As you are approaching spring break and are halfway through spring semester I want to encourage you to finish strong. I was talking with the Residence Life staff members the other day regarding finishing strong and shared some insight I have learned over the years regarding this topic. So you may be saying to yourself…this is what everyone says…or why do I need to finish strong? The answer is simple. How you finish a thing is how you will begin another. Again, how you finish a thing is how you will begin another. How do I know that how you end a thing is how you will begin another? Look at new years resolutions. So many people try to start a great healthy life for themselves, but they give into old unhealthful habits for the weeks and days up to the start of the resolution… and subsequently fail at what could have been a game changer and fresh start. Finishing strong and beginning new things well takes practice, discipline and ultimately determination, to

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Finding your Home for 2015

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The ONU Housing Lottery is an exciting process for current ONU students who are returning to ON Campus Housing for the next academic year. During this time you are able to choose your roommate(s), and ON Campus room assignment for the 2015-2016 academic year.

The Housing Lottery will be done in 2 rounds. To determine which round you will be in is based on your class status and credit hours. The amount of credit hours that you have accumulated determines your time slot within your round in the housing lottery.

ROUND 1 will be April 13, 14,15, 8am-3pm, Senior and Junior Class Status, ROUND 1 lottery times will be based on your credit hours.

ROUND 2 will be April 20, 21, 22, 8am-3pm, Sophomore Class status and Late Applicants, ROUND 2 lottery times will be based on your credit hours.

If you fail to choose your room in ROUND 1 then you will have to bump

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A student once told me that she always hears people talking about how much they want to travel the world, but they often ignore the world cultures sitting right in front of them. As one of ONU’s premier living learning communities (LLC), Global Village is all about bringing culture to the cornfields. Housed in Affinity Village, Global Village brings together domestic and international students and gives them the opportunity to learn what it means to live and work with people from diverse backgrounds, participate in culturally-focused activities, and form friendships with people from all over the world. In addition fun programs and great people, Global Village students also take a one credit hour course on Mondays at 7pm. Best of all, Global Village lets you choose your own academic adventure. You can paint, blog, journal, interview, or even cook your way to an A. You have the freedom to do the assignments you’re interested in doing, focusing on the cultures you’re interested in studying, within a community environment.
Top 10 Reasons to Live in Global Village

1. We have really cool t-shirts.
2. It’s free! Already at 19 units for next semester? No worries, you won’t be charged extra for Global Village.
3. You won’t have to worry about the housing lottery.
4. We have class inside one of the Affinity common areas, so you’ll have the shortest walk to class on campus.
5. We have fun! Trips to Toledo or Detroit, international festivals, service projects, drag shows, and international cooking demos are just a few of the activities we do.
6. Students that live in LLCs have higher GPAs.
7. Students in LLCs have increased critical thinking, self-awareness, and interpersonal communication skills.
8. You’re never too busy for Global Village! Whether you’re a P2, highly involved on campus, a theatre major, or anything else in between, Global Village can be adapted to your unique schedule.
9. Why sit through a lecture when you can have a learning experience? Global Village is all about learning through activities, experiences, and discussions. Each lesson has an interactive component.
10. The best of both worlds! What’s cool about a learning community is that you all share at least one thing in common with everyone... but you also bring your uniqueness to the group. You will meet people from all over the world, different backgrounds, different thoughts, and different ideas.

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overcome old patterns and habits.

This shift in practice, discipline and determination starts in your mind. Change your thinking and you will change your life. Stop looking at things as drudgery, and begin looking at them as opportunity. Surround yourself with people that can help elevate you in your pursuits, and remove the people that are hindering you in your advancement. You have so much to do and have limited time. Know that your influence and impact is needed now! Whether in the classroom, residence hall, recital hall, on the court/field or in your family and career you matter and make a difference now!

The way you can begin making a difference is showing yourself and others that you are about your commitments and you finish strong. You don’t quit, you persevere! Be the kind of person that doesn’t just rely on others, but is in fact the kind of person others can rely on. Believe in your purpose and call. Change your mentality of starting on Monday, and start right now! That my friend is how you finish strong!

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down to ROUND 2. If you class status puts you in ROUND 2, you are NOT able to choose in ROUND 1, but if your class status puts you in ROUND 1 then you ARE able to choose in ROUND 2.

You can view your lottery time in MyHousing the first week of April. You will able to view your time slot in Self Service Banner, MyHousing and you will also receive an email, notifying you of your Lottery time.

Should you have any questions about Housing Lottery, we encourage you to talk with your RA, SRA, or RD of your current building, come to The Office of Residence Life, or email us at reslife@onu.edu. Please feel free to browse our Housing Lottery website at http://www.onu.edu/student_life/residence_life/housing_lottery to learn more about Residence Life and ONU at large.

We look forward to working with you and to your return to campus in the fall!