SHOUTOUTS

Many thanks to Shawn Copeland (CRL, HRL), Darron Jenkins (CRL, HRL), Kelli Thomas (CRL, HRL), Paige Thomas (CRL, HRL), Shelley Wald (Assistant Director, HRL), Jessica Webb (CRL, HRL), and Natasha Young (CRL, HRL), who comprised the planning committee for the recent NCHO RA Drive-In Conference. The conference allowed resident assistants from all over the state to develop in their roles and better serve students at their home institutions. (Chris Gregory)

Congratulations to Ashley Owens (CRL, HRL), Briana Welsh (CRL, HRL), Paul Lentz (CRL, HRL), Alyssa Mitchell (CRL, HRL), Lindsay Wigderson (Coordinator, RecWell), and Chris Hamm on being recently crowned Stonewall Sports volleyball champions for their volleyball league! (Demarcus Merritt)

Congratulations to Ashley Owens (CRL, HRL) and Briana Welsh (CRL, HRL) for being voted two of the All-Stars to represent Stonewall Volleyball Greensboro in the NC State Tournament being held in November! (Demarcus Merritt)

Big shout out to all staff and companies involved with organizing and executing HRL’s “Big Move” for Ragsdale/Mendenhall! (Demarcus Merritt)

Special shoutout to LaFerin Meriwether (Associate Director, HRL) for the RADICAL vision, leadership, and direction she has provided thus far since starting in her Associate Director role. Sometimes we overlook or take for granted all that it takes for a person to start in a new role, transition to a new state and campus community, while also being a fully effective and functioning contribution in their new role – and with a small human at that! Hats off to you! (Demarcus Merritt)

Shoutout to Matt McKay (Coordinator, HRL) for his work on the field and off the field work, development, and impact in his volunteer service as the Defensive Line Coach of the Page High School football team this past season! (Demarcus Merritt)

I would like to say that the HIM staff at Student Health Services are awesome! They maintained the office and appropriately handled situations that arose during my absence. As their manager, I will say that their caring spirit for each other, me, and the customers they serve has made me see their true potential as leaders. I will greatly miss this team of Whitney DeBerry, Tenika Foster, Kevin Ross, Lisa Jones, and Heather Hensley. The work they do is much and sometimes the appreciation they receive is little. They are a great team of healthcare professionals. I thank them for all they do. (Kendra Hamilton)

Congrats on a successful first semester of SAAHE to our fantastic GA, Gemma Herrera! We are so happy you’re on our team! (Megan Walters)

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS & RECOGNITION

Chris Gregory (Assistant Director, HRL) and Jennifer Whitney (Director, Counseling Center) co-authored Partners in Care in the Association of College and University Housing Officers - International publication, Talking Stick. The article focused on best practices in partnerships between college residence life departments and counseling centers.
Paige Thomas (CRL, HRL) and Natasha Young (CRL, HRL) recently published “On the Other Side”: From Candidate to Recruiter; Stories on Self-Expression from the Placement Exchange in the Fall edition of the SEAHO Report.

Ryan McKeel (GA, HRL) recently published I Just Need a Minute: Working in Student Affairs while Living with Mental Illness in the Fall edition of the SEAHO Report.

A Silver Seymour is the North Carolina Association of Residence Hall's (NCARH) form of formal monthly recognition. It is a way to recognize someone or an organization for what they have done with in that month. Congratulations to all of HRL's four Silver Seymour Award Winners: Paige Thomas (CRL, HRL) – Advisor recognition; Briana Welsh (CRL, HRL) – Residence Life Faculty/Staff recognition; OLCE Catalyst Program – Spotlight recognition, and Ashley Fowler (RA, HRL) and Niska Majumdar (RA, HRL) – Program recognition for their “Paint Your Fears” program!

Congratulations to Portia Washington (RA, HRL) and Jessica Golden (RA, HRL) for being inducted into the McNair Scholars Program!

PRESENTATIONS
Chelsea Phipps (Assistant Director, RecWell) delivered a presentation at the NIRSA Triventure Conference in San Diego, Ca. in November. She presented, “Alert! Alert! Alert! Risk Management Training for Collegiate Recreation Staff” with colleagues from the University of Akron, Kent State University, and Georgia Tech.

Congratulations to Demarcus Merritt (Assistant Director, HRL) for his presentation “Three Words: Yes. You. Belong!” being accepted for the 2020 NASPA Undergraduate Student Conference held in March 2020!

Frannie Varker (Assistant Director, RecWell) presented “Building Critical Communities through Experiential Education” at the American Educational Studies Association Conference (AES) on October 31.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SERVICE
Kristina Gage (Associate Director, OLCE) spent December 2-4 in Washington, D.C. with NASPA for their NASPA Hill Days program. She spent this past semester listening to briefings on key issues impacting higher education. The experience culminated in D.C. with a two-day event where they participated in exclusive briefings with Hill staff and higher education policy experts prior to a day of scheduled small meetings with attendees’ Congressional delegations in the House and Senate. Kristina is practicing what she teaches through her own civic development and engagement! (Submitted by Lindsey Woelker)

Congratulations to Demarcus Merritt (Assistant Director, HRL) on his appointment to serve as one of two Chair-Elect officers for the Professionals of Color Network (POCN) with the Association of College & University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) for the 2020-2021 term.

Shelley Wald (Assistant Director, HRL) has been selected as the Chair-Elect of the Housing Internship Committee through ACUHO-I.