



The Hallway

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Associated Residence Halls Newsletter

Hey ARH!!!

The Associated Residence Hall (ARH) Board of Directors is proud to bring back to you "The Hallway"! This is the OFFICIAL newsletter of Associated Residence Halls and in it we will let you know what we have been doing and what we will be working on. We will also let you know what each Hall Association is working on and what each committee is doing.

So what is ARH? Simply put, ARH is the residence hall government for the UI's residence halls. We are made up of our Board of Directors, the eight Hall Association governments, and the residents. We work to improve the residence hall experience for our residence through programming different programs, helping to make hall improvements, and establishing new policies.

The ARH Board of Directors and each individual Hall Association work to program for its residents. Some examples of programs are Iowa Idol (ARH), Daum Prom (Daum), Winter Formal (Quad), and many others.

Most of ARH's policy-making occurs in the Senate Meetings and committee meetings. Some things that we have done is we addressed the issue of elevators not working in Rienow (Senate), helped revise the planners that residents get at the beginning of the year (Guidebook Committee), and improving the food and atmosphere in the Marketplaces (Dining Committee).

We will use "The Hallway" of letting you, the residents, know what is going on in ARH. Each month, we will give you an update on all Committees as well as what each Hall Association is working on. We will also do a profile on two Hall Associations each month. For our first issue, we are profiling the Board of Directors.

Without further ado, here is your Board of Directors for 2009-2010:



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Now that you know a little about who ARH is, we will introduce our Board of Directors.



President: Mark Schwenker

Mark is our President this year and returns from last year's Board where he was the National Communications Coordinator (NCC). Mark is a sophomore and is planning on double-majoring in Finance and Management with a minor in Sociology.



Associations Director: Katie Wollan

As Associations Director, Katie heads the Cabinet – committee comprised of the Presidents of each Hall Association. Katie is also helping to update ARH's Constitution and By-Laws with the Legislation Committee. She has also set up Board members to be liaisons to the Hall Associations as well as creating a point system for Hall Association of the Year. Katie is a sophomore International Studies major while planning to minor in French, Political Science, and Theater.



Campus Affairs Director: Kaylee Williams

Kaylee is the ARH liaison to other Campus Organizations such as CAB (Campus Activities Board), Dance Marathon, UISG, and others. She works with the organizations to put on programs for the residents and to promote ARH in the UI Community. Kaylee is a sophomore majoring in Anthropology and English (Pre-Law).



Financial Director: Nathan Barnes

Nathan is our Financial Director for the year. He handles all of the money that ARH and the Hall Associations has. He also chairs the Financial Board which is comprised of the Financial Directors from each Hall Association. The Financial Board handles all funding requests for ARH. Nathan is a senior majoring in Accounting and Economics.



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Communications and Marketing Director:

Calvin Luzum

Calvin is the Communications and Marketing Director for ARH. He does most of the behind-the-scenes stuff such as advertising, organizing, and taking minutes at meetings. He also publicizes everything associated with ARH. Calvin is a sophomore majoring in Chemical Engineering with minors in Chemistry and Spanish.



National Communications Coordinator: Alex Debner

ARH's NCC this year is Alex Debner. He is a sophomore majoring in Political Science and International Law. As NCC, Alex communicates with other NCCs both regionally and nationally to discuss different issues. Alex also trains and leads delegations to regional and national conferences.



Extended Services Director: Ashley Angell

Ashley, a Biochemistry major and Biology and Spanish double-minor, is the Extended Services Director. She coordinates the Micro-Fridge rentals, Linens program, and the Care Packages near finals week, all of which raise money for ARH.



Outreach Director: Ming Tran

This year's Outreach Director is Ming Tran. Ming is ARH's liaison on the Homecoming Committee and helps plan Homecoming activities in the Residence Halls. Ming also chairs the Dining Committee which helps to better residents' experience in the Marketplaces. Ming is a sophomore majoring in Actuarial Science and Mathematics with a minor in Chinese.

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NRHH Director: Nichole Sloan

Nichole is the Director of the now affiliated National Residence Hall Honorary – NRHH. With NRHH, Nichole collaborates with ARH and the Residence Halls to recognize outstanding service. Their trademark is the Of The Month Awards (OTMs). These allow people in the Residence Halls to recognize other for their amazing work. Should you win an OTM, you would receive a free, catered meal in Burge Private Dining and be possibly be a regional or national OTM winner. Nichole is a sophomore majoring in Biology, Pre-Physician Assistant with a minor in Integrative Physiology.

Committees

Cabinet

Each Hall Association President meets in the President's Cabinet where they discuss policy changes, collaborate on events, and share information about what's going on in each hall. Right now, the Presidents are finalizing the Hall Association of the Year Award point system which was implemented on October 25th. They are also planning a Hunger Banquet for February 18th which will bring attention to the issues of poverty and homelessness in the United States and hopefully give students information on what they can do to help in their area.

Financial Board

The Financial Board is made up of the financial executives for each hall association. The Financial Board meets bi-weekly to discuss the status of ARH accounts, the ARH and hall budgets, recommend funding requests from other programs to the Senate, plan an event for the academic year, and discuss any programs ARH and the hall associations are participating in. The Financial Board will be putting on a Super Bowl party next semester.

Sustainability

The ARH Sustainability Committee is currently gathering members and planning its first



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meetings. This committee will be acting to implement student sustainability initiatives within the residence halls. There are already so many great ideas on the table, but the committee is still looking for more! Any and all actions suggested by the students will be relayed to the higher powers within University Housing. If you are interested in being a part of this influential student committee, contact Ashley Angell at uiowaarhesd@gmail.com.

Dining

The Dining Committee is comprised of students and people who work in the Marketplaces. They meet once a month – the third Tuesday of each month – to discuss possible changes in the Marketplaces to make it better for resident while sampling food. The Dining Committee is headed by Ming Tran. For more information, email Ming at uiowaarhod@gmail.com.

Hall Associations

Hillcrest Association (HA)

Hi! I am Diana Cole from HA. So far in our residence hall we have had a Halloween event called Pumpkins, Pizza, and Pop. We had people vote on t-shirts for Hillcrest, candy jar guessing contest, and a pumpkin carving contest. It was very successful for a Sunday night. We have been trying to promote our office hours, for residents to meet the Execs. Also, we put a suggestion box at the front desk, so that we can get suggestions for movies, new event ideas, or anything they would like to change. We recently had a ping-pong or air hockey voting, to see which we should bring to Hillcrest. This week we will be having a game night with snacks and drinks.

If you would like something to be published, email Calvin Luzum at uiowaarhcmd@gmail.com. Thanks for reading!!

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