

The PRIDE

New Year, New Semester, Stronger SAACURH!



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SEC Spotlight

Megan Dutton

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Hey SAACURH!!

Happy New Year!!! Hope each of you had a wonderful break away from school and are ready for another fantastic year. Has anyone made a new years resolution? Well.... I think SAACURH's new years resolution is to be stronger than ever!! And that starts with YOU!!! Its 2011 and we can start fresh with a new year! Learn from our past. Whether it was a mistake or a gain, take something from it and move forward. SAACURH would not be what it is today without each and every person in the organization, from the hall representative at the smallest school in the region to the SEC, we all are apart of the fiercest region in NACURH. So my goal to each of you is to get pumped and ready for another great year!

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NRHH News

Check out the NRHH Corner on the next page that lists all of the regional winners for December 2010. Keep these OTMs coming and great job on all of your hard work so far!

We have some amazing conferences coming up and I encourage you to participate in them. First, there are nine state conferences in which your state board members and state conference host schools have been working extremely hard in getting prepared for you. Second, there is No Frills coming up and while there might not be a lot of free time for fun, you can help make a difference for the organization through business ☺

Lastly, NACURH will wrap up this academic year and from what I heard from Dusti, Stephen and Chad's trip to Semis, NACURH is going to be AWESOME!!! So get pumped!!! Other than that, get involved. There are numerous committees on state, regional and national levels that you can get involved. There is something out there for each of you. So I wish you a great new year and go out and reach for the stars!!! Remember SAACURH is the best and we as a SEC are here to help if you need anything!!!

So you might ask what I have been doing these past few months since SAACURH.... Well.... I have been working with affiliations first and foremost. I have been trying to figure out which schools have affiliated in years past, which ones have not and the reasons why. Additionally, Chad and I are starting to focus on getting the NRHH chapters affiliated more. Next, I have been working with the State Directors and their respective state associations preparing them for conferences, etc. Besides that, I have been working with the PR and Marketing Committee in getting the resources updated for the SAACURH website. Lastly, I am preparing for No Frills and getting excited to see all of you. Other than that I have been working on school and my thesis. I hope each of you has had a wonderful break and the weather is okay your way.

Happy New Year!!!

Louie Love

Megan Dutton

Regional Communications Coordinator of Development and Education

NRHH Corner

Regional Winners – December 2010



First Year Student
University of Florida
Lexi Ciulla

Exec Board Member
Univ. of Central FL
Mary Witaszek

Spotlight
University of Florida
2010 Winter Ball Staff

Organization
University of Florida
Inter-Residence Hall
Association

Community
University of Florida
NRHH Exec Board

Faculty/Staff
University of Florida
Matthew Scruggs

Exec Board Member
Univ. of Central FL
Mary Witaszek

Educational Program
Christopher Newport
University
The Party Scene

Residence Assistant
UNC Wilmington
Elizabeth Bartels

Advisor
UNC Chapel Hill
Kimberlee Demaree

Diversity Program
University of Florida
World Music Concert

Student
Appalachian State
University
Jordan Maunder

Social Program
Appalachian State
University
The Roommate Game

Community Service
Program
University of Florida
Puppy Study Break



6100 STRONG

Florida State University IRHC
Jasmyne Channel



Our Residence Hall Council's goal at Florida State is to unite all 6100 students living on campus with the many other students and organizations on campus. We want to provide all the resources and opportunities we can for our residents. With this, we hope to have them on the edge of their seats during breaks to come back to their home away from home. During the first week of classes, we held a Karaoke Night. This program was geared toward the new students on the campus to get them involved in their halls, introduce them to leaders on campus, other residents, and other student organizations. Overall, we attracted 450 students who met dozens of student leaders and were informed of several student organizations. The biggest event last Fall was Thanks for Giving. It was coordinated with our National Residence Hall Honorary chapter to provide donations to our campus' student food bank which assists students on campus who are in need.

This event attracted over 600 students; \$150 was raised and 600 cans donated. This program also got the word out about the Dean of Students Food Bank and it received an influx of donations in the weeks following. In the new year of 2011, Florida State is excited to welcome its newly elected RHA executive board. The new board has a plethora of ideas for this spring semester with the ongoing theme of better-connecting Florida State students to the rest of the university and all it has to offer. This New Year, brings new students into our Florida State community, new opportunities to get involved, and passionate new student leaders with fresh ideas to help connect the two. We, here at FSU, look forward to an exciting and adventurous year with programs such as a Legacy Walk, a camp-out under the stars, and 'I love the '90's event!



Keeping in touch with KARH!

Hey SAACURH!

With a new year comes new opportunities, and I couldn't be more pleased that I live and work in a system like residence life that allows each of us so many wonderful opportunities. The theme for this month's PRIDE is "New Year, New Semester, Stronger SAACURH" and I do not believe that there is anything more fitting for the wonderful things that lie ahead for each of our state associations.

I am lucky enough to serve as the Director of the Kentucky Association of Residence Halls and I am proud to say that we have entered the last phase of our term on the State Board of Directors. Next month, we will begin the transition to an entirely new State Board with new ideas and skills. I can only assume that other state associations are experiencing the same. We have, however, worked in KARH to ensure that we have built a framework for continued greatness.

Throughout the past year, we have adopted a new mascot. KARH is no longer represented by the Kenny the KARHmeleon. Instead, we have implemented Kye the Klydesdale—a mascot that is more representative of the great state of Kentucky. Kye has already appeared on a new KARH logo designed by Murray State's Katie Gaines, as well as other KARH promotional items. With the implementation of this new mascot, we have also altered the ever-popular "so smooth" KARH cheer. We have discontinued the use of the "K-Y...so smooth" cheer and instead would like to begin supporting our new mascot by cheering, "K-Y...giddy up!" If we could have the support of other SAACURH schools in this venture, we would certainly be appreciative. Again, we are very excited about better representing our great state, and hope that other state associations could help us in this endeavor.

Furthermore, we have built a framework on which a new year for KARH can be made successful. This year is the first time that the Kentucky Resident Advisers Conference and the former KARH conference will be combined. We believe that this is a great step toward making the RA staffs, hall councils, and RHAs of our universities become a united front. Western Kentucky is the first host of the conference from February 4 to 6, and we are incredibly pleased to be able to welcome SAACURH's RCC-A Nontalie Morrow to our home front.

As I conclude, I want to speak about how excited I am that so many great opportunities are on the horizon for our host schools, state associations, and SAACURH at large. If you aren't already there, in a few short days you will return to your host schools to begin another semester of learning. I hope that you'll remember the great opportunities residence life has to offer, and I hope you remember that you are an invaluable asset to that system. Your unique programs for residents, your friendliness in your halls, and your overall dedication to residence life across the country truly has made living on campus a home, and not simply a place our students sleep. I can't begin to thank you enough for that. Welcome to the new year, and I can't wait to see what we all achieve in the weeks, months, and years to come.

Louie Love,

Tony Cardon
2010-2011 KARH Director





R.O.C.K. You Rock, You Rock

Shout-out to Dusti, Stephen and Chad for attending the NACURH Semi-Annual Business Meeting January 3-7! They met with members from other regions all across the country and came back with great news. Keep on the lookout for updates about NACURH 2011, which is going to be amazing by the way. When you get a chance, send them an email or message thanking them for all of their hard work!

On the Prowl for the next PRIDE!!

If there is something you would like to see in next month's issue of the PRIDE, please send all pictures, articles, ideas, top 10 lists, shout-outs and anything else you can think of to: sarcca@nacurh.org