A Year for the Books

As a graduate assistant I am honored to have worked with such an impressive group of students. Let me say, this was year for the books! The precedent this staff has set for coming years is one that will require everyone to bring their A-game. Thousands of dollars were raised for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, new events were brought to the campus community, an amazing positive presence was made during a time of tragedy, and residents’ lives we changed. For all this and more, you should all be proud of the work you have done - we sure are!

That being said, I encourage you all to finish the year strong! Let your residents know you are in the trenches with them as a fellow Polar Bear. A great thing to do to spend time with your residents and still prepare for finals is to have study sessions in your lobbies or other common spaces across campus. A bulletin board about stress management and study tips is also a great end of the year resource for your residents! Most importantly, making sure that your halls are quiet and conducive to studying and sleep will be the best thing you can do for yourself and your residents. As if you needed the advice - you all are rock stars!

Justin, Scott, Anissa, and I are all here to support you as we wrap up the year, so please come to us if you have any questions or concerns - or if you simply need a study break! Your well-deserved summer vacation is just around the corner, so let’s finish out this year for the books RESLIFE TOUGH!

-Closing Information

Thank you to David Peters for putting together some end of the year information that will be helpful to all of us! Again, the office staff is here to assist you, so please contact us with questions or concerns. Please consider the following:

Residents must leave no later than 24 hours after their last final (unless they are graduating). If this is a problem they must stop into the Residence Life office and let them know when they will be leaving, as well as let you know the date and time they are leaving.

All students must be out of their rooms by FRIDAY May 9 at 7:00 PM. If this is a problem they need to follow the above procedure of going to the Residence Life office. Quiet hours are in effect 24/7 starting Saturday May 3 at 12:00 PM (noon). No warnings will be given for excessive noise, only documentations.

In order to make checkout go smoothly, residents should sign up with each of you to let you know when they are leaving ahead of time - a great time to do this is during your final wing meeting or by posting a paper outside of your door!