hope the fall semester was positive and filled with great community development. The fall 2015 semester proved to be a successful one for the Residence Hall Association, and all fifteen residence halls.

With campus living’s main focus to turn halls into homes, I’m confident that we have started achieving goals for the 2015-2016 academic year. I give immense appreciation for all the hard work and passion you all have for living on campus. I am truly grateful to represent RHA this year as President. Thank you.

RHA prides itself for planning and promoting events, aiding freshman transition and retaining interest in on-campus housing. I’m a firm believer in the “It takes a village” principle. Knowing that every student cannot be actively involved in RHA I still feel it is important for residents to be in the know.

On behalf of the RHA executive board, I would like to happily introduce to you the RHA newsletter. This was very important to us because RHA is a student run organization. RHA acts to serve and be the voice of every student that lives on campus. Again, it was important to us to find a method of communication that would effectively inform you of all things RHA.

With the many successful campus events and initiatives RHA involved itself in last fall, I want to personally bring to your attention our two scholarship opportunities. Last year RHA was fortunate to grant two campus living resident’s scholarships. The “Hall Government Member of the Year Scholar” and “Resident of the Year Scholar,” both award a single student $500.00 which will be applied to the recipients 2016-2017 room and board in the fall. We have decided to reopen both scholarship applications for student’s whom are involved and live on campus. If you’re interested in receiving an application please reach out to your hall coordinator or refer to the RHA website, ecu.edu/rha to apply.

Remember that it is through you that RHA has continued to turn our halls into homes. I hope you had a wonderful, safe and relaxing winter break. Welcome back, and I hope you enjoy the upcoming programs we have to offer you this semester.

Regards

Residence Hall Association President, Jonathan McDougle
Fall 2015 Event Recap
RHA had the pleasure of hosting a plethora of different events throughout the fall semester. The first of many being the “RHA Dry Tailgate” on September 5th. This was an alcohol free tailgate complemented with food trucks, music and other fun activities to help kick off the first home football game of the season against Towson University.

September 17th RHA helped out at King & Queen of the Halls: A friendly competition between all the residence halls on campus. The competition was filled with fun, games, and entertainment at the bottom of College Hill. The College Hill Suites gentlemen were crowned king, followed by Aycock Hall ladies being crowned queen. King & Queen was then followed by the College Hill Block party: A huge block party in celebration of the new face of the hill Gateway East and West. The event was complemented with plenty of games, food, a live band, and a food drive in exchange for a t-shirt.

October 15th, The RHA executive board, along with Hall government members hosted Pumpkin Palooza. Allowing the organization as a whole to volunteer with the Greenville “Boys and Girls Club of America.” Each hall government created a fun, interactive booth for the children from the Greenville Boys and Girls Club to enjoy. RHA also wants to thank Greene Hall for allowing us to host the event in their hall lobby.

November 3rd, we hosted a comedian, Maria Falzone; presenting her popular sex lecture “Sex Rules.” This was also a premier passport event inside of Hendrix Theatre.

We hope you enjoyed these events as much as we did planning them for you. Be sure to be on the lookout for more great programs from RHA this spring.

Conference Updates
Peter Soares was elected the new National Communications Coordinator for the remainder of the 2015-2016 year in November, filling the vacant position on the RHA executive board. Over the fall semester, Vice President, Emily Annunziata, filled in as acting NCC, taking six delegates to UNC-Wilmington for our regional conference SAACURH (South Atlantic Affiliate of College University Residence Halls). While attending the conference the delegation was able to bring back two awards to ECU; “Best Philanthropy” and “Most Spirited.” The philanthropy for SAACURH was the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. RHA was fortunate enough to have a continuing relationship with the local Greenville Boys & Girls Club, through our RHA Pumpkin Palooza event we hold every October. The executive board of RHA would like to thank both hall government and the B&G Club for helping us win the “Best Philanthropy.”

Currently we are preparing for NCARH (North Carolina Association of Residence Halls), State conference at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Eager to bring back another philanthropy award, RHA has begun preparing for the conference by collecting bottles and cans throughout the residence hall, for the TerraCycle program. TerraCycle provides free waste collection programs for hard to recycle materials. Turning the waste into affordable green products.

We are in the process of selecting a delegation to represent our school at UNC-Chapel Hill. The theme of the conference is “Igniting the Future by Recognizing the Past.” Our delegation will be creating a banner, display, roll call, and going over cheers. Nominations for the National Communications Coordinator-In Training, will be in January. Once elected this individual will join Peter in the board room at NCARH, so that he or she can transition smoothly into the position for next year.
Campus Spirit

Recognition was front and center in the fall semester. With the introduction of the Hall Government Member of the Month awards, 21 students have been awarded in the past three months. These students are nominated by their Residence Hall Coordinator for going above and beyond, truly turning our halls into homes.

Gateway East: Jessie J. & Rubie M.
Gateway West: Edeia L. & Simone B.
Tyler: Greyson B. & Bailey R.
CHS: Jessica K.
Jones: Hannah A. & Kelsie L.
Aycock: Rebecca L. & Deonte Cavender
Scott: Rose B.
CFJ: Christina T. & Troy N.
Garrett: Taylor B.
Greene: Ashley L.
Clement: Haley N.
Fletcher: Abigail L.
Umstead: Disha N.
NCC: Courtney V. & Erin M.

Top 5 residence halls in the running for the “Most Spirited Award.”

1. Aycock
2. Clement
3. Gateway East
4. CFJ
5. CHS

Congratulations to everyone! We appreciate every campus living resident.

Election Updates for the Spring Semester!

As the Spring Semester quickly approaches it is getting closer to RHA executive board member elections for the 2016-2017 academic year. All of the positions are up for election every year and you can nominate any RHA member interested in running for a position. Current executive board members may also be nominated, however no executive board member may hold any one given position for longer than two terms. A term is defined as two full academic semesters.

The election timeline is as follows:

**NCC-IT (National Communications Coordinator - In Training)**
- Nominations open on January 12th
- Nominations close on January 18th at 5:00 PM
- Interviews will be on January 19th
- Nominee will present on January 26th at RHA General Assembly Meeting

**President**
- Nominations open on March 15th
- Nominations close on March 21st
- All nominees will present to the General Assembly on March 22nd
Vice President
• Nominations open on March 15th
• Nominations close on March 21st
• All nominees will present to the General Assembly on March 22nd

Business Manager
• Nominations open on March 22nd
• Nominations close on March 28th
• All nominees will present to the General Assembly on March 29th

Parliamentarian
• Nominations open on March 22nd
• Nominations close on March 28th
• All nominees will present to the General Assembly on March 29th

Marketing Manager
• Nominations will open on March 29th
• Nominations close on April 4th
• All nominees will present to the General Assembly on April 5th.

Future Programs
The following are upcoming events for the spring semester. We invite all to participate and have a share.

RHA Week - Feb. 1st-4th
NCARH 2016 - February 19-21
RHA Siblings Weekend - April 8th -10th
EOY Banquet - April 19th

Social Media Challenge
Show us how you enjoy living on campus with a photo uploaded to social media using the (#ECURHA) for a chance to win a free T-shirt from the RHA E-board.

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