



RLS UPDATE!!

Hey!! I hope that all is well with each of you. Here's the first Resident Life Staff update of the 95-96 year! The Res. Staff is committed to keeping each of you informed as to what is happening with the residents here at NC. We are such a close community that what we all do impacts each other! Our goal is to keep you up on what we have done and are planning to do throughout the year. This will enable you to give us feedback and we **DO** desire that you give us both positive and not so positive feedback so we can do the best possible job. Speaking of the best possible job, let me tell you a little about what has been happening with the RLS.

The year has gone something like this. On August 1st the Resident Directors (RD's) began their contract. The RD's are John Eilertsen, Angie Gillaspie, Marc Golden and Geri Gray. They went through 2 weeks of training and preparation. After that time, the Resident Assistant's (RA's) showed up for 3 days of prep. Then the rest of the Student Leadership showed up for 2 days prep. Finally, the students arrived. The new students went through a 4 day orientation process of which the RLS played a big part. School started. Following is a list of activities which have taken place since the beginning of the school year:

1. 8/29 - 8 pm. Meetings with each gender discussing policy and getting to know each other followed by floor meetings led by RA's and attended by RD's.
2. 8/31 - 9 pm. Our Floor Small Group Kickoff. These were very well attended. (Small group leaders are chosen and trained in spring and throughout the year. The groups are to provide students with an opportunity for accountability, friendship and intimacy on a small group level. This also gives the RLS opportunity to mentor, train and equip leaders!!!)
3. 9/1 - Praise and Worship sponsored by RLS in Perks. It was PACKED and POWERFUL!
4. 9/2 - Multiple activities by each floor from hiking, canoeing, retreats, picnics to get-to-know each other activities. This was followed in the evening by a games and movie time.
5. 9/3 - Sunday RA's took new students with them to church.
6. 9/4 - More activities like Saturday.
7. 9/5 - 8 Spiritual Emphasis altar work by Res. Staff.
8. 9/9 - All School Picnic
9. ----- Floor retreats as well as many activities continue throughout the semester. There are too many to list this month. Small Groups continue to meet at least once every two weeks.

The RLS Dorm wide emphasis for the first 6 weeks was/is spiritual awareness. We tried to coordinate our emphasis in AMS/AWS, Small Groups, and our RA's with the chapel focus. Coinciding with the beginning of Mid-terms, we begin a stress-relief/stress management focus. One of the activities we have planned for this time is an All-Dorm Olympics. We are having the main emphasis for the Olympics be on Floor Spirit as opposed to the main focus being on the athletic abilities of each floor. The Brother/Sister floors will work together on the Olympics (Each floor is assigned an opposite gender floor for the year. These floors then plan activities and outings with each other.).

I'm out of room. I hope this gives you an idea of what's up with Res. Life! Any comments or questions please call me at 5286!!! YOUR feedback is important to us.

Blessings!!!!

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