



Res Life Newsletter

September 2020

Golden Paw

Upcoming Programs

- 9/17 at 8pm - Jumanji: The Next Level, Soccer Field behind Keystone
- Programs around campus:**
- 9/10 at 4pm – Unity Day followed by the Involvement Fair, Online
- 9/10 at 7pm – Spray Can Art, [Zoom](#) (check engage)
- 9/14 7-9pm – Food for Thought: Inclusive Acts, MCC Unity Room or Zoom
- 9/15 at 11am-12pm – Safe Space Training, AF 102
- 9/15 at 7pm – Escape Room Partners in Crime, [Zoom](#) (check engage)
- 9/21 at 1pm – Soft Skills: What Employers Want, [Zoom](#)
- 9/21 7-9pm – Leadership Workshop: Vision, Zoom
- 9/22 at 11am – Writing Your Resume & Cover Letter, [Zoom](#)
- 9/22 at 4-4:30pm – Be Informed, Inform Others! Non-Partisan Voter Education Panel, [Zoom](#)
- 9/24 at 2-6pm – Pride Fest, Memorial Grove
- 9/26 7-8pm – Peter Boie Magic, [Online](#)
- 9/28 7-9pm – Food for Thought: Microaggressions, MCC Unity room or Zoom



Welcome to our first Residence Life Newsletter of the year! As part of the Golden Paw Experience Program, the Residence Life Office will electronically send you this newsletter once a month. Our newsletter is packed full with important information, resources, and more! First and Second Year students; Be on the lookout for our Golden Paw Email Series which sends you important info and transition tips straight to your KU email.

First Year Students (Maroon Path)

Get a Room Program:
 Calling all First Year Students and First Year Transfer Students: Want to save \$75? Participate in the Get a Room Program to earn your \$75 Housing Processing Fee waived! Forms can be found on the Residence Life Webpage or you can email hotalen@kutztown.edu to get a form.

Second Year Students (Golden Path)

Second Year Experience Meetings:
 For our Second Year Students: Want to connect with other Second Year students? Come join us for the Second Year Experience Meetings, every other Thursday at 11AM via Zoom starting September 10th. This will be a space for you to connect to others and gather info and resources.

Zoom Meeting ID: 948 9464 3844
Passcode: 436532

Make it Home Program:

This is such an easy program to participate in! All you have to do is decorate your room, and make it feel like home. Make sure to include the items we are looking for and upload a picture of your room to Instagram with our hashtag #kumakeithome. If you have the best room, you could win some KU swag! Submissions are due September 18th. The rules can be found on our social media as well as our webpage.





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Workshops

Check out our awesome Bear Tracks workshops each week to meet new people and learn some new skills/ learn about KU. All students are welcome to attend these workshops. Students who are participating in the Get a Room Program must attend at least 5 of these workshops. See the full schedule below:

Date & Time	Workshop Title	Zoom Info
8/24/20 8PM	KU and It's Resources	ID: 924 1223 0055 Password: 719803
8/25/20 7PM	RHA & Conference Involvement	ID: 953 5954 0578 Password: 674420
9/1/20 8:30PM	How to be a Good Roommate and Community Member	ID: 956 9915 2072 Password: 961413
9/3/20 8PMS	tep Up Bystander Intervention	ID: 943 0289 3932 Password: 790999
9/9/20 6PM	Rohrbach Library 101	ID: 965 2376 3544 Password: 769708
9/14/20 6:30PM	Intersex Identities	ID: 971 6276 6546 Password: 354593
9/16/20 4:30PM	Student Involvement– How to Guide	ID: 952 4246 8909 Password: 270930
9/23/20 7PM	PSECU Money Management	ID: 955 0214 7035 Password: 956746
9/29/20 6PM	Do You Need a Tutor?	ID: 969 2989 3292 Password: 983192
10/1/20 6PM	Free Speech	ID: 917 4523 6742 Password: 174624
10/6/20 6PM	Mental Fitness	ID: 928 1545 8514 Password: 695214
10/15/20 7PM	PSECU– Credit 101	ID: 946 8519 3429 Password: 387718
10/20/20 6PM	LGBTQ&A Forum	ID: 997 4959 8208 Password: 605587
10/28/2020 7PM	Alcohol & Drugs	ID: 987 5111 8814 Password: 003827
11/2/2020 8PM	Performative Allyship	ID: 922 3766 5591 Password: 232836
11/10/2020 11AM	Safe Space Training	ID:913 4307 5626 Password:908895

Leadership

In this section, we will highlight what is happening with our Hall Councils, RHA & NRHH as well as provide some resources that are focused on student leadership.

Hall Council

Hall Councils held their nominations and elections for Leadership positions these past two weeks. A huge Congratulations to all of our winners! It is not easy to put yourself out there so early in the semester, so we are proud of you and looking forward to assisting in your leadership journey here at KU! Hall councils meet every **Mondays at 9:30PM via Zoom for the Fall 2020 semester.**

RHA

RHA or the Residence Hall Association is the overarching student organization for the Hall Councils. Hall Councils send two representatives (the Presidents and RHA reps) to the meetings each week. However any student is welcome to join our meetings! RHA meets every Monday at 6PM via Zoom for the Fall 2020 semester. **Our first meeting is Monday September 14th, we hope to see you there!**
Zoom Meeting ID: 9715 293 6779
Password: RHA2020

RHA has a Leadership Position open: Director of Recognition! Join us to learn more about the position, the election timeline, and nominate yourself!
Follow RHA on our social media & Engage Page!
Instagram: ku_rha
Facebook: Kutztown Residence Hall Association

NRHH

The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is an organization made up of student leaders across campus who strive to recognize others and serve their community. Our chapter provides students with leadership development opportunities and opportunities to serve our campus, local, and global community. NRHH is a branch of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. **Check out our virtual booth at the Involvement Fair!**

“Leadership is not a person or a position. It is a complex moral relationship between people based on trust, obligation, commitment, emotion, and a shared vision of the good.”
— Joanne B. Ciulla, author and professor in ethics and leadership



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Upcoming Processes

In this section each month we will highlight any upcoming Housing or Residence Life processes that will be important for you to follow and have a successful year. check back in October for any updates! If you are interested in applying to be an Assistant Resident Director for the 2020-2021 academic year, applications become available starting September 11th and will be due to the Residence Life Office by October 2nd 2020. Application information can be found on our webpage.

Campus Resources

Our Core Value this month is Academic Enrichment. We have tons of resources on campus to assist you in your academic career. Don't hesitate to reach out to your Hall Staff, who can help you find these resources.

- The Student Success Center
- Tutoring Services
- Rohrbach Library
- The Writing Center
- The Office of Academic Enrichment
- and More!



Message from the Director

We have all gotten in our cars, turned the radio on and the song playing made us want to crank up the volume, put down the windows and lay a little heavier on the gas pedal than we should. On Friday nights and Saturday afternoons the music coming from the band stand has caused us to love our team a little more and feel they could conquer any opponent. There has been a time, at least one, for many of us that a song we have heard was played so beautifully, touched us so deeply, or was a piece that we could connect with so intimately that it moved us to tears. Plato is quoted as having said that "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." It is hard to comprehend that something as simple as a song could hold so much power and influence so many.

Each song is composed of thousands of individual notes strung together to creates cords, choruses, harmonies and melodies. In many pieces, lyrics are connected together to give additional meaning and life to the notes. When looking at the overall composition of the song and its thousands of notes and hundreds of words, it would be easy to assume the alteration of a note or changing of a word would not influence the piece. However, anyone who has participated in any type of music ensemble will tell you that the misplaying of a note or dropping a of beat could derail the playing of the piece.....plus we all have that friend who makes up their own words to a song and we know how well that goes. Like notes and lyrics impact the playing of song, our daily words and actions have the ability to impact and influence the world around us. How we conduct our lives is like conducting our own personal symphony. A misspoken word here a misguided action there, can derail not only our own lives but the lives of those around us. It is hard to imagine that of all the words spoken in a day or actions taken that ours could have an influence but they can and do in both positive and negative ways.

When interacting those around you, strive to be the music in their day. Composers string notes and lyrics together to create joy, energize a crowd, inspire emotion. You may not be conducting an orchestra, but you are conducting your life. You can use your words and actions to inspire joy, provide support, and show love. What you say and do may not have someone rolling down the window or turning up the volume but they may give someone the courage to try something new, the strength to keep moving forward, and what they needed to feel they belong. On the flip side, however, what you say and do or what you don't say or don't do can take the wind out of someone's sail, leave them standing on the side and feeling like an outsider looking in. Each day we have the power to influence someone's day and in doing so, we have the ability to impact to the world. Our words and actions are our notes, lyrics and beats. We just have to ask ourselves what will our symphony look like today.



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Core Value

In Kutztown University's Office of Residence Life, we have **6 core values** that we relate all our programs and initiatives to. For the month of September, we are highlighting Academic Enrichment, the ways we help with the core value, and ways that you can embrace it.

In our department, we care about maintaining a good balance between work life and academic life. We stress the importance of being a student first and assist our students with learning how to time manage. Our Residence Life that you look up to in the halls are all students just like you who make sure they are attending class and reaching goals academically and personally they want to achieve outside of their position on campus. We have many resources on this campus that we educate our staff on not only to provide the resources to students in the halls, but for them to utilize as well! Our office works very closely with the Student Success Center (SSC) on campus who assists students with strategies such as time management, test-taking and anxiety, note-taking and textbook reading, especially in an online environment. We recommend you utilizing resources outside of our own if you are looking to thrive academically at Kutztown University.

You can embrace Academic Enrichment with our office by reaching out to our staff members in hall to check with them about best practices and tips they have on balancing a successful academic life while still having time for all other positions and involvement. Residence Life, the Student Success Center, the Writing Center, and the Tutoring Center are just a few options on campus who provide excellent programs and opportunities for students to better themselves in the classroom. We hope to see you using our resources and remember to never be a stranger! **Stay Golden!**

Social Justice

Book Club

The **Residence Life Office's Social Justice**

Committee (SJC) is excited to offer our Book Club Program to all students again for the 2020-2021 academic year! The Book Club was created to create a space for students to have important discussions around various social justice topics. Fiction and non-fiction books are selected each semester to enhance students' learning outside of the classroom and to increase engagement in identity-based discussions. SJC is excited to announce **"Dear Martin" by Nic Stone as the Fall 2020 selection.**

Focusing on the topic of racial injustice, a summary explains the plot as follows: "Justyce McAllister is a good kid, an honor student, and always there to help a friend—but none of that matters to the police officer who just put him in handcuffs. Despite leaving his rough neighborhood behind, he can't escape the scorn of his former peers or the ridicule of his new classmates. Justyce looks to the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for answers. But do they hold up anymore? He starts a journal to Dr. King to find out. Then comes the day Justyce goes driving with his best friend, Manny, windows rolled down, music turned up—way up, sparking the fury of a white off-duty cop beside them. Words fly. Shots are fired. Justyce and Manny are caught in the crosshairs. In the media fallout, it's Justyce who is under attack." Book Club will be held on Mondays at 8:00pm via Zoom starting on Sept. 14th. All students (regardless of if they live on or off-campus) are welcome! **Sign up as soon as possible by visiting**

www.tinyurl.com/DearMartin2020.

The deadline to sign up is Thursday, Sept. 10th.

The sooner you sign up, the more likely we will be able to purchase the book for you. We look forward to reading this with you!

Resources

-Check out the Video Podcast below featuring some KU Administration discussing Equity & Inclusion Initiative plans for this year on campus!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LiW7Lj_YShM

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