

Office of Housing and Residence Life

The mission of Housing and Residence Life is to provide a safe, comfortable, secure and nurturing living-learning environment conducive to students' academic and personal development goals while intentionally fostering a sense of community, civic responsibility and an appreciation for diversity.

Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development

The Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development supports the University's academic mission and complements the mission set forth by the Division of Student Life. To fulfill our commitment to student learning, the office promotes engagement and participation in the social, cultural, and intellectual life of the University, while instilling in students the capacity for both independent and collaborative action. As the principal advisor to student organizations, the office fosters qualities of character, civility, and scholarship. This is achieved through student involvement and leadership development opportunities that form an integral component of each student's educational experience.

Orientation Mission

Marywood University takes pride in the attention given to assuring success in the transitions students and families face in adjusting to college life. Through a comprehensive and collaborative institutional effort, new students and their families are welcomed to Marywood's community of learners. Incoming students are challenged to understand and live out the Catholic liberal arts mission and values appreciation of multiculturalism, leadership, scholarship, spirituality, civility, and service.

**Somewhere,
sometime, the
leader within each
of us may get the
call to step
forward.**

***James M. Kouzes and
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Student Leaders at a Glance



Student Leadership is an integral role in the Office of Housing and Residence Life and the Center for Student Activities and Leadership Development. Many times good leaders need to be encouraged to recognize their unique gifts and talents. We believe all leaders should be given a place to express these abilities. The areas of Housing and Residence Life and Student Activities and Leadership Development require special people who are willing to volunteer enthusiasm, hard work, and many hours of their time and dedication. Help us to identify the student leaders you know that may be a good fit for the positions featured in this brochure.

Thank You!

Resident Assistants

Resident Assistants are appointed by the Director of Housing and Residence Life in consultation with the Residence Directors. The Resident Assistant is a staff member for the Housing and Residence Life Office, and as such, is a staff member of the University. As a staff member, the Resident Assistant is expected to strive to accomplish the objectives of the Residence Life program.

The primary role of the Resident Assistant is to serve as a resource person, peer helper and programmer in order to facilitate the growth, development and academic success of residents. The Resident Assistant promotes a healthy living and learning environment. Resident Assistants are chosen on the basis of leadership experiences, academic achievement, communication and interpersonal skills. Resident Assistants must be interested in working with students to develop a positive residence community and a willingness to be actively involved in their own personal growth and development.

Student Government Positions

The Undergraduate Student Government Association of Marywood represents the united voice of the undergraduate student body and provides programs and activities which support the University goal of enabling students to live responsibly in an interdependent world. The elected officers of the Student Government Association work to strengthen existing bonds between faculty, staff, and administration and to enrich the University's tradition of excellence in academic and student life programs.

President: Provide leadership in promoting class goals and projects which are in accordance with the general purpose of SGA; and preside over all class meetings.

Vice President: Preside in the absence of the President; work toward the goals of the class; and assist the President in various duties.

Treasurer: Maintain the budget; keep record of all funds received and disbursed by the class; and co-sign all checks with the advisor of the class.

Secretary: Record the minutes of all meetings and distribute them to the Marywood community; and serve as correspondent for the class.

Within the Student Government Association there are several Representative positions. These include positions on Resident Committee, Commuter Committee, Public Affairs, Special Events, Representatives for the Colleges, Athletic Liaison and Assistant Athletic Liaison, Council of Club Prefect and Vice Prefect and Campus Ministry representative.

Orientation Chairs

The Orientation Chairs are appointed by the Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development and the Director of Housing and Residence Life. The responsibilities of the Orientation Chairs are to:

1. Assist in orientation planning, scheduling, and food arrangements for the new Student Orientation Program.
2. Assist in trouble shooting for both tracks of the July and August Programs.
3. Prepare and deliver speeches during the orientation program.
4. Act as a liaison between the Sub-Chairs (Small Group, Activities, Theatre, and Decorations) and the Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development & the Director of Housing and Residence Life.
6. Assist in staff development and maintain staff motivation.
7. Recruit students to join the orientation Committee.
8. Design three Orientation Newsletters to be sent to all first year students during the Summer.
9. Organize and facilitate the Student to Student Panel.
10. Coordinate staff to assist new students on "Freshmen Move-In Day."

Orientation Sub-Chairs

Orientation sub-chairs assist the Orientation Chair and therefore have many of the same responsibilities. Sub-chairs exist in the areas of: Theater, Small Groups, Activities, and Decorations.