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CONNECTING YOU TO THE CODE OF STUDENT LIFE AND
THE OFFICE OF STUDENT STANDARDS AND CONDUCT AT
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Dear Razorback Community,

The Office of Student Standards and Conduct would like to welcome you, whether it is for the first time, or back from hopefully a safe, and enjoyable summer break. The beginning of a semester is a time for new beginnings, new friendships to be made, and for some a recommitment or continued commitment to goals and aspirations that you have for yourself. This is the same for the Office of Student Standards and Conduct (OSSC). The OSSC starts the new academic year with new staff, new programs, new partnerships, and although not new, we are re-introducing the *Code Connection*. Each installment will include important information for you to know as a student, such as responsible alcohol use, exploration of ethics and values, important information about the Code of Student Life, and involvement opportunities with the OSSC.

In this issue of the *Code Connection* you will find an introduction to our new staff, the OSSC, and important information for you to know about the Code of Student Life.

I hope you find these newsletters useful and informative. We value your feedback, so if you think of topics that would be worth including in upcoming installments, I hope you will take the time to reach out and share those with us.

We in the OSSC hope you have a successful Fall 2013 semester.

Woo Pig Sooie!

Rachel Eikenberry, Director
Office of Student Standards and Conduct

Rachel Eikenberry

Director

Rachel Eikenberry is the Director of the Office of Student Standards and Conduct. Rachel has a Bachelor of Science in Educational Psychology from Mississippi State University, a Masters in Counselor Education and Student Affairs from Clemson University, and is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Arkansas. She has worked in the field of Student Affairs for 7 years. Prior to her position as Director, she served as the Assistant Director for the Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct at the University of Arkansas for 3 years. Before working at the University of Arkansas Rachel worked at the University of California, Santa Barbara, as a Complex Coordinator for Housing and Residential Services. Additionally Rachel worked as a Residence Director at Clemson University. Rachel's professional interest lie in the areas of student conduct, student mental health, behavioral intervention and crisis management, conflict resolution, student ethical development, and alcohol/drug education. Outside of work Rachel enjoys reading, creating and appreciating art, traveling, and spending time with her husband and two daughters.



Meet the Staff

It's a new year and a new Office of Student Standards and Conduct. Since June we have added two new professional staff members and a new graduate assistant. In order to serve you better it's important that you know who we are!

Tory Spokane

Assistant Director: Housing

Tory Spokane has worked in worked at the University of Arkansas for the past two years. Tory has served as the Interim Assistant Director for Student Rights and Responsibilities since January. This position allows her to work closely with the Hearing Officers in Housing as well as the housing students. Tory really enjoys working with students one on one and seeing them develop during their time at the University. Prior to becoming the Interim Assistant Director, she served as the Coordinator for Residence Education in Pomfret Hall. Before working at the University of Arkansas, Tory was the Graduate Assistant for Student Conduct at Florida Atlantic University where she earned her Masters of Education in Higher Education Leadership. Additionally, Tory spent two years as a Case Manager for children in the foster care system in Broward County. Tory's professional interests are women's initiatives, ethical decision making, diversity and social justice, and student development. Outside of work, Tory enjoys cooking, reading, spending time with friends, traveling. Tory is also a foster parent for two teenage girls and enjoys working with children and adolescents.

Chris Bryson

Associate Director

Chris Bryson is originally from Northern California, and he has been working as a student affairs professional for over five years. He completed his Master's Degree in the Student Affairs in Higher Education program at Colorado State University (CSU). Following his graduate work, Chris worked at CSU as an academic advisor for two years, and an Assistant Director in the university's student conduct office. He recently the position of the Associate Director in the OSSC, and he is excited about moving to the area and attending SEC football and basketball games! Chris is passionate about his work as a hearing officer because he recognizes the importance of challenging and supporting students as they work to overcome mistakes. Chris' professional interest lie in the areas of student conduct, conflict resolution, effective sanctioning, and student development.

Ashley grew up in a suburb of Milwaukee, WI and recently moved to Arkansas from Minnesota. She spent her graduate career working in student conduct, and after an internship at Cornell University knew that helping students make positive changes was the work she wanted to do. Ashley's true passion lies in teaching, whether formally in the classroom or in the office having conversations. The program coordinator position is brand new, and Ashley looks forward to finding new ways to engage with students, create more individualized sanctions, and keep students on the path to success.

Ashley McNamara

Program Coordinator

Kristie Williams

Graduate Assistant

Kristie is in her second year as a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Standards and Conduct. She chose to stay on with OSSC another year because she found it rewarding to be able to work with students in helping them adjust and change potential behaviors that can disrupt their collegiate experience. Kristie's favorite part of being a graduate student here at the YOU of A is the pride that is represented here on campus. It is a great feeling to be play a role in our community while representing the University.

Kristie received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University and is currently pursuing a Master's of Science in Counseling.

Sadaf Anet

Graduate Assistant

Sadaf is originally from the great state of Texas. She attended the University of Arkansas as an undergraduate student, and received her Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Sociology in May of 2013. Sadaf is currently working on a Master's degree in Higher Education. As an undergraduate student, she was extremely involved on campus. Sadaf was a resident assistant for 3 years where she discovered a passion for Student Affairs. Sadaf was also a Student Ambassador and a member of the All University Conduct Board. She has visited several other universities, and after each one her love for the U of A grows. Sadaf loves working with our students and helping them achieve their goals and grow to their fullest potential.



Resources for Action

The best way to avoid policy violations is to be involved on-campus. Is your heart set on a certain major or career? With so many Registered Student Organizations on Campus, join one that will help build your resume to reach your future goals.

Go to: osa.uark.edu/rso

Does the community matter to you? Look into the volunteer work with the Volunteer Action Center and fill your hours with helping others.

Go to: volunteer.uark.edu

Another great choice is to meet people and stay active! Take classes from UREC, join an intramural team or club sports, or explore the outdoor opportunities offered by the Outdoor Connection Center. Engage in your world and your personal wellness!

Go to: urec.uark.edu

Engage with the Razorback community and find your place!

Know the Code: The Code of Student Life

The University of Arkansas is an educational institution that doesn't just want to provide students with a degree; we seek to provide students with educational opportunities to grow into successful members of the local and global community. An important part of providing students with that opportunity is having the Code of Student Life. As the code says, "the University faculty, staff, and students value the University's relationship with the surrounding Fayetteville community and realize that the University has tremendous social, cultural, and economic impact on the greater Northwest Arkansas community" (Code of Student Life, Preface).

It is important to remember that these rules and expectations are in place because students represent the University of Arkansas wherever they go and as members of organizations. Whether they study abroad or go on spring break, and even as close as how they behave when going to class and hanging out on the weekends.

The Code of Student Life is not arbitrary! All of the policies are in place to protect students from hurting themselves, others, or property, and ensuring that every individual has the right to feel like YOU of A is the right place for them, where they feel comfortable living and learning. It's okay to disagree with a policy, but there are consequences for ignoring them.

It is the responsibility of the student to know the Code of Student Life. Not knowing something was against policy is not an excuse. As a member of the Razorback community, students have a responsibility to know what that membership entails.

The Office of Student Standards and Conduct can answer just about any question that you might have about a policy. If you really need to know, come and ask. If you have to meet with someone from the OSSC about an incident—don't be afraid. The OSSC wants to listen, help, and understand what happened so that we can help you in the future. Like any office at the University of Arkansas, our goal is education.

Still, the reasons for these policies and the purpose of the Code of Student Life is said best by the code itself in Section IV. Part A:

"No great university is merely a reflection of the society in which it exists. It is a place where truth is freely sought, where inquiry is encouraged, where new ideas and new ways may develop and flourish at the expense of the old. It is a seedbed of change in an ever-changing society. An academic community grows only when its members may act and express themselves freely and without fear. To preserve these basic concepts, certain rights and responsibilities must be established. These rights and responsibilities in no way limit the broader freedoms that are guaranteed to citizens in a free society." - Code of Student Life

Words to Remember

**"Behavior is what a man does, not what he thinks, feels, or believes."
- Emily Dickinson**

Remember that your behavior should reflect your beliefs—actions speak louder than words.