

On The GHO



Message from the Editor *Welcome to the July Edition of the GHO Report. We want to thank you for your contributions and support of this effort. Since our last Report, so much has happened: we awarded two scholarships for RELI; many hung out with Mickey, Donald and Goofy down in Orlando at ACUHO-I 2008; the GHO 2008 Conference website was launched; and we toured the GHO 2008 Conference site, along with so many other things.*

It is summer and students (and parents) are ready to grace us with their presence, energy, joys, cares, concerns, and special circumstances. As you make your way through professional training, many additions and transitions, student training, summer closing and fall opening, take a minute to see all the great things that are happening throughout the state in this edition of the GHO Report. □

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Who is Vickie Shaw?

Greetings, GHO! As summer winds down and we all begin gearing up for the return of our students, I want you to know that your GHO executive board and 2008 Conference Host Committee are working hard for you! The group met in Athens to tour the conference facility and begin work on your behalf for the year. I can guarantee you that the UGA Host Committee has committed to continuing the outstanding traditions of GHO and will maybe even create a few new surprises for you!



At our meeting in Athens, we each shared a little information about our paths that have led us to where we are today. Your GHO executive board members have a vast array of experiences and interests which is sure to come out throughout our year together. As for myself, I went to Mercer University where I received my Bachelor of Arts in English. I was quite involved at Mercer in Student Activities, Residence Life and Greek Life.

In fact, my career in Student Affairs began on my birthday my freshman year when I began working in Student Activities. So, you can see that it was my "birth" day in a number of ways! After Mercer, I attended the University of South Carolina for my Masters of Education in Student Personnel Services. I set my sights on the North Carolina mountains and accepted a job as an Area Director at Gardner-Webb University in Boiling Springs, NC. Within 2 ½ years, I was the Acting Director of Residence Life. Hungry to get back to Georgia, I accepted a position at Georgia Southern University as Coordinator of Residence Education. I have been here since December 2002 and am currently the Coordinator of Staff Selection, Training and Development.

I am excited to utilize my experiences at various types of institutions to better serve you and our great state organization. If you have any ideas or feedback, please feel free to share it with me. Good luck to each of you and welcome to all of the new friends in the state. I look forward to serving you and meeting each of you.

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CONGRATS TO . . .

John Wright (Resident Hall Director, Georgia College and State University) and **Justin Koonz** (Residence Life Coordinator, Kennesaw State University) who received GHO scholarships to attend Regional Entry Level Institute (June 5th –7th) at Furman University.

See Justin's RELI reflection on page 9.



GHO POLO SHIRT

The new Georgia Housing Officer Polo Shirt is on sale now!!! The black short sleeves polo displays the new GHO logo and cost \$25. Please look for more information at upcoming conferences and on the GHO website: www.georgiahousingofficers.org

From the Desk of our Past President

submitted by Michael Sanseviro

As past-president I'm still working on two primary projects for GHO this year. First, I am collecting historical data and information to create an organizational archives, to minimally include who served in what roles, where conferences were held and when, and other important historical activities of the association. To accomplish this I need your help! Any old documents you run across can be mailed to me, or you can pdf it and email it to me (even better).

Also, if you have any historical data about past officers, etc. please share.

Second, I will be working with a constitution committee to review and revise that document. I'd like a good mix of seasoned and new professionals, representing public, private, large, and small institutions. If you are interested please email me at msansevi@kennesaw.edu. □

Help us update the GHO Listserv

This is often a time of transition for many of us, and as some staff leave and new staff arrive, this means making adjustments to the GHO listserv.

As many of you will remember, when we created the new listserv, we established it as a "CHO controlled" list, which means that at least annually the CHOs (or designees) would submit staff updates to the Webmaster. It is easier on the webmaster to get one master list from each institution instead of managing additions and deletions one at a time. **Please have your CHO or designee submit names and emails of all staff who should be on the listserv to the GHO webmaster at webmaster@georgiahousingofficers.org.** Please submit those lists as soon as possible.

If you no longer want to be on the listserv, you can simply email listserv@listserv.uga.edu and in the subject line type: **delete ONTHEGHO name@institution.edu** (Your email must exactly as you are subscribed on the list). □

THANK YOU!!!

The Georgia Housing Officers Executive Board would like to extend our thanks wishes and best to Njeri Pringle, former GRHO Advisor-Elect. Happy Trials to Njeri in her transition to Arizona State University in Tempe.

We wish you well!

COMING ISSUES

MONTH/EDITION	DEADLINE	AVAILABLE
JULY	7/11/08	7/23/08
AUGUST GHO SPECIAL	N/A	8/29/08
OCTOBER	10/10/08	10/15/08
JANUARY	1/9/09	1/16/09
APRIL	4/8/09	4/15/09

The 16th Annual New Professionals Workshop



For any individuals who are
**new to the profession;*
**new to the state;*
**new to their functional area*

and want to

- 1. learn more about student affairs in Georgia;*
- 2. meet fellow student affairs professionals from around the state*
- 3. become acquainted and network with colleagues in similar positions at other institutions in the state*

Friday, September 12

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

***Georgia College & State University
Student Center***

Information on the workshop including registration and Program Proposals can be found at the workshop website:

www.gcsu.edu/npw



Questions contact: Paul Jahr@ paul.jahr@gcsu.edu or 478-445-2091

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Groundbreaking set for new residence halls at Berry College

submitted by Dennis L. Gosborn (courtesy of www.berry.edu)

The evolution of the Berry student experience continues June 30 with groundbreaking for two new residence halls. The complex - scheduled for occupation in August 2009 - will house approximately 345 students in two three-story buildings located behind the Ladd Center near the entrance to the Viking Trail. The traditional layout of the two buildings is meant to emphasize community and encourage interaction among residents. A student activities center, to be located in the soon-to-be renovated Emery Barns complex, also is planned for the near future.

The addition of these two new residence halls is part of a continuing effort to upgrade residential facilities with the goal of increasing residential capacity on the Berry campus as well as overall student enrollment. Major renovations already have been completed in Morton-Lemley, Pilgrim and East Mary. West Mary is undergoing similar work this summer, and the renovation of Dana Hall is scheduled to begin in 2009.

Coverage of the groundbreaking is now available at www.berry.edu. □



Artist rendering of Berry's New Residence Halls, slated to open, Fall 2009.

Emory University welcomes new staff

submitted by Tina Chang

Emory University is excited to welcome the newest members of our Residence Life & Housing team:

- Lauren Hayden, Area Director, comes to us from the University of Maine where she earned a Master's degree in Student Personnel Services. Lauren will be serving our upper-class population at Clairmont Campus.
- Judith Pannell, Complex Director, will be leading the Living Green: Sustainability in the 21st Century FYE program in our newest buildings, Few & Evans Halls. Judith most recently served as the Assistant Community Director at Arizona State University prior to moving back to Georgia.
- Kern Williams, Area Director, will be working alongside Lauren at the Clairmont Campus, serving our upperclass residents. Kern previously worked as a full-time Residence Director at Binghamton University (NY) where he led a residential college, as well as the Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Binghamton. □

Georgia College and State University offers more hands and buildings at Opening

submitted by Cindy McClanahan

University Housing at Georgia College & State University is hard at work preparing for opening. When the doors open students will be greeted with smiling faces of the Cat Crew. The Cat Crew is comprised of volunteers from the student body, faculty and staff and community. In exchange for a t-shirt and a few bottles of cold water, volunteers will assist with move-in activity by directing traffic, processing paperwork, and unloading belongings into student rooms. GCSU has re-invented this volunteer program in an effort to expand community participation and ease move-in congestion.

In a few short weeks, two new facilities will open to the GCSU campus. World of Wings and Sandella's restaurants will open as a part of the Sodexo line up. World of Wings will be located in a remodeled area of Sanford Hall, one of the seven residence halls on campus. Sandella's will be a part of a new building on West Campus where *The Village Apartments* are located. □



Some GA Tech staff members pose with Donald and Daisy at ACUHO-I.

Georgia Southern University welcomes new professional staff

submitted by Vickie Shaw

- Jessica Pense, Coordinator of Residential Education, comes to us from University of Oregon where she was a Resident Director.
- Julie Cantor, Resident Director, comes to us from the University of West Florida where she got her Master's degree.
- Ryan Heins, Resident Director, comes to us from the University of Southern Mississippi where he got his Master's degree.
- Ennis Koonce, Resident Director, joins us from Paine College where he was a Resident Hall Director.
- Ashley Soto, Resident Director, is staying with us after finishing her undergraduate degree at Georgia Southern.
- Dawn Singleton, Coordinator of Leadership Development and Student Development Programming, joins us from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

We are in the process of doing renovations on over 1000 beds for Fall 2008 and building a new complex of 1000 beds to open in Fall 2009. It is an exciting time at Georgia Southern! □

Georgia Institute of Technology Celebrates and Welcomes Staff

submitted by Monique Lett

Please join us in celebrating with Hall Director Tina Love who successfully defended her dissertation and received her doctorate in Educational Policy Studies from Georgia State University on July 2nd.

We also would like to welcome our new staff members:

- Michael Davis, Hall Director for West Campus Apartments;
- Jennifer Edwards, Hall Director for Freshman Experience;
- Shannon Hobbs, Hall Director for Graduate and Family Apartments
- Michael Lynch, Area Manager for Freshman Experience;
- Victoria Martin, Hall Director for Freshman Experience;
- Nicole Morrison, Hall Director for North Avenue Apartments
- Andrew Wright, Hall Director for Freshman Experience □

Also see [Georgia Tech Summer Freshmen Experience](#) on page 10

Gordon College to celebrate opening of newest resident complex

submitted by Tonya Coleman

A ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open The Village, Gordon College's newest resident housing complex, will be held Friday, Aug. 1 at 9 a.m. in the courtyard adjacent to the building.

Robert Hatcher, vice chairman of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend the ceremony and tour the building immediately after.

The Village is on the east side of the 140-acre campus near the newest resident buildings known as Commons A, B and C. Offering housing to 400 students, it brings to 1,036 the number of apartment-style living opportunities on the campus.

The Village also features three resident director apartments, one on each floor, as well as a laundry facility, a computer lab, study area and lounge on the third floor. A food court style dining facility is on the first floor with both an indoor and outdoor dining area.

The building's security features 32 cameras covering the entrances and common areas as well as state-of-the-art fire alarms and sprinkler systems. The building is pre-wired for

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Internet access. "We are pleased to be able to offer our students more housing opportunities," said Lawrence Weill, Gordon College president. "Long gone are the square, cinder block walls that some of us recall from our college dorm days. These are truly apartment style residences that offer students a place to call home in a Village atmosphere with dedicated areas where they can study, eat, relax and, study some more. □

Savannah College of Art and Design welcomes new staff

submitted by Jason Riggsbee

Patty Henke joins SCAD as the new Assistant Director of Residential Programs. Patty is coming from Stetson University in Deland, Florida and will oversee our first year housing area and supervise its three Residence Directors. In addition, Patty will be responsible for coordinating our community development plan for the department and all department wide programming.

Lydia Karakolidis joins SCAD as Residence Director for Dyson House. Lydia is coming from Georgia Southern and will be working with our first year students. In addition, Lydia will be part of three Residence Directors implementing our first year programming initiatives and the residential component of our First Year Experience program.

Michael Dixon joins SCAD as Residence Director for Weston House and Boundary Village. Michael Dixon is coming from Ivy Tech Community College of Central Indiana and will be working with our upper class students. Michael will be splitting his time between traditional residence hall and apartment style communities for our sophomore through graduate residents.

Adrienne M. Edge accepted the position of Assistant Director of Residence Life. Adrienne formerly was the Assistant Director of Residential Programs. In her new position, Adrienne is responsible for all departmental recruitment, hiring and training processes. In addition, she oversees our assessment efforts and upper class housing area, supervising its three Residence Directors. □

Kennesaw State University continues to grow

submitted by Michael Sanseviro

Kennesaw State University grows to 3044 beds with 70 RAs and welcomes many new staff members.

- Jeff Cooper joins us as Associate Director, coming from Lynn University in Florida.
- KSU expands our Coordinator team, adding Kimberly Rasberry joining us from The Ohio State University;
- Natalie Reckard joining us from Clemson University;
- Justin Koonz joining us from Piedmont College; Charlie Braun joining us from University of Central Florida.

Mindy Coleman joined us from Georgia Southern University in January, and Antony Ware returned to Residence Life from KSU Admissions in February. Sharon Fellers Brownlow has left Residence Life after four wonderful years, but is still at KSU, now serving as the Coordinator for Parent Orientation. Rollie Buchanan moved to the department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (formerly Judiciary Programs) serving as the assistant director for residential student conduct. □

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
(Savannah College of Art and Design Resident Director Position)**

SCAD seeks qualified candidate for the position of Residence Director (RD). The RD position is a full-time, twelve-month, live-in professional staff position integral to the success of the department. RDs lead a student staff in developing community within a residence hall, building relationships with individual students, and educating students and staff. RDs manage all aspects of their assigned area, including staffing, programming and maintenance. Through their interactions and day to day work, RDs serve as educators, resources and referral agents. Qualifications include an individual with one to three years experience in residence life. The successful candidate will have previous live-in experience. A master's degree is required. This is an immediate opening. To be considered please apply online at www.scadjobs.com. □

Valdosta State University welcomes new members to their team

submitted by Teddi Walker

We are excited to welcome a new crew to Valdosta State University. We have a brand new position, Living Learning and Assessment Coordinator (LLAC), which will be coordinating our living learning initiatives with academic partners as well as spearheading our departmental assessment processes. Gala Jackson, a VSU alum, has a rich background having worked in strategic planning and leadership initiatives at VSU. She also brings the added asset of being a leader in the community in the young professionals network.

There are two new Complex Directors that have joined the team; Zach Crapa and Chinasa Ordu. Zach hails from Mississippi where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Marketing from Mississippi State University and a Master's degree in Higher Education/Student Personnel from the University of Mississippi aka Ole Miss. We are excited to have Zach and his wife Janae, and their son Cooper as a part of our Housing family. Chinasa is a recent VSU graduate from the Masters of Higher Education Leadership program. Chinasa obtained her undergraduate degree from University of Georgia in Psychology.

In addition, VSU has two new graduate hall directors; Jessica Davis and Corey Langston. Both are VSU alum and have been resident assistants for several years.

Finally, when new staff arrive, it means that others have departed. Brett Logan and Erin Sandonato tied the knot over the summer and moved to Oklahoma City as a newlywed couple. Brett is pursuing a law degree and Erin is working as Assistant Director of Overseas Programs at Oklahoma City University. Njeri Pringle just hit the trail last week to move to Arizona where she will be an Area Coordinator at Arizona State University in Tempe. We will miss all of them, but wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors. □

April GHO Report Correction:

The article, "Valdosta State Offers Incentive\$ to Learn in Hall\$", was mistakenly credited to Leighia Hammond. The article was authored by Njeri Pringle, then of Valdosta State University.

Valdosta State introduces the "new" Hopper Hall

submitted by Leighia Lynn Hammond

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the replacement of Hopper Hall was held on June 24, 2008. Guests included Dr. Zaccari (President), Mr. Robert Kellner (Director: Auxiliary Services), Dr. Thomas Hardy (Director of Housing and Residence Life), representatives from the University System of Georgia, the Developer and Contractor, state legislators, university officials, students, and members of the community. The Hopper Replacement project will be ready for occupancy on August 13, 2008 on our MOVE-IN DAY!!

Hopper is our newly built building. The 513 bed suite-style residence hall is now our largest traditional residence hall building. It replaces the former Hopper Hall which housed 200 students in a traditional, double-loaded corridor facility. Hopper has a center-front position on main campus and houses a state-of-the-art residential dining facility, the campus mail center, WVVS the campus radio station, the campus Newspaper The Spectator, and temporarily while a new student Union is being constructed, the Dean of Students/ Student Life Offices. □



University of West Georgia takes new direction

submitted by Dawn Vavrik Palmer

In mid-June, the University of West Georgia welcomed our new Director of Residence Life, Stephen Whitlock. While new to Georgia, Steve is no stranger to the SEAHO region; he has previously worked at Mississippi State University and the University of Alabama-Huntsville. Steve replaces Ms. Trish Causey, who served as our Associate Director for 25 years and then as our Interim Director for one year. Trish will continue to work closely with Res Life in her new role at UWG as the Assistant Dean of Students overseeing student conduct.

UWG also welcomes one new Residence Life Coordinator this summer, Laquala Coleman, a recent graduate of the student affairs program at Grand Valley State University in Michigan. Laquala is looking forward to some milder winters here in the South!

UWG has one late vacancy for a full-time Residence Life Coordinator (bachelors required). For a full job description and application information, visit <http://www.bf.westga.edu/HRPay/JobSearch/> or contact Dawn Vavrik Palmer, Assistant Director of Residence Life at dpalmer@westga.edu for more information. □



2008 Annual Conference
Georgia United: Building Successful Pillars for Student Housing
The University of Georgia
October 2 – 3, 2008

Greetings from the University of Georgia in beautiful Athens! The Department of University Housing at the University of Georgia is thrilled to announce that we have the wonderful opportunity to host the Association of Georgia Housing Officers (GHO) 2008 Annual Conference on October 2nd and 3rd at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education! We are expecting at least 150 professional housing officers representing at least 25 public and private higher education institutions from across the Peach State to attend the 2008 annual conference.

The Association of Georgia Housing Officers is dedicated to student housing professionals in the state of Georgia. We exist to provide an opportunity to college and university housing officers for personal and professional growth through attendance at a number of annual state conferences and workshops. Also, we work to provide opportunities to facilitate the exchange of ideas and dialogue with professional colleagues. Membership to GHO is open to all institutions of higher education in the state of Georgia with housing and/or residence life facilities or staff who manage housing facilities.

GHO 2008 – Georgia United: Building Successful Pillars for Student Housing is our official conference theme. It is our goal to make GHO 2008 a worthwhile, yet affordable experience for all of our attendees. We hope to keep registration costs down to a minimum.

Be looking for registration information near the end of the month about conference registration, program submission, hotel accommodations, associate/vendor information, and special events. If you have any comments or questions do not hesitate to contact us. See You In October!

FIND MORE REGISTRATION, PROGRAM AND CONFERENCE INFO AT

www.georgiahousingofficers.org/GHO2008welcome.htm

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Housing Proposals for ACPA

submitted by Holly Shikano, Georgia Tech

The ACPA Commission for Housing and Residence Life is hoping to get a number of program proposals on housing topics for ACPA 2009. Below are the three areas they believe to be on the minds of CHOs and others in our field. Make sure to check the box for the commission so your accepted program is searchable via the commission.

Topics are:

- Physical and emotional safety and security on campus
- Current trends and issues in Staffing and Training
- Academic Partnerships

Join ACUHO-I.net and take your Facebook skills to the next level!

ACUHO-I has launched a new social network for Residence Life, Facilities and housing staff across the globe. Not sure what your professional development budgets will look like next year? Get a jump on your development by taking the initiative to set up a page, invite colleagues to join and network with others committed to student learning! This is a great opportunity to expand your network, connect with staff and to do so at no fiscal cost to you!

If you missed the Conference in Orlando this year, you can go to ACUHO-I.net and see the presidential speeches. Our outgoing president, David Holmes, penned "An Ode to ACUHO-I" although you may need an Aussie dictionary and Norb Dunkel, our new president, presented a vision of ACUHO-I that will carry us forth into a new phase of governance.

From creating your own page, to joining one of the 20+ groups or starting your own, ACUHO-I.net provides you access to enhance your job performance, expand your professional network and stay connected to the bigger picture as we move into a busy time for all in housing. The resources are too many to name, so check it out!

If you join, please be sure to friend me!
Holly Shikano, hollyshika250@acuho-i.net

FEATURE:

A GHO Scholar's Reflections from RELI

submitted by Justin Koonz, Kennesaw State University

The Regional Entry Level Institute, RELI, was held at the beautiful campus of Furman University this past June 2008 in South Carolina. It was a great experience overall and I would recommend it to any new professional in the field of Student Affairs.

I learned many new ideas about concepts including; how to handle crisis management, staff development with Resident Assistants and myself as a professional, how to identify quality furniture when purchasing, and mental health issues on campuses nationwide. As you can see there is a wide variety of topics covered. I learned so much from the seasoned professional faculty, but probably even more from my peers in the field. It was a great networking experience for anyone looking to meet others in their field, as well as a real eye opener for some attendants as to whether housing is the "right" place for them to start a career. Ideas were shared in the sessions, while mentor/mentee relationships were established during one-on-one sessions. There was even time late at night to share horror stories of being on duty. We got to create goals and objectives for the upcoming year and are able to make each other accountable in the upcoming year by keeping in touch.

The benefits from RELI are endless. As one of the faculty stated, "the more you put into this conference, the more you will get out of it". If you are interested in any part of housing or student affairs in general the faculty board is well versed in the field and can answer and talk about most topics. The best time was the ending banquet where the attendants got to ask the faculty questions regarding everything that was covered and more. It is really a great relationship building experience for those of us who are new in the field trying to break into the family as well as learn the many ways the same tasks are carried out at different colleges and universities.

For me personally, RELI was about meeting others within the field that share the passion I have for Residence Life and Student Affairs. I wanted to get better connected with other professionals and start to build a support system for myself and my staff back on campus. RELI was also my chance to learn and build upon what I already knew about the different areas in the field and learn where I want my career to go. I wanted to confirm what areas I did not like so much while finding more reasons to love the areas I do. RELI was an amazing experience for me. While some of the information was not as useful, only being in the field for a few years, other attendants benefited from the information. Within the field of Student Affairs and Residence Life we are not all at the same place in our careers and within our universities and colleges. You have to really find out the reason you are attending and make the most of what you are looking for, there is something for everyone.

The relationships that I have built and the friendships that I have made will extend farther than the information learned, as information is ever-changing and being updated. Yet it is in these relationships and friendships that a family is born in the umbrella of Student Affairs. You never know where you will be headed in the future and who you could be working with, so always keep an open connection with those who are willing to lend a helping hand.

Thank you to the faculty and fellow RELI-ers who have made my experience with RELI an amazing and unforgettable event.

Professional Development through Conferences for 2008 –2009

CONFERENCE	DATE	LOCATION
Georgia New Professionals Conference	September 12	Milledgeville, GA
Georgia Housing Officers (GHO)	October 2—3	Athens, GA
Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA)	November 1—4	Hilton Head, SC
Southeastern Association of Housing Officers (SEAHO)	February 23—27	Birmingham, AL
Georgia College Personnel Association (GCPA)	February 25—27	Athens, GA
NASPA/ACUHO-I Placement Exchange	March 3—8	Seattle, WA
NASPA	March 7—11	Seattle, WA
ACPA	March 28—April 1	Metro DC
ACUHO-I Annual Conference and Exposition	June 27—30	Baltimore, MD

Mark your calendars and look for opportunities to be involved.

Georgia Tech embarks on a Summer Experience for Incoming Students

submitted by Sheree Gibson, Georgia Tech

For many in Housing a summer in Residence Life can be quite busy. Summer 2008 for Georgia Tech Housing's Freshman Experience program was no exception. The Freshman Experience program in the Department of Residence Life developed and implemented a program for freshman who wanted to start their college experience early. The program, known as The Summer Experience, was slightly different from the familiar Freshman Experience program that is coordinated during the academic year. "We know that the transition issues for first-year students in the summer are slightly different then for Tech students who begin in the fall," commented Mike Fulford, Director of the Freshman Experience. "We must be intentional about the programs and services we offer to this cohort of students." Designed around four components, the Summer Experience focused on providing its participants with an accurate picture of what they will experience academically and socially during the fall semester and beyond.

The Summer Experience program had four main components: academic support, leadership development, staffing, and faculty interaction. For the summer, the Freshman Experience staff implemented the Peer Academic Leader (PAL) program. The PAL program consisted of two student staff that live within the halls. They are tasked with answering academic questions during of-office hours, planning academic seminars, and creating and facilitating study groups for students. This allows not only an opportunity for the students to learn about academic resources at Georgia Tech, but to gain a sense of what to expect during the academic year. In addition to the two PALs in the hall, each floor had a Peer Leader which is the second component. The Peer Leader, similar to an RA, had a section of approximately 20 residents that she worked with to develop community and answer any questions about Tech and Atlanta. The third components, leadership development, were several service projects that all residents could participate in. Students are able to develop leadership skills through working with others in their community on projects that impact the surrounding area. One of the projects worked with the Ronald McDonald House. The final component, faculty interaction, was facilitated through weekly academic seminars that were coordinated by our Academic Coordinator, Hall Director and PAL's. These seminars centered on classroom etiquette, stress management, and transitioning to fall semester to name a few.

The success of the program has truly been facilitated by the dedicated student staff and Hall Director Tobias Spears, who worked diligently to be intentional about the Summer Experience. The program will conclude with a formal evaluation of the program by the students. "This was a great opportunity to prepare freshman for their life at Tech and I am proud I had the opportunity to shape their experience," commented Tobias Spears.

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