

RLS UPDATE II

“REACHING OUT IN LOVE WITH A SERVANTS HEART!!”

Greetings from Residence Life Land!! I hope that all is well with you. I know, I know. You all have been having a terrible time getting to sleep at night because you are wondering what in the world is going on with the RLS! YOU are in luck. Here is the latest scoop on what RLS is all about.

Res. Life has been having a very good year. God has blessed me with a staff of Resident Directors and Resident Assistants who have been performing above and beyond their required duties. The majority of the floors are experiencing a high level of participation in activities and meetings. This has been a great boost for morale as well as the overall growth and experience of the students. The dorms have also been maintained well by our custodial and maintenance crews which also helps in establishing a positive and healthy environment for our students to grow in. (THANK YOU!!!)

I noticed that in my first Newsletter to you, I did not include our Res Life Mission Statement. It states best what we are all about in the Residence Halls. Here it is.

‘In fulfilling our calling as the NC Res Life Staff, we desire that the following statement be reflective and give direction to everything we undertake.

Our mission is to serve God through serving those with whom God has entrusted us. The life-results for which we strive include:

- * that student become stronger, more dedicated and capable men and women of God;
- * that students grow in Christian maturity in all aspects (physical, mental, emotional, social, and spiritual) of their lives;
- * that students learn to live faithfully, peaceably, respectfully and appropriately in relationship to one another in community;
- * that leaders be developed who are equipped in character and skills to serve Christ’s body.

The means we choose to employ include:

- * encouraging growth through prayer, training and discipleship;
- * loving with impartiality;
- * serving with humility;
- * living with integrity;
- * modeling godly character and strong conviction by our lifestyles.’

This statement reflects the heart of RLS. We are striving to encourage growth in all areas of our students lives. There are 5 full-time and 16 part-time people working diligently to accomplish this mission statement.

There are a number of things we are doing to accomplish this. We have weekly ongoing training for all of our people. We have Small Groups meeting on each of the floors and ongoing training for these leaders as well. We had an all dorms activity, The Olympics, to coincide with our Stress Management emphasis. It went incredibly well. I estimate that we had between 150 and 200 participants. My ears were ringing for hours afterward. It was a great success. The RA’s continue to bring in guest speakers to address a wide variety of subjects. There have also been a number of activities planned ranging from Brother-Sister dinners to floor retreats to prayer and worship times, to Roomies Night Out etc., etc. etc. Tons of opportunities for growth in all areas!!

The quotes of the month: “Learn a little, use it a lot! and Expression deepens impression!” from The Making of a Leader by J. Robert Clinton.

Blessings to you!!

Michael Nasser

“Creating Community, Investing in Lives”