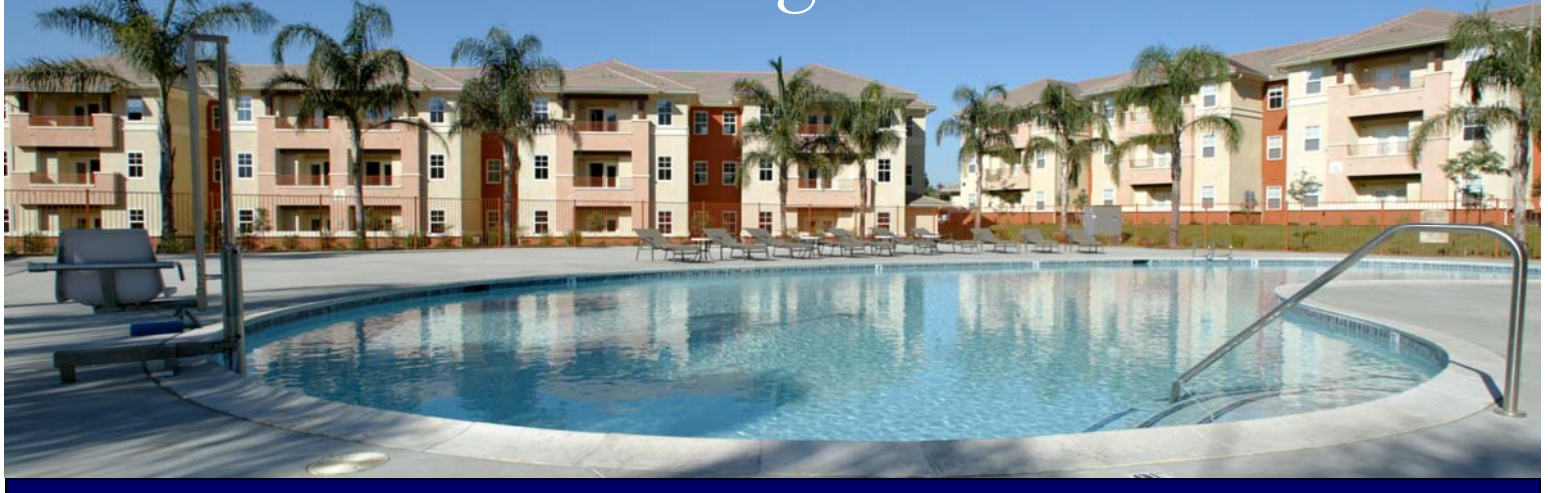


The Office of Housing and Residential Life Villages Newsletter



SPRING, 2006

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **June 3**
Freshman Advising Day Special Event Tours
- **June 17**
Academic Year Housing Closing
- **June 18**
Summer Housing Begins
- **July 1**
Summer Conference Housing Opens

Welcome!

Happy Spring to you! After a wet and windy winter, it's nice to see the colorful flowers emerge, the birds singing in the trees, and the students "hanging out" in the warm sun.

As you'll read through the next few pages, you'll see that our staff has been busy. Among other things, we've worked to consistently encourage a community atmosphere in the halls, confirmed our plans to offer a larger First-Year Experience Living and Learning program, changed out lighting and water fixtures to conserve energy resources, modified our application process to be more "user-friendly" and created new leadership

positions for students who live on campus – just to name a few of the things we've done. It has been exciting over here!

I hope you'll take the time to read through and find out more about what is going on with on-campus housing. You may be surprised, be left in

disbelief or in complete agreement with things we have to offer. One way or another, I am excited and honored to be part of the OHRL team.

Best Wishes for a warm and enjoyable Spring and Summer!

Thanks,

Lovellie "Happy" Cimenski-Almogela

Director of Housing and Residential Life



Staff News

Please join us in welcoming our newest employee to the campus!

Greg Akins, Custodian

Leaders of the Pack

Each month the department recognizes an exemplary employee. Our staff nominate their peers for this departmental honor. The selected employee is recognized at the monthly departmental meeting, receives a certificate and a special gift.

Recent Recipients: February: **Betty Perez**, March: **Maria Valdivinos**, April: **Sylvia De La Torre**.



Prospective CSUSB Students Spend “A Night with the Pack”

The Office of Housing and Residential Life partnered with Admissions and Student Recruitment to provide incoming and prospective CSUSB students the opportunity to be on-campus residents during their annual “Night with the Pack” Overnight Stay Programs this past winter quarter.

Housing sponsored four programs: two general programs for all prospective students, a “Unity Day” program for under-represented prospective students, and a

“Transfer Day” program for prospective transfer students. Participation in the Overnight Stay Program greatly increased for the 2006 programs in comparison with past years, with almost 100 students participating.

Students who participated in each program were assigned a current resident and student leader to be their “host” for the duration of their stay. These student leaders housed their guests for the evening and acted as guides and informational

resources for the entire program.

Prospective students got a tour of campus, enjoyed meals at our on-campus eateries, participated in a Housing and Residential Life educational evening program, attended an information session about CSUSB, and attended classes with their hosts.

“Unity Day” was held on Friday, February 10th and incorporated several events sponsored on campus to celebrate Black History

Month. “Transfer Day” was held on February 24th, and allowed prospective students to attend on-campus events in which they could be admitted to the university and receive academic advising.

Special thanks to Admissions and Student Recruitment for all of their help making these programs successful!



RHA / Village Councils

The Residence Hall Association (RHA) is an organization that serves as student body government in the residence halls. It promotes active student leadership, community, and governance. The RHA is also a national organization, taking many different forms in residence halls across the nation.

CSUSB’s RHA was once known as the Serrano

Village Association (SVA). Unfortunately, over the last two years interest in SVA dropped considerably. Working with students, we seized the opportunity to evaluate SVA and have re-birthed it this year as the RHA.

In its rebirth our RHA is made up of an executive board and three village councils – Serrano Village Council (SVC), Arrowhead

Village Council (AVC), and University Village Council (UVC). While they are still in rebuilding stages, these three councils have brought new life into the residence halls and have sponsored events like the “Haunted House” and Finals Study break. The group is growing and it has a bright future ahead!

Did You Know...?
Studies suggest that students who live on campus are more likely to enjoy their college experience, have higher G.P.A.s and tend to graduate at a faster rate than students who love off campus.



Educational Programming Model

One of the goals for the Office of Housing and Residential Life is to support the Academic mission of the university. One of the ways that we do that is via our Educational Programming Model:

- V**aluing Diversity: programs that focus on raising awareness around identity, status, and power dynamics
- I**nvolved with Campus: programs that focus on not only bringing residents to programs /activities/ resources available on campus, but also bringing those resources to the residents
- L**iving Safely: programs that focus on informing students on things that they can do to not only safeguard themselves, but their community as well
- L**iving in Community: programs that focus on enjoying the benefits of being part of a community, but also how to safeguard the community respect
- A**lcohol & Other Drugs Education and Prevention: programs focusing on education, prevention, and realities of alcohol and other drugs
- G**eneral Well Being: Programs that focus on the interests and difficulties of residents
- E**ducational Success: programs focusing on the academic success of residents
- S**exual Assault Prevention and Healthy Relationship Education: programs that focus on the prevention of sexual assault and incidents and teach on how to establish healthy relationships with peers

Programming Report for Winter '06 Quarter

Using the Educational Programming Model, the Residential Life staff looks to provide learning opportunities to residents via active programs and bulletin/passive programs. The following is a report of our programming efforts during the Fall Quarter.

Program	Serrano Village	Arrowhead Village	University Village	Complex Wide	Total
Value Differences	19	6	9	3	37
Involvement with Campus	7	2	2	0	11
Living in Community	2	10	0	0	12
Living Safely	1	2	0	3	6
Alcohol and Other Drugs	4	6	5	1	16
General Well Being	8	11	5	1	25
Educational Success	4	4	4	0	12
Sexual Assault & Healthy Relationships	8	10	3	0	21
Campus Collaboration	15	13	4	0	32
Total	68	64	32	8	135

Conduct Report for Winter '06 Quarter

The Office of Housing and Residential Life follows an educational philosophy in regards to student conduct. This means that while we encourage responsibility for actions, we also try to work with students to help them learn from the experience in hopes of not repeating inappropriate behavior. Below is a review of our conduct for this past quarter. Each tally represents a student who was found responsible for violating that particular policy. For more information on what each policy means, please visit <http://housing.csusb.edu/policies.html>.

	Serrano		Arrowhead		University		Total	
	F 05	W 06	F 05	W 06	F 05	W 06	F 05	W 06
Alcohol	18	14	39	35	49	19	106	68
Alteration of Premises	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	5
Appliances	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balconies	0	0	0	0	6	2	6	2
Care of Apartment/Rm.	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	5
Care of Common Area	0	3	4	21	0	0	4	24
Community Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Computer Use	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Concealment of Violat.	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Copyright Materials	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2
Dangerous Behavior / Assault	2	0	4	2	0	9	6	11
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	1	0	0	5	1	5
Drugs & Controlled Substances	4	0	8	7	12	2	24	9
Fire Safety & Hazards	3	0	6	3	9	0	18	3
Furniture	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gabbling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gatherings	10	9	7	4	0	0	17	13
Guest	6	7	3	5	6	7	15	19

	Serrano		Arrowhead		University		Total	
	F 05	W 06	F 05	W 06	F 05	W 06	F 05	W 06
Harassment	6	0	3	0	5	1	14	1
Identification	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Improper Room Transfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keys & Locks	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Non-Compliance	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	3
Pets	1	0	8	8	0	3	9	11
Posting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Projectiles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quiet Hours	10	5	44	10	28	49	82	64
Safety & Security	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Sexual Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soliciting & Sales	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smoking	9	1	7	1	15	5	31	7
Trespassing & Restricted Access	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	4
Vandalism / Theft	3	4	2	0	7	1	12	5
Explosives	0	0	3	1	0	11	3	12
Total	75	45	142	116	139	117	356	278

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Academic Initiatives

One of the goals of the Office of Housing and Residential Life is to support the Academic Mission of the institution. This translates into supporting the academic achievements of our residents. We recently started tracking the GPAs of our students. Below you will find our results thus far:

	Fall 2005		Winter 2006	
Village Complex	Qtr GPA	Cum GPA	Qtr GPA	Cum GPA
Serrano Village	2.725	2.736	2.429	2.604
Arrowhead Village	2.584	2.724	2.629	2.760
University Village	2.404	2.627	2.369	2.618
<i>OHRL TOTAL</i>	<i>2.571</i>	<i>2.699</i>	<i>2.499</i>	<i>2.676</i>

In addition to providing programs that foster academic success, Residential Life recognizes the importance of providing additional support to those who may need it. We do this by meeting with residents who earn a Quarter G.P.A. of 1.0 or below to help them assess their life, academic pursuits, and making referrals to appropriate support offices. We also send letters to students who earn G.P.A.s between 1.0 and 2.0 reminding them of appropriate campus resources and inviting them to meet with us should they feel they need that extra support. Although support is one piece of the equation, recognition is the other. As a point of practice we recognize every student who achieves a Quarter G.P.A. of 3.0 or above with a certificate of achievement.

CSUSB ORHL is Awarded the Institutional Award for Diversity

This April, at the Western Association of College and University Housing Officers (WACUHO) Conference, the CSUSB Office of Housing and Residential Life was recognized for its efforts in promoting awareness of diversity and social justice.

The Institutional Award for Diversity is presented to an institution that demonstrates diversity in staff, uniqueness of outreach efforts, retention of under-represented staff and students, innovative approaches to recruitment, and an effective use of creative resources.

One of the points brought to light in the nomination of our department was the recent addition of a Program Assistant (PA) that specifically programs in the realm of diversity awareness. Along with the creation of this position there was a restructuring of the Resident Assistant (RA) program model to include "value diversity" as a programming category.

The nomination also stressed the use of diversity questions and ethical issues used within the RA selection process and through the

evolving theory of emotional intelligence.

The department of Housing and Residential Life is striving to educate our residents for the society they are a part of. Preparing them for this journey and assuring they are better prepared citizens comes in diversity education along with other issues we address. A small step it seems, but never the less leaves a lasting impact and impression on those with whom we interact.

Guest Housing and Conferences

Greetings from the CSUSB Guest Housing and Conference Program! The Guest Housing program is designed to provide clean, comfortable housing for CSUSB faculty, staff and guests of the University. Conveniently located right on campus, our fully-furnished, apartment-style units offer all the comforts of home. Available year round, Guest Housing is a great option for anyone in need of short-term, transitional, or emergency housing. Call us for more information and a tour!

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