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The University Housing Newsletter is a monthly publication of the department for staff members. It is YOUR news - you are encouraged to contribute articles or information to share with the department.

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EMPLOYEE HEALTH & BENEFITS FAIR

Wednesday, November 13, 2013
9:30am - 1:30pm
Arkansas Union Ballroom and Connections Lounge

The purpose of the Employee Health & Benefits Fair is to provide University employees an opportunity to discover important health information; to catch in the early stages certain life-threatening medical conditions; and to showcase community and university resources that may improve both the financial and physical well being of our employees. Please note: staff do not have to take sick or vacation time to attend however, they must have their supervisors’ approval to attend.

Who will be providing information?

Over 70 community and university services will be providing employees with information on topics addressing economic, family, mental, and physical health, and individual development. Free health screenings and assessments will be offered.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY

As part of our ongoing professional development series, we would like to take the opportunity to invite you to a different type of professional development. Coffee with Colleagues will take place on November 14th, 2013 from 9-10 am in the Arkansas Union, Room 511. Please take this opportunity to come and network with other full time staff members around the division. We hope that you will take this opportunity to take a pause from the busy week and have your morning coffee with others on staff throughout the division.

Please RSVP at the following link:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DSFTFR5

An exchange invitation will be sent to those who RSVP as a reminder.

Contributed by Michael Beaver

Shirley Claypool reports that 67 Housing full-time and hourly staff members received flu shots or nasal injections on October 17.
Friends and colleagues,

We’re at the halfway mark in the Hogs United campaign, and are a little more than a third of the way to our goal, $150,000. If you need a reason to make a donation, here’s one that’s close to all of our hearts: education.

Hogs United donations go primarily to the United Way of Northwest Arkansas which last year gave $749,050 to support 28 programs focusing on the education of our children. Less than half of the children in our area are ready for kindergarten. So our donations go to:

- Central Child Care in Rogers
- Decatur Care for Kids
- Head Start in Fayetteville and Rogers
- PeaceKids Preschool Program in Rogers
- HAPPY Childcare Program in Rogers
- School Readiness at the Siloam Springs Children’s Center

All of these are dedicated to preparing pre-school age children to succeed when they start school. And another United Way supported program in Springdale, Nurturing New Lives, works with first-time parents to get them the resources they need for their kids to succeed.

Speaking of resources, thanks to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library donations to Hogs United provide free books to Northwest Arkansas children – one book a month for each from birth to 5 years old – giving parents the opportunity to read to their children, one of the biggest boosts possible toward a successful education.

Then there are the programs supported by the United Way of Northwest Arkansas that are aimed at older children, outside the classroom, teaching them life skills, values and healthy habits.

- 4-H programs in Benton and Madison Counties
- Boys and Girls Clubs in Fayetteville, Bentonville and Siloam Springs
- Big Brothers and Sisters in Washington and Benton Counties
- The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts in Northwest Arkansas

Additional programs target at-risk teenagers:

- The Teen Action and Support Center in Rogers offers an after school program that provides mentoring, trade skills, and gets kids involved in the community.
- Youth Bridge in Fayetteville works with at-risk youth to overcome problems of substance abuse, crime and violence, and mental and emotional health issues to help them achieve academic success.
- Building Bridges at Bentonville High School serves teenage parents by providing them child care so they can focus on school and graduating successfully.
- Youth Strategies in Springdale provides job training, placement, and opportunities for high risk teens.

When you make a donation to Hogs United you can give to all United Way of Northwest Arkansas supported agencies, or you can target particular programs. You can even designate your gift go to a different United Way agency in our region. No gift is too small to help us reach our goal. The important thing is that you make a donation.

A secure, on-line giving portal has been developed to make giving easy. Here’s how to do it:

1. Navigate to http://hogsunited.uark.edu/
2. Once there, click the big “Donate Now” button.
3. You will see the red UARK Central Login screen. Enter your regular UARK account name and password and click “Log in.”
4. You should then see the “Welcome to United Way of Northwest Arkansas” page.
5. Click the gold “Give” button.
6. You should see a page with your contribution information, or a “select your pledge type” prompt.
7. Work through the workflow.

Debbie McLoud, M.Ed., SPHR
Director of Employee Services
The Hall Senates and Student Activity & Interest Boards (SIAB) in each of the residence halls had their hands in showcasing their creativity and competitiveness participating in Homecoming events. This October the students in the residence halls competed in the Banner Competition and Lawn Decorations to show their school spirit and create community within the residence halls. Residence Halls worked in the following pairings:

- Founders, Gregson-Gibson – Iron Man
- BDGR, Walton, Duncan - Thor
- Holcombe-Futrall, Quad - Hulk
- Pomfret (all) - Batman
- Maples EWS – X-Men
- Yocum – Humphreys – Spider Man
- Hotz – Reid – Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles

With the theme entitled, “Super Hogs”, each pairing exhibited great displays centered around superheroes. The residents took initiative and time to commit to making these wonderful items at their respective residence hall. The Student Alumni Association opened the door by inviting the Housing department to participate in the Homecoming activities alongside the Greek Community. Student Alumni Board and the key staff at the Alumni Association were the judges of these various events across campus, which was announced via Twitter and other Social Media platforms. These are the two events that residence halls actively participated in this year and they are looking at expanding their Homecoming involvement in the future.

**Banner Competition Winners:**

1st Place- Ironman  
(Founders and Gregson-Gibson)

2nd Place- Spiderman  
(Yocum and Humphreys)

3rd Place- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles  
(Hotz and Reid)

Contributed by Andrea Allan and Eric Hall
Meet Lauren Hake. She is a sophomore in Elementary Education from Kansas City, Missouri. Lauren has always been interested in living a sustainable life and setting an example for others. When the position of the Director of Sustainability was introduced in RIC last year, she eagerly applied. Now that she has the position, the Office for Sustainability wants the University student body to know what she is doing for campus.

This semester, Lauren wants to see that Hydration Stations are installed in each residence hall, that Razorbucks are an acceptable form of payment at the local farmer’s market, and to create a virtual green room for the sustainability website. She has already created a sustainability flyer with tips and information about living a greener lifestyle on campus. This flyer can be found next to recycling bins in residence halls.

Lauren is taking on events next semester with Campus Conservation Nationals, Recycle Mania, and teaming up with the Vice President of National Residents Hall Honorary to create a sustainable Friday Night Live for students. Attend these to support RIC and their efforts in sustainability.

If you are interested in sustainability on campus, Lauren urges you to work with one of the many groups available. These include Student Sustainability Council, Green Thinkers, Roots & Shoots, and the Sustainability Living-Learning Community. Students can also drop by the Office for Sustainability, where questions and enthusiasm toward sustainability are always welcome. Lauren is more than happy to help students with an idea they may have. She encourages anyone who wants to get involved, but doesn’t know how to email her at ricsus@uark.edu.

University of Arkansas Office for Sustainability http://wordpress.uark.edu/sustain/
Geography Series Pakistan

For the month of October, the geography series was excited to showcase Pakistan! Two students from Holcombe Hall worked together to present and cook food, Sundus Amin & Fatima Khalid. There was a great attendance and the audience members truly seemed to enjoy learning about the annual celebrations. There was an interactive portion of the presentation in which the audiences learned how to speak some common phrases in Urdu. Overall the girls really did an excellent job!!

Also in Holcombe Hall, residents attended a Pumpkin Carving Party. For many of them, it was their very first time to carve pumpkins and they seemed to enjoy it! We spent the first part of the program learning about urban legends. As an example, we read about Harold the Scarecrow from Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark. Afterwards the students began carving and we made roasted pumpkin seeds from their pumpkin guts 😊

Contributed by Nicole Allen
On Friday, October 25th, No Woman Left Behind co-sponsored a trivia program at Friday Night Live (FNL). Friday Night Live is a late-night program facilitated by student leaders dedicated to providing, creative, educational, and cultural activities that enhance the University of Arkansas experience.

The theme of this recent Friday Night Live was “Unite To Fight.” The event focused on becoming a superhero and the fight against breast cancer. There were multiple activities for students to participate in such as laser tag, photo booth, crafts and trivia.

No Woman Left Behind asked trivia questions covering three topics: No Woman Left Behind, superheroes, and breast cancer. Each student was asked three questions and had to answer two of them correctly, to have their FNL Passport signed.

As students participated in the different activities, they could complete their FNL Passport and turn it in for a free t-shirt. No Woman Left Behind was excited to contribute to this event which supported breast cancer awareness, and also made more students aware of the No Woman Left Behind program and their mission.

No Woman Left Behind strives to educate the University of Arkansas community about sexual assault and create a culture that does not wait for someone else to take action.

**Top Photo: No Woman Left Behind Interns**  
Shanna Darling and Laiken Gay (left and right) with Reid RA Tara Faulks (center)  
**Bottom Photo: Students answering the trivia questions.**

**Contributed by Tory Spokane**

The message is simple: whether it’s your sister, your friend, or a complete stranger step in and make a difference.
IT HAPPENED IN FACILITIES!

Clockwise from top left: Halloween Hijinks! Brian Wilkins as The Gangster; Judy DeGonia as The Flapper; Curtis Cody painting the handrails at NW Quad. Curtis has been giving the handrails around Quad and Maple Hill a fresh coat of paint; Trey Graves helping out in the community by clearing brush for a disc golf course at Walker Park; work on the tunnel system southwest of Pomfret for the Leroy Pond Utility Plant (LPUP).

Contributed by Aaron England and Mira Milanova
Twelve Resident Assistants and three Advisors had the opportunity to travel to San Antonio, TX for the SWACUHO RA Conference. The theme this year was Color Me R.A.D.I.C.A.L. (Resident Assistants Developing Inclusive Communities Altering Lives). At this conference the RAs had the opportunity to share, learn about, and celebrate the great work they have been doing for our department.

Leaves are turning color and falling, those among us who keep vehicles outside have had to scrape our windshields a few times, holiday lights are popping up around town - all this can only mean...THE SEMESTER IS ABOUT TO END!

Non-academic year residence halls will close for students at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, November 26 for Thanksgiving Break. University offices will be open on Wednesday, November 27 and will close for Thursday the 28th and Friday the 29th. The halls that closed will open on Sunday, December 1.

The last day of Fall classes is Thursday, December 12; Dead Day is Friday, December 13. Final exams start on Saturday, December 14 and end on Thursday the 19th. Non-academic year halls will close on Thursday, December 19 at 5:00 PM. University offices will remain open until 5:00 PM Monday, December 23.
CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENT “OTM” RECIPIENTS!

Advisor of the Month (REGIONAL)
Emmalie Davis, Coordinator for Residence Education, Hotz Honors Hall; nominated by Tyler Priest, Resident Assistant, Founders Hall

Institution Faculty/Staff Member of the Month (REGIONAL)
Trisha Blau, Office of Student Involvement; nominated by Tyler Priest, Resident Assistant, Founders Hall

Educational Program of the Month
Chocolate Wasted, alcohol awareness program, Reid Hall, September 30; nominated by Amanda Bobo, Coordinator for Residence Education, Reid Hall

Executive Board Member of the Month
Katherine Petit, Residents’ Interhall Congress Director of Programs; nominated by Onnissia Harries, Residents’ Interhall Congress President

First Year Student of the Month
Moriah Senteney, Founders Hall; nominated by Kwamesha Moore, Resident Assistant, Founders Hall

Resident Assistant of the Month
Grace Crifasi, Resident Assistant, Maple Hill West; nominated by Molly McKinstry, Resident Assistant, Maple Hill West

Residential Community of the Month
Hotz Honors RA Staff nominated by Andrew Powell, Resident Assistant, Hotz Honors Hall

Social Program of the Month
Founders First Birthday, September 10; nominated by Tyler Priest, Resident Assistant, Founders Hall

Spotlight of the Month
Brandon Chapman and Jacob Davies, Resident Assistants, Humphreys Hall; nominated by Collin Selman, Resident Assistant, Humphreys Hall

Contributed by Emmalie Davis
DOOR PRIZE WINNER!

University Housing contributed an iPad Mini with cover to the door prizes offered at the Off-Campus Connections Housing Fair on October 9th.

Congratulations to Anna Gaspard, Maple Hill South, who took away our prize!

Thanks are in order to Alisha Gilbride, who represented Housing at the fair.

HOUSING RECEIVES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARD

The Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce honored projects and leaders in the area’s construction and developer community at its annual Construction and Developers Appreciation Awards Banquet on Monday night.

The chamber awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award to Jim Lindsey.

Other awards were:

- Skyline & National Service Award — Veterans Healthcare System of the Ozarks Clinical Addition, Fayetteville
- Transformational Award — Elkins High School
- Community Outreach Award — KNWA/KFTA Station at The Dickson, Fayetteville
- Phoenix Award — University of Arkansas Hotz Hall Renovation
- Sustainability Award — University of Arkansas Hillside Auditorium
- Downtown Vitality Award — 21c Museum Hotel, Bentonville
- Hail Mary Award — University of Arkansas Fred W. Smith Football Center
- Vision Award — University of Arkansas Vol Walker Hall Renovation & Steven L. Anderson Design Center
- Adaptive Reuse Award — 15 N. Church St., Fayetteville

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Halloween Hijinks

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