Becoming an RA was one of the best choices I have ever made. I wasn’t really the outgoing type in undergrad. Being an RA not only allowed me to help others, but it helped me build my confidence and come out of my shell. Indeed, the discovery of how impactful a residential experience can be, and how I contributed to the lives of students, was what led me to pursue a professional career in university housing.”

Angela Storck
Assistant Director
Housing and Residence Life
(Resident Assistant Kent State University 1999-2001)

Become a Resident Assistant and earn your ticket to success!

Are you thinking about being a resident assistant? Before you answer, it is important to realize the lasting impact that this position will have on your future success. This position will give you many new, exciting, and challenging experiences that will enhance the time you spend at Armstrong. These experiences will give you skills you will be able to use throughout your life, regardless of the profession you pursue.

Should you decide to become a resident assistant, you will be trained in many areas that will enable you to successfully and effectively do your job. You will have the support of the Office of Housing and Residence Life and your professional staff members, who will always be there to help and guide you.

Upon graduation, employers will be looking for experience as well as academic success. Nationally, students who were resident assistants are in high demand in the workforce. RAs are seen as leaders—and that leadership will give you an important edge in separating yourself from others in climbing the ladder to success.

Some famous former RAs include: Adam Sandler, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Katie Couric, Mike Ditka, Wesley Snipes, and Sheryl Crow just to name a few.
What does a resident assistant do?

Resident Assistant responsibility #1: Build community!
We accomplish this by:

- Being a mentor and listening ear for your residents! Helping your residents engage and become connected to the community is job 1.
- Facilitating community programs that will both entertain and inform your residents on a variety of topics.
- Disseminating information to residents through personal interactions, floor meetings, bulletin boards, and advertisements.
- Identifying residents who are withdrawn and/or exhibiting signs of distress and making referrals to senior staff as appropriate.
- Being aware of the moods, activities and flow of people in the building.
- Reporting violations of policy, in writing, to the professional staff as appropriate and recording pertinent information in the duty log.
- Reporting maintenance problems as appropriate.
- Maintaining community standards through the enforcement of quiet/courtesy hours as well as other residence hall policies.
- Maintaining connection with our residents on a daily basis.

Other areas of responsibility

- Assisting with general administrative duties (i.e. room lock outs, inspections, RA selection, etc.)
- Conducting office hours each week in the area office (assist residents, answer phones, other administrative activities as needed).
- Maintaining the safety and security of our facilities through performance of 3 duty rounds each night.
- Attending events sponsored by your fellow staff members, the housing office and the greater university community.
- Completing health and safety inspections of the facilities to ensure they are safe and being properly maintained.
- Assisting with move-in and move-out of the residence halls! This is the busiest time of year for housing!

How do I benefit from this experience?

- Gaining a valuable learning and career experience that will follow you through your years at Armstrong and beyond.
- You will gain skills in time management, critical thinking and problem solving, as well as public speaking.
- Room rate reduction and meal plan allowance.
- You have the opportunity to make an enormous impact on the lives of the students in your care. Make the most of it!

“Applying to be an RA was definitely one of the best decisions I have ever made. It provided me with the opportunity of building relationships with so many different people. It allowed me to grow both as a person and as a leader. As an RA, I played an important role in the success of my community, and I would not trade in the experience of making such a huge impact on others lives for anything.”

Dujon Curtis
(Former Armstrong Graduate Assistant and Resident Assistant)
Apply today!

Access the online application and supporting documents by visiting http://tinyurl.com/ArmstrongRA2015.

Required Components for a Complete RA Application:
- **Online Application** – Must be complete by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18.
- **Individual Interview** – *sign up in the main housing office on February 19 or 20 for an interview time slot during the week of February 23-27)*
- **Group Process Interview** - *sign up in the main housing office on February 19 or 20 for the Group Process taking place on Saturday, February 28.*
- **RA Passport** – Pick up a passport paper in any of the 4 housing offices or print a passport from the housing website. Your completed passport must be turned in at Group Process on Saturday, February 28. See passport info below.

For extra forms, links to the application and other information, please visit our recruitment website: http://tinyurl.com/ArmstrongRA2015

Questions about the RA selection process?
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