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# NATIONAL RESIDENCE HALL HONORARY (NRHH) NEWS

The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) advocates for the interests and welfare of residence hall students, while also providing opportunities for their personal growth and development. NRHH strives to provide recognition for individuals who have contributed to the advancement of college and university housing. The UNO Bill Pickett NRHH Chapter consists of student leaders living on campus who represent the top 1% of the student leaders within campus housing. Members have contributed extraordinary amounts of personal time and energy in order to make the residence halls more than just a place to live.

# NRHH RECOGNITION WEEK

NRHH will be recognizing various groups of students and staff during the week of April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Monday, April 20th

MV/UV Resident Assistants;

**UV Hall Council** 

Tuesday, April 21st

MV/UV Residents

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

University Housing Professional Staff;

MV Hall Council

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

New NRHH Inductees

*Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>*Of the Year Awards

# NRHH INDUCTION

This April, the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) will induct seven new members, including:

- Austin Holz
- Connor Kelley
- Erin Hathhorn
- Jade Jensen
- Kaitlin Harthoorn
- Megan Staver
- Savona Bateman



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT MARITZA MUNOZ

Year: Freshman

Major: Accounting

Village: University Village

Ultimate post-college career goal: Banker

Hometown: South Sioux City, NE

# Why did you choose to come to UNO?

"I knew I wanted to come to Omaha. I love the city – it's big. When I received the TLC scholarship, I knew I was going to UNO."

# Why did you choose to live on campus?

Maritza received the Susan T. Buffett Foundation scholarship and is a Thompson Scholar. By being a Thompson Scholar, Maritza is able to live in the Thompson Learning Community (TLC) in University Village. TLC is designed to promote the academic success of UNO students through common courses, academic workshops, and connections with faculty. Additionally, TLC students are supported through relationships with other student scholars, UNO mentors, social programming, and opportunities to connect at UNO.

# What has been the best part about living on campus for you?

"I've been able to meet people. I really enjoy seeing people, and it's so diverse. I also enjoy the friendships, relationships, and connections I have made with others."

# Other than class, how do you spend your time here at UNO?

"I try to be involved and go to events. I go to the events in the hall but also try to go to other events on campus. I also spend time with my friends!"

# Who has had the biggest influence on your college career so far?

"My parents - me going to college is for them."

# What is something you wish someone would have told you before you started college?

"Take AP courses in high school, and take as many opportunities as you can because they may never be there again."



# **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

# HOW RAD IS YOUR PAD? | UNIVERSITY VILLAGE

The University Village Residence Hall Council (UVRHC) asked students, "How rad is your pad?!"

Residents of University Village were asked to submit pictures of their bedrooms to show off how clean and well decorated they are. The photos submitted were then posted to the UVRHC MavSYNC page where other students could comment to vote on the most rad pad of all. The winner received a mini iPad.

Fourteen residents responded and the contest was off and running.

All through the month of March comments about the rooms flew through MavSYNC and, after a very close battle that went to the very last night, the winner is Stephany Portillo!

# PAINT LIKE PICASSO | MAVERICK VILLAGE

On Thursday, March 12, Maverick Village residents were invited to participate in the "Paint Like Picasso" event. Staff brought in the painting experts from Village Canvas & Cabernet to walk students through the creation of their very own painting of the UNO Belltower. Roughly 30 students left the event with their very own 9x12 canvas.

What a fun way for students to remember their time in Maverick Village this year.

# **GET INVOLVED**

University Village Hall Council and Maverick Village Hall Council meetings are open to all UV and MV students, not just hall council officers. Hall council meetings are for planning upcoming programs and events, and discussing any concerns students living on campus may have about their housing experience. UVRHC and MV RHC are the voice of the students living on campus. These positions are a great way for students to add experience to their resume, develop leadership skills, and help build a community with other students.

University Village Hall Council Weekly Meetings

Mondays | 7 pm | UV Clubhouse

Maverick Village Hall Council Weekly Meetings

Wednesdays | 7 pm | MV Clubhouse



# **UPCOMING PROGRAMS/EVENTS**

# UNIVERSITY HOUSING CELEBRATES EARTH DAY

Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 | 3 pm | Outside the MV Clubhouse

Stop by Maverick Village to help welcome spring. All residents are welcome to help celebrate Earth Day. We will plant new flowers and do some beautification to the area in front of the clubhouse. Hope to see you then.

# UNIVERSITY HOUSING WORLDS OF FUN TRIP

Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 | 6:30 am-8 pm

Want to spend the day at Worlds of Fun on April 25? Ticket & transportation all for just \$10 to get into this regional theme park - full of rides and fun galore.

Thank you to those who came to the sign-up night for Worlds of Fun on April 1. For those who were not able to attend, there are still a few spots available and will also be room on an alternate list as well. If interested, please stop by the Maverick Village Front Desk during regular hours to reserve your spot. The cost is \$10 cash or check. If we fill up, we will create an alternate list in case someone drops out. The price of \$10 will stay the same and tickets can be purchased up until the day before the event.

Note: only those who live in MV or UV are eligible to attend this event.

If you have any questions, please email Matt Nelson at minelson@unomaha.edu or Nick Rieschl at nrieschl@unomaha.edu.

# **ADDITIONAL EVENTS**

April 27th-30th

Battle of the Buildings (Maverick Village)

It's a battle between the buildings in Maverick Village. Contact your RA to help support your building in this epic competition. There will be a team trivia night, knockout tournament, a service event, and a round of yard games as well. Compete for the title and other prizes. More information coming soon.

# **TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE!**



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT NICK RIESCHL

Year: Sophomore

Major: Communication Studies

Village: Maverick Village

Ultimate post-college career goal: Company Liaison

Hometown: Omaha, NE

# Why did you choose to come to UNO?

Nick originally chose UNO because he wanted to pursue an education degree but just recently changed his major to communication studies. "I want to be able to talk with people and help people at the same time." Nick also says being close to family and the affordability of UNO were big factors as well. "All of my family is here in Omaha. I have three brothers, 30-40 cousins on my dad's side of the family, and 10 cousins on my mom's side. Family gatherings are really important."

# Why did you choose to live on campus?

This is Nick's second year living on campus. "I really wanted to get involved and experience college." As a result of living on campus, Nick has taken advantage of some of the leadership opportunities available to students. "I am both the Maverick Village Hall Council President and the Residence Hall Association (RHA) President." Nick will continue to hold the position of RHA president for the 2015-2016 school year.

# What has been the best part about living on campus for you?

"I think being able to be involved in housing and being able to meet people."

# Other than class, how do you spend your time here at UNO?

Nick laughs, "Well, I may have overcommitted myself. [In addition to MVHC and RHA] I'm a part of the UNO Pike fraternity, work at Lifetime Fitness, and teach/practice tae kwon do."

# Who has had the biggest influence on your college career so far?

Nick credits his parents for keeping him on track, but says Bill Pickett, Senior Director of Student Involvement, and Matt Nelson, Maverick Village Hall Director, have really pushed and encouraged him to be more involved. "They bring out the best in me."

# What is something you wish someone would have told you before you started college?

"Really put yourself out there and go outside of your comfort zone. There are so many ways to get involved, but you have to take the first step."



**Ryan Schmit**Maintenance Manager, University Housing

# MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Thank you again for your cooperation in changing out all of our interior light bulbs to new LED bulbs. The new bulbs will help us meet our campus wide sustainability goals by drastically cut down our energy usage and save us over 275,000 kilowatts per hour annually on energy costs. In addition, the bulbs do not get as hot as standard incandescent bulbs so they will also help with our cooling costs. Our maintenance staff was spending about 25% of their work day changing out bad light bulbs. Now with the new LED bulbs having a life span averaging eight years, our staff will be able to spend their valuable time on other more important repairs and projects.

To continue our theme of sustainability University Housing will be testing low flow showerheads. In a study done by UNO, it was found that University Housing uses the most water on campus. One of the things we can do to help lower our water usage is to convert to a low flow showerhead. These showerheads will save us thousands of gallons of water per year. These new showerheads are adjustable so students will still be able to get a high pressure shower without wasting water. Thank you in advance for your cooperation on this project and helping us continue our sustainability goals.

# **CONTRACT REMINDERS**

# **Maverick Village**

Maverick Village contracts end on July 31<sup>st</sup>. All Maverick Village students that have not renewed for next year must be checked out by July 31<sup>st</sup>.

# **University Village**

University Village nine month contracts end on May 10<sup>th</sup>. University Village students on nine month contracts must be checked out on May 10<sup>th</sup> by 4 pm. Your contract does not include the summer months of May, June, or July.

University Village 12 month contracts end on July 31<sup>st</sup>. University Village students on 12 month contracts that have not renewed for next year must be checked out by July 31<sup>st</sup>.



# UNIVERSITY HOUSING

# 2015-2016 RESIDENT ASSISTANTS

University Housing is excited to announce the 2015–2016 Resident Assistants for Maverick Village and University Village!

# **MAVERICK VILLAGE**

- Alex Swenson
- Colton Fickler
- Daniela Martinez
- Jacob Robinson
- Jenna Hyde
- Jordan Padrnos
- Kayla Timm
- Megan Staver

# **UNIVERSITY VILLAGE**

- Addison Meyers
- Allison Zadina
- Amanda Maxwell
- Conrad Martinez
- David Uwinganji
- DeShone Lynch
- Emily Watkins
- Eric Derickson
- Jessica Schaaf
- Kaycie Mullins
- Marissa Johns
- Savona Bateman



AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

# SATURDAY, APRIL 18

**EARTH DAY OMAHA 2015** ELMWOOD PARK | 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

# MONDAY, APRIL 20

FREE WATER BOTTLE GIVEAWAY MAMMEL HALL | 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. CRISS LIBRARY & PKI | 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

# FREE POTTED FLOWERS

MBSC PLAZA | 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

### **KEEP OMAHA BEAUTIFUL CLEAN-UP**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER | 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

# TUESDAY, APRIL 21

### RECYCLING RAFFLE

MAVERICK VILLAGE CLUBHOUSE | 8:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

### **WASTE SORT**

MAMMEL HALL, NORTH PATIO | 9:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

# REDUCE. REUSE. **Refill!** Fountain Soda or Iced Tea ..... Coffee from the Beverage Bar.... he special does not include juice, hot chocolate, cappuccinc tarbucks coffee, or bottled/canned beverages.



# WEDNESDAY. APRIL 22 - EARTH DAY

# **HOW DIRTY IS YOUR EXHAUST?**

MAMMEL HALL PARKING LOT | 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. 5:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

### TRANSPORTATION SHOWCASE

HPER BUILDING PLAZA | 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

### MAVRADIO.FM LIVE EARTH DAY SPECIAL

TUNE IN ON MAVRADIO KVNO 90.7 HD-2 | 1:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. OR STREAM ON MAVRADIO.FM

### SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER - ROOM 201 | 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

# **EARTH DAY SYMPOSIUM**

MAMMEL HALL AUDITORIUM | 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER - ROOM 201 | 7:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

# THURSDAY, APRIL 23

### **SOLAR CAR RACES**

MAMMEL HALL, NORTH PATIO | 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. . 4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

### **ELECTRONICS DRIVE**

HPER PARKING LOT | 12:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

### TRANSPORTATION SHOWCASE

MAMMEL HALL PARKING LOT | 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

# FRIDAY. APRIL 24

## TREE PLANTING

PACIFIC CAMPUS | 11:00 A.M.

## SUSTAINABILITY LAUNCH PAD

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER | 2:00 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

# HOUSING PAYMENT INFORMATION

# **CENTRALIZED BILLING**

The University of Nebraska Omaha has a centralized billing system. You can access your bill via your MavLINK account or a parent may be set up as guest to their account. Any charges incurred for tuition and fees and University Housing will appear on one statement. All other billing such as lock outs, damages, recores & other charges will be billed directly from housing to the student and will NOT be on MavLINK.

Payments made for University Housing are applied to tuition and fees first on the centralized bill. Unpaid bills are subject to late fees.

If you are awarded scholarships & financial aid it will be credited to your UNO Student Account and will be applied against your tuition, fees and housing. This is dispersed once in the Fall and once in the Spring.

- Important to know that all scholarships and financial aid that is applied to MavLINK goes towards tuition and fees first and then is applied to housing.
- Make sure you are checking your MavLINK regularly especially if you are on a monthly payment plan.

For questions related to charges or payments towards your housing on your centralized bill please contact Denise at 402.554.6605.

# **CANCELLATION POLICY**

If you need to cancel your contract please email unohousing@unomaha.edu with a request to cancel your contract. Please make sure you read the housing cancellation policy first. You can find the housing cancellation policy on the housing website.

What if I need to cancel my residency, but it's after August 1st?

- 1. You would forfeit your \$200 deposit for the administrative cancellation fee.
- 2. You would be billed 50% of remaining balance of contract (based on the payment plan you selected and the day you cancel).

# **HOW TO MAKE A PAYMENT**

- 1. via MavLINK with credit/debit cards.
- 2. by mail with personal check or money order. Payments should be mailed to:

University Housing Attn: Business Manager 6608 University Drive South Omaha, NE 68182

3. in person with check, cash, credit/debit card or money order (do not send cash through the mail).

Payments can be made at Maverick Village or University Village front desk located in the clubhouse at each location or can be made at Cashiering/Student Accounts located in the Eppley Administration Building.

Please make sure to write the student's NU ID on all correspondence. Make checks payable to "University of Nebraska Omaha."

# STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Any student removed from campus housing for student conduct reasons will still be held liable for the terms of their contract.

Violating student conduct policies does not provide students the ability to end their housing contract. Students looking to end their housing contract forfeit their \$200 deposit for the administrative cancellation fee.

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please make sure you are checking your MavLINK account. There are many residents that assume financial aid, scholarships, or loans covered housing costs, when in fact they still may owe something on their balance. It is important to check, even if you assume it has been paid. It is not our responsibility to track you down. You can check your own balance at any time.



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