

## HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE REPORT

March 14, 2013

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- **Retention and Graduation**

- AEEP will be working on a project to review GPA's, hours attempted and academic probation status of students living in the Residence Hall. A collaboration meeting will be scheduled with CAE, to discuss efforts.
- AEEP is gearing up for the recruitment of the 2013-2014 PMs. We have 45 interviews scheduled for the last week in March.
- AEEP continues to collaborate with Counseling Services on the MOMS and DADs, a single parent support group. The monthly meeting dates have been set and fliers have been posted.
- Peer Mentors will continue to reach out to all students on the D's and F's contact list.
- Rap sessions have been held in residence halls with Housing Facilities Team to talk about what we do and how it impacts upon the residents of today and tomorrow.
- RA Interviews are March 11-March 14; over 300 applied and 160 are being interviewed
- GHD Interviews are March 15 and March 22; approximately 20 students applied

- **Student Experience/ Engagement**

- AEEP staff attended a workshop on Friday, 3-8, sponsored by Counseling Services (working with Veterans)
- 2013 On-going monthly PM training sessions, see chart below:
- Applications have been placed online for "The Aggie Kennel Crew", a repair and replacement team employing students and allowing them to work directly with our Housing Facilities Team. We intend to hire at least 4 students to work with us this summer.
- RHA will participate in Aggie Fest with the Step Show on April 08<sup>th</sup> and Roll Bounce on April 10<sup>th</sup>

- **Safety on and off campus**

- AEEP staff continues to reach out to students in their newsletters and through programming efforts about being safe on campus and in the community.
- Burnt out lights have been replaced in and around all residence halls.
- Locks on entry/exit doors of all residence halls have been inspected and are in working order.

- The residence halls closed without any major incidents for Spring Break
  - Residence Hall Safety Meetings will be held in the residence halls March 25, 2013 through March 28, 2013. Meetings conducted by Vanessa Woodard and UPD.
  - To date a total of (19) Judicial Educator sanctions have been given to educate students on behavior related incidents for spring 2013 semester (January – February).
  
- **Customer Service**
  - AEEP continues to train staff during the monthly PM training on various customer services efforts. We always discuss how we can better service our students during the presentations.
  - The Housing Facilities Team conducts daily inspections of each residence hall and communicates with residents with the intent of obtaining their perspective on repairs conducted in their rooms and residence halls.
  - Campus partners meetings held to discuss summer conferences and answer any questions. Summer Request forms were given out at meeting.
  - Summer Conference Assistant interest sessions February 12, 13, 15 2013.
  
- **Outstanding and Productive Staff**
  - Staff appreciation will be recognized April 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>; the schedule is as follows:
    - 22<sup>nd</sup>-LT Members will show appreciation/gratitude towards staff
      - Departmental Banquet will be held that evening
    - 23<sup>rd</sup>-Karaoke in Village 2
    - 24<sup>th</sup>-Thank You Gram at the mailboxes-staff will be able to put note of appreciation in staff members' mailboxes
    - 25<sup>th</sup>-Stress Free Day (tentative)
    - 26<sup>th</sup>-Dessert Social potluck , "Sweet Retreat" in V5 Classroom - 5PM-7PM
  
- **Program Emphasis and Quality.** The list below outlines programming and topic areas the PMs will focus on for the Spring 2013 semester.
  - Rising Stars
    - January: Time Management
    - February: Making Strong Oral Presentations
    - March: Note-Taking Skills
  - Aggie Buck Redemption/Aggie Pups
    - January: Maintaining Your Great GPA

- February: Resumes
- March: Interviewing

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- January: Healthy Living
- February: "Moving Past the Odds" (Motivation)
- March: Unity

Sister Circle Topics-are outlined in collaboration with CAE, SISTERS program

Student staff has worked hard to create programming that is catered to the needs to the residents i.e. programming ranging from communication, health, safety, sexual awareness, social etiquette, career building and relationships.

- **Effectiveness and Efficiency**

- Former GHD Jonathan Smith was hired as the ASE Hall Director. His first day is January 14, 2013.
- Three GHDs were hired to replace those who graduated.
- Housing and Residence Life Operations budget suffered from budget restrictions this year. As the state budget is reviewed and cuts are made, the department takes on its share assisting the university in retaining and maintaining a high level of service to customers. There are some increases in our approved budget this year for various reasons. The 2013 budget was approved with increases in compensation and benefits based on the increase given by the state. Additionally, there was an increase in the retirement benefit. As a result of budget constraints, we will only be funding projects for the purposes of safety and health.

- **Economic and Community Development Impact of the University**

- Residence Life Staff members Cassandra Bradley, Kellie Dixon, Brittany Glover, and Latanya Miller accompanied 100 residents to Washington, DC for the 2013 Inauguration.
- Housing and Residence Life participated in **Go Red For Women** Health & Wellness Exhibition in February 27, 2013 in the Memorial Union
- Area Coordinator Kellie Dixon and Graduate Hall Directors Javance Sinclair and Brittany Glover attended the 2013 ACPA Conference in Las Vegas, NV to recruit staff members on behalf of the University and Department for Hall Directors.