On Friday, May 16, University Housing and the Division of Student Affairs held a dedication ceremony for the Housing Administration Office. Speakers for the dedication were Chancellor G. David Gearhart, Dr. Daniel Pugh and Ms. Florence Johnson. Mr. Jim von Gremp, chair of the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees, also attended the dedication ceremony. Representatives from the construction company, architects and design firm were also present for the ceremony.

At 19,659 square feet, the Housing Administration Building is built to meet LEED Silver criteria, sustainability – day light harvesting, occupant sensors, auto flush toilets, water bottle fillers. Polk Stanley Wilcox where the architects and Cone was the contractor.

University Housing has 4 functional areas: Residential Facilities, Administrative Services, Business/IT and Residence Education. There are 47 offices, one large meeting room, 4 small meeting rooms – 2 of the small meeting rooms can be used for future offices, Residents’ Interhall Congress student office, and three open work spaces for various student positions such as conference assistants and ResNet Techs. At times there are approximately 65-plus people working in the

Photos: Florence Johnson, aided by Trustee Jim von Gremp, cuts the red ribbon thereby dedicating the new Housing Administration Building!

Bottom: guests, students, and staff begin to filter into the building for refreshments and tours.
Residents’ Interhall Congress Looking forward to 2014-2015

This year has been a very strong year for Residents’ Interhall Congress. Our Executive Team, President’s Cabinet, and the Representatives from our residence halls have truly left a legacy on campus this year. Whether it is the success of safety efforts like the Campus Lighting Tours, establishing a strong foundation in sustainability efforts within the halls, assisting various organizations with the implementation and funding of events on campus, or their continued commitment to the growth and development of our on campus living environment, this year’s group of involved leaders has consistently striven to be the voice of our on campus students and have succeeded in doing so.

In addition to these great achievements, the spring 2014 semester brought some much needed refining of the internal processes of RIC. The RIC Senate Body, after looking at the more representative structure of the Senate, voted to change the name of this portion of the organization, which is now known as the RIC House of Representatives made up of Representatives from each residence hall on campus. Additionally, the House of Representatives voted to create a Judicial Branch of the organization in order to ensure the continued adherence to the Constitution and Code of RIC. These changes and some more on the horizon serve to develop RIC into a stronger, broader organization. The 2013-2014 Executive Officers and President’s Cabinet who deserve recognition for their leadership in all of these efforts are:

Oni Harries, President
Lizzi Reynolds, Vice President
Cody Radar, Secretary/Treasurer
Jordan Lutrell-Freeman, (the first) Speaker of the House
Carl Rainey, Director of Programming
Nick Stauffer, National Conference Coordinator
Adrian “Cheddar” Ordorica, Director of Advertising and Public Relations
Shauntell Mathis, Director of Leadership
Lauren Hake, Director of Sustainability

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to a close, Residents’ Interhall Congress is already looking forward to next year and the future of our organization. While this year has been a very successful year, it is time for RIC to look forward to next year. Recently, we completed the RIC Elections process and our new set of Executive Officers and President’s Cabinet are already planning and working toward the implementation of another strong and successful year for RIC. On the immediate horizon for the new leadership is planning and traveling to the NACURH 2014 National Conference in Eau Claire, Wisconsin where our delegation will represent RIC and The University of Arkansas.

The 2014-2015 Executive Officers and President’s Cabinet are:

Lizzi Reynolds, President
Cameron Thomas, Vice President
Russell Sharp, Secretary/Treasurer
Logan Mills, Speaker of the House
Vacant, Director of Programming
Nick Stauffer, Director of Communications
Erica Burgener, Director of Leadership
Kenneth Hamilton, Director of Sustainability
Bradley Graves, Programs Director

These new leaders are excited for the opportunity to continue the success of RIC and keep looking for new ways to innovate and invigorate the organization in order to continue being the voice of the on campus student.
On Thursday, May 29th, a group of 8 students and 2 advisors from the University of Arkansas Housing Department began the long road trip to join some 2400 other delegates from schools across the world, at the NACURH 2014 conference at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire up in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. NACURH (National Association of College and University Residence Halls) is an association for college and university residences halls that extends to Resident Hall Associations and National Residence Hall Honorary groups all over the globe. During the actual conference there were sessions for both advisors and students. The advisors began their certification with a new Advisor Resource Training (ART) Program, by attending various sessions to help increase advisor effectiveness and productivity. The students attended sessions focused on enhancing our living communities with new and exciting programs, possible fundraisers, and even some sustainability initiatives. Student also participated in boardroom sessions, where they addressed changes to the NACURH policies, as well as vote on annual awards at both the regional and international level. In addition to making policy changes and attending various programming sessions, the University of Arkansas racked in the awards! Our region of SWACURH, awarded the university with the Murphy Award for showing outstanding service to the RCC position and the region. Amanda Bobo, NRHH Advisor, was awarded the Golden Pillar Award for her exemplary work with the U of A chapter of NRHH. Recent graduate, Tyler Priest, was awarded the SWACURH NRHH Cornerstone Award for his dedication and outstanding service to NRHH within the region and his assistance to the NRHH Associate Director. The University of Arkansas NRHH chapter was also recognized as the chapter of the month for both February and March. After returning on Monday, June 2nd, our delegation will now use the ideas and advice from other students and advisors to help us continue to enhance our students’ on-campus experience.

Below:
(left to right) Lizzi Reynolds, Bradley Graves, Madeleine Chaisson, Jervae’ Franklin, Nick Stauffer, Stacia Smith, Braylon Junior, Eric Hall.

Article and photos contributed by Stacia Smith
During the 2014 NACURH Conference, a delegation from the University of Arkansas represented the Tau Alpha Epsilon Chapter of NRHH and Resident’s Interhall Congress, the University’s RHA. We came home with several awards from the South West Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SWACURH) for outstanding achievements this past year at the regional level.

**Our NRHH Chapter was Chapter of the Month twice this semester:**
NRHH Chapter of the Month - February 2014
NRHH Chapter of the Month - March 2014

**This semester’s Regional OTM winners are as follows:**
NRHH Executive Team as Organization of the Month for January 2014
Jeff Vinger as Residence Life Faculty and Staff of the Month for February 2014
Samantha Brandeberry as Executive Board Member of the Month for February 2014
2014 Winter Olympic Opening Games as Social Program of the Month for February 2014
Pomfret Hall as Residential Community of the Month for February 2014
Cigarette Butt Clean-up as Community Service Program of the Month for March 2014
Gregson/Gibson Halls for Residential Community of the Month for March 2014
Founders March Madness Tournament for Passive Program of the Month for March 2014
[Miss] Representation as Diversity Program of the Month for April 2014
Are You Smarter than a Professor as Educational Program of the Month for April 2014

We also received a plaque for being Andrea Allan’s host institution and the University of Arkansas also received the SWACURH Murphy Award.

NRHH Adviser, Amanda Bobo, won one of two Golden Pillar Awards for being an outstanding adviser.

Tyler Priest, the outgoing NRHH President earned his Four-year Pin.

Contributed by Samantha Brandeberry
NRHH - Tau Alpha Epsilon - President

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**Farewell and best wishes to Tricia Walden!**
Tricia, who retired on May 30, served our students in several halls over the years and will be greatly missed.
During the 2013-14 academic year, more than 30 faculty and staff participated in academic initiatives hosted by University Housing Residence Education staff, such as academic/social programs, living learning community programs, and the Adopt-a-Prof program. On Wednesday May 14, University Housing hosted a faculty/staff appreciation lunch in their honor.

Living Learning Communities were created to provide extracurricular education, vibrant experience, and real life exposure while cultivating strong future world leaders through collaborative residential community, faculty involvement, and student engagement.

For the 2014-15 academic year, there will be seven active Living Learning Communities which include, Business, Engineering, Nursing, Pre-Medical, Communications Disorders, Diversity Scholars and Air Force ROTC.

The Adopt-A-Prof program identifies at minimum, one faculty member per residence hall who partnered with staff to provide opportunities for interaction between students and faculty. Faculty members who agreed to participate were asked to attend at least one staff “meet and greet” and two hall events per semester.

University Housing would like to thank the following individuals for their participation and support of our academic initiatives!

- Lisa Bowers, communication disorders LLC
- Kate Chapman, psychology – Maple Hill West
- Sean Connors, English – Maple Hill East
- Danielle Dunn, business LLC
- Brande’ Flack, Diversity Scholars Program LLC
- Joel Freund, psychology – Holcomb/Futrall
- Adrienne Gaines, engineering LLC
- Gwynne Gertz, English – Pomfret
- Brooke Huizenga, nursing LLC
- David Joliffe, English – Maple Hill East
- Capt. Sean Kreps, Air Force ROTC LLC
- Jeanne McLaughlin, pre-medical LLC
- Matt McIntosh, chemistry – Humphreys
- Carlos Ochoa Jr., sustainability LLC
- Janine Parry, political science – Founders
- Curt Rom, horticulture – Maple Hill South
- George Schieffler, history – Humphreys
- Stephanie Schulte, communication – Pomfret
- Carole Shook, business – Yocum
- Ron Smith, business – Yocum
- Jacquelyn Wiersma, human environmental science – Gregson/Gibson
- Anna Zajicek-Wagema, sociology – Pomfret

If you are interested in participating in one or more of University Housing’s academic program initiatives, please contact

Contributed by Stephanie Adams
Residence Education is hosting an ACUHO-I summer intern again this year. Nailah Brown, a graduate student at Salisbury University in Maryland, began her internship on Friday, May 30. Nailah is a student in the Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution program. She is a graduate Resident Director at Salisbury and works with two living learning communities in her residence hall. Nailah received a Bachelor’s degree in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Social Work from Temple University in Philadelphia. She will be working on a variety of special projects within the Residence Education area including academic engagement and living learning communities benchmarking, sustainability initiatives and program ideas, StrengthsQuest programmatic pieces and leadership development activities for hall senate leaders. We are happy to have Nailah be a member of our Residence Education team this summer!

Contributed by Felisha Perrodin

Residential Facilities is hosting ACUHO-I Intern Corey Swank. Corey, originally from Moncks Corner, South Carolina, began his internship on May 16th, 2014.

Corey is a graduate student at the University of South Carolina- Columbia where he works as a Residence Hall Director of Carolina Gardens (Part of the Family and Graduate Housing). He is in the Higher Education and Student Affairs Masters program.

Corey also attended the University of South Carolina - Columbia as an undergraduate, receiving a BS in Accounting with a minor in Criminal Justice.

Corey’s tasks for the summer include his “big project” which is to help design an eco residence hall room. He has researched eco-friendly alternatives of common items that a student might bring with them during move in. With these items he and Residential Facilities will set up a show room for orientation tours that will have little blurbs about each item in the room and how it conserves energy or water, and is better for the environment. On each of the blurbs a QR code will be included that will send students to a website where they can purchase the item.

Contributed by Corey Swank & Jeff Vinger

No snow on the roses this year!
Jason Hogan (above) and Michael McAllister (left) completed the Supervisor Development Program provided by the Human Resources department in May. These three individuals gained useful knowledge from various sessions ranging from Situational Leadership to Performance Evaluation. The class, consisting of employees at the University of Arkansas specializing in different roles, had the goal of teaching staff to become better supervisors. Throughout the Spring semester, these individuals participated in these sessions and at the end were evaluated by passing an exam. The program was setup for current supervisors to enhance their skills, to become equipped with the proper tools, and to learn the challenges and benefits of being an informed supervisor.

Compliment Corner!

Thank you to Michael McAllister, who helped me check out Duncan residents for intersession. Michael’s help was indispensable to me. In general, he is always willing to offer a helping hand and is very supportive. Thanks for all you do! Beth

Congratulations to Brian McCaster, the newest Greek House Manager at the University of South Carolina.
An Emergency Response Tabletop Exercise is a simulated interactive exercise that helps to test the capability of an organization to respond to a simulated event. The exercise tests multiple functions of an organization’s operational plan. It is a coordinated response to a situation in a time-pressured, realistic simulation that involves several agencies. An enhanced tabletop exercise focuses on the coordination, integration, and interaction of an organization’s policies, procedures, roles, and responsibilities before, during, or after the simulated event. It places heavy emphasis on communication.

Housing’s expanded leadership team recently participated in an emergency preparedness Tabletop Exercise, led by Captain Matt Mills of the UAPD. Capt. Mills is the Emergency Service Manager for the U of A. This is not the first time we have tested our policies and procedures in this manner. However, we have always known our Resident Assistants would play a BIG ROLE in any emergency. Involving them in the tabletop was encouraging. Our training and mentoring really showed. The tabletop drill scenario was built around a tornado strike to campus. With several of our key leadership away from campus, it also afforded us the opportunity to test our policies of delegation. The event was a great success.
The Spring Picnic (May 2) gave the Housing staff and resident assistants an opportunity to reconnect, enjoy conversation, recreation and the cool weather prior to hall closing and the rush of the conference season.
Spring Picnic!

Photo contributed by Aaron England
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To contribute an article to the newsletter, email the entire article by the 25th of each month to Kent Perrodin at kperrod@uark.edu.

Articles will be reviewed for content and may be edited for publishing.

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