

# The PRIDE



## Official SAACURH Newsletter

Welcome Back to the Lion's Den – August 2010

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### Hey SAACURH!

As the summer is winding down, residents are moving in, and classes are about to start, the PRIDE is back to welcome you to a new semester! Each newsletter will be packed with updates from the SEC, highlights about amazing people and programs, top 10 lists and so much more. The PRIDE is made just for you so take full advantage of every issue and be sure to give any feedback you have! So sit back, relax and enjoy the first issue of the pride for Fall 2010!

### SEC Spotlight

The SAACURH Executive Committee is made up of seven ferocious individuals. The SEC is headed by the dazzling Director Dusti Harris. Next is the astounding Associate Director for Business Administration Stephen McCay followed by the astonishing Associate Director of NRHH Chad Freeman. Up next we have

the riveting Regional Communications Coordinator of Administration Nontalie Morrow and the ravishing Regional Communications Coordinator of Development and Education Megan Dutton. Supporting these superb students are the amazing advisors, the remarkable Regional Advisor Alicia Vest and the notorious NRHH Advisor Adam Schwarz. Over the last month, the SEC got a chance to sit down and plan the upcoming year and define our goals and expectations. Let's just say that we will continue to be the fiercest region in the nation without a doubt. We know all of you are working hard to serve your institutions, so we want to work just as hard to show you how much we appreciate your hard work. We want to say thank you to everyone for everything you do and we encourage you to keep it up, it will be well worth it!

## Fall Leadership

As the summer semester draws to a close, the Inter-Residence Hall Association (IRHA) at the University of Florida is gearing up for RHA training, also known as Fall Leadership. Fall Leadership is always an exciting time of year for IRHA as it is the only time the entire RHA is together for an extended period of time. Run by IRHA's six

Executive Board Officers, this retreat is a week long conference where IRHA leaders are educated on all aspects of Hall Government life. It is held a week before the halls

open, and delegates move in early so they can prepare and decorate the halls with publicity for their Welcome Week events. Just like a regional conference, each Fall Leadership revolves around a theme. This year the theme is "Captain IRHA: The Community is Yours!" Fall Leadership commences with an address from the IRHA President - welcoming words to inspire and motivate IRHA

leaders for the upcoming year, and then training begins! Over several days, members attend workshops on topics such as budgets, governing documents, RA/Hall Government relationships, publicity, and recognition. Weaved in between each workshop is a team builder or an energizer to keep delegates alive, awake, alert, and enthusiastic! In



addition, cheers are taught and members are arranged into teams to compete in a photo scavenger hunt around campus to build camaraderie. At the end of the week, the

retreat closes with a banquet and an award ceremony, where each delegate is recognized through a paper plate superlative. Fall Leadership this year kicks off on August 12<sup>th</sup> and we cannot wait to be reunited with some of the FIERCEST leaders in the nation.

*Submitted by Sakina Toyah Sackaloo, IRHA Vice President*

**Your Voice**

Do you want the region to know what's going on at your school? Is there a top-10 list you have been dying to share? Are there any questions you want to ask Louie? Did you take some great pictures of an awesome program?

Well, send them and any other suggestions to Nontalie at [sa\\_rcca@nacurh.org](mailto:sarcca@nacurh.org) and you could see them in the next issue of The Pride!



## SAACURH 2010



Ahoy SAACURH!

Greetings from your SAACURrrrH 2010 conference staff! We are hard at work preparing a conference worthy of the Pride of NACURH. Here are some updates from our awesome committee heads:

**Registration:** the system is now live and can be accessed via the conference website at [www.saacurh2010.com](http://www.saacurh2010.com). Schools may register up to 10 mates and 2 commodores (16 mates and 2 commodores for bidding schools), as well alternates. See “important dates” on the website for more information.

**Philanthropy:** we are happy to announce that a representative from HeroBox will be attending the conference. For a list of approved items for donations, please refer to the conference website.

**Transportation:** fleets (schools) flying into Atlanta may utilize transportation coordinated by the conference. The cost is \$10 per mate each way for a total of \$20 per mate for a round trip. For schools driving to Athens via Atlanta, please take Atlanta traffic into consideration during your preparations.

**Finance:** the SAACURH Executive Committee approved our registration cost during summer summit at \$160 per mate and \$170 per commodore. The staff is working tirelessly though to secure sponsorships to give you the best bang for your buck! Also, we will unfortunately be unable to accept credit cards as a form of payment, but we are willing to work with all schools to get a check cut.

**Entertainment:** Friday night will feature a pirate themed pool party! Don't forget your swimming suit and flotation devices! Unfortunately, we can't allow any inflatable devices in the pool, but life jackets and such are fair game.

**Technology:** connect with conference via our Facebook group and Twitter. You can also contact the staff through our website.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you! SAACURrrrH 2010 is all about YOU, so come ready to Commandeer the LeaderSHIP October 29-31, 2010!



## NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program

In an effort to keep you informed about professional associations, please consider the NASPA Undergraduate Fellows Program or NUFP. NASPA is the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators which is an organization that is primarily made up of professionals already in the career of Higher Education and Student Affairs. NUFP was created 21 years ago and it started out as MUFPP (Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program). As the name changed, the program began to grow and more students were becoming interested. The program is specifically for undergraduates to help them in their journey towards becoming a Student Affairs professional. The program calls the student to select a



mentor at their institution who is a member of NASPA to teach them about NASPA but also what it means to go in to Student Affairs. There are learning outcomes outlined for all fellows and hopefully with the completion of the program, all of those outcomes will be accomplished. Fellows have the opportunity to attend regional and national NASPA conferences, have a phenomenal summer internship and attend the highly competitive conference called the Summer Leadership Institute (SLI). If you are interested you can go to the following website for more information

<http://naspa.org/programs/nufp/default.cfm>. Applications for this year are due September 30<sup>th</sup> so if you want to take advantage of this opportunity, start pouncing!

### **Top 10 things tell unaffiliated schools:**

10. You should affiliate...because
9. You get to be in the largest student run organization in the world
8. Amazing conferences
7. You will make your school proud
6. You can win regional and national awards
5. You will get leadership and diversity training
4. You get access to hundreds of program ideas
3. Talk to people who actually know what RHA is
2. More leadership opportunities
1. You form lifelong connections that blossom into friendships!





SEC fun at Summer Summit at the University of Georgia!

Above: The SAACURH members on the National Board



Above: Louie getting ready for a full day of planning.  
Left: the SEC being creative with a mirror on the ceiling.



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