

Bridging the Gap Between Classrooms and Residence Halls

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How Residence Halls Support the Academic Mission of a University or College

- Students spend more time in the residence halls than in the classroom
- Learning does not just happen in classrooms
- Living learning environments bring out seamless learning
- Integration of faculty, staff, and students is vital to dynamic campus environments
- Learning is a life-long process

Why is it so Important for Residence Halls to Support the Academic Mission?

- Campuses need to justify the money and expense of running residence halls
- Seamless learning is important to impress upon students to foster life-long learning
- Life-long learning means increased civic engagement and involvement

A New Professional in a New Hall...

- Initial reactions
- Goal setting
- Challenges
- Rounding out the year

Research

- Taking my questions to a whole new level
- Why research?
- Challenges
- How conducting research has helped me as a new professional

Motivating Student Staff

- Not the easiest task sometimes...
- Find their passion
- Allow them to take the reigns
- Recognize their efforts
- Show them how it will benefit them

The Importance of Getting Involved as a New Professional

- How many of you are new professionals?
- How many would like to eventually move out of a hall director position?
- Getting involved has helped me:
 - Communicate with other professionals in the field as well as faculty
 - Gain confidence in my skills
 - Propose and implement new initiatives in my department
 - Avoid burn out
 - Find my passion

Lessons Learned

- Beware of how much you take on
- Ask your department if it is OK
- Set goals for yourself, your staff, your building
- Ask for help
- Find a mentor
- Plan, plan, plan

Freshmen Interest Groups (FIGS)

- 21 residential, 39 Non residential
- Work closely with the First Year Programs Office
- Plan SuperNova and Stall Talk
- The FAs role in the hall community

Community Conversations

- In its 6th year at the UO
- Student lead (WAB and HTT)
 - Advised by Assistant Director for Academic Initiatives, Programming Coordinator, and help from Complex Directors
- 6 panels per term, different formats
- Partnership with the library and media services
- Examples of past and upcoming panels

Take a Faculty Member to Lunch/Dinner

- Who can participate?
 - Any faculty member
 - Any student living on campus
- How does it work?
 - Student brings faculty to the area desk
 - Faculty and student present ID
 - Faculty is given a card to give the cashier when they get their food
- How has it been going?

SuperNova

- Primarily run by FAs, though all interested are welcome
- Similar to Community Conversations
 - Focuses on research faculty are conducting
- Examples of past SuperNova programs

Academic Initiatives Quality Circle

- What is a quality circle?
- Why is it important to have student staff involved in academic programming?
- Examples of programming at the UO sponsored by the AIQC

Faculty in Residence (FIR)

- What is the Faculty in Residence Program?
- History of the FIR Program at the UO
- Duties of the FIR
- Benefit to students

Library Connections

- Why is working with the library important?
- Connections with the UO library
 - Bibliographies for Community Conversations
 - Educational Displays
 - Powerpoint presentations for academic programming
 - Subject specialists having office hours in the residence halls

Academic Advising

- Why is working with Academic Advising important?
- Academic Advising office hours in the residence halls
- Academic Advising programming each term

International House

- History of the UO's International House
- International House activities
- Working closely with the International Student Association (ISA)
- Chinese Flagship Program

Residential Learning Advisory Council

- Members
- Purpose
- New Initiatives

Future Possibilities at the University of Oregon

- Language practice sessions in the dining centers
- Permanent Academic Advising office in the residence halls
- Academic Learning Services Center in the residence halls
- Multi-media displays at the Living Learning Center

Resources at the University of Oregon

- Freshman Interest Groups
 - <http://firstyear.uoregon.edu/>
- Living Learning Initiatives
 - http://housing.uoregon.edu/reshalls/academic_programs.php
- Library Connections
 - <http://libweb.uoregon.edu/reference/conversations.html>

Questions?