Program Pursuit: Check it Out!

On Wednesdays at 8pm throughout the semester, the staff at the PRC will be introducing a new workshop series: "Program Pursuit." It is available to all RA’s and Head Residents and will cover a variety of staff development topics. Program Pursuit will not only enrich your knowledge of several different PRC resources, but also help improve RA performance outside of the PRC. Look below for more information about the workshops being offered this semester:

September 27: Programs at Your Fingertips– Internet Safety

October 9: Programs at Your Fingertips– Beer Goggles

October 23: Microsoft Publisher Tips & Tricks

November 6: Marketing RA Skills

November 27: Careers in Student Affairs

Have questions or need more information? Stop by the PRC!

New at the PRC...

Brought to you this year by popular demand are two new items for checkout! First, specially designed "Tools of the Trade" kits containing all the bulletin board-making essentials:

- Scissors
- Tape
- Stapler
- Staple Remover
- Paper Clips
- Push Pins

Also new to the PRC checkout inventory are a variety of popular movies on DVD. The library is small but will be growing throughout the semester:

- Antwone Fisher
- The Basketball Diaries
- Crash
- Hotel Rwanda
- Pay It Forward
- Requiem for a Dream

Come by the PRC and utilize these wonderful new resources! And don’t forget about all the other great items still available for checkout:

- Overhead Projector
- Digital Camera
- Disposable Camera
- Party Supplies
- Balloons
- Videos
- Bulletin Boards
- Programs
- Crayons
- Coloring Books
- Play-Dough
**Bulletin Boards in a Bag: Ideas for August**

Feeling low on creativity? The PRC can help! We offer a variety of “Bulletin Boards in a Bag,” which provide you with all the content you need for your bulletin board: just slap on a background, put up the Bulletin Board in a Bag, and you’re good to go! This tools offers the fun of creativity and the ease of convenience all in one handy bag. Here are a few Bulletin Boards in a Bag that would be great to put up this month:

- *47 Ways to Make Yourself Feel at Home*
- *Fun in the Sun*
- *Getting Your Life Together*
- *Laundry for Dummies*
- *Roommate from Hell*

As an even faster option, the PRC also offers several printed bulletin-board sized posters that are even easier to put up. Just print it out & attach it to your bulletin board; it’s that easy! Some great August printed poster topics available are:

- *Cooking for One*
- *Extension Cords & Surge Protectors*
- *Study Skills/Time Management*
- *W&M Express*
- *W&M Slang*
- *The Williamsburg Bus System*

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**Get the ball rolling with Icebreakers!**

Getting acquainted with each other is one of the most important parts of the orientation process. Without a doubt, RA’s play a major role in helping their residents get to know each other and form a special bond as hallmates—especially when it comes to freshmen! Learning about one another doesn’t have to be boring: “Icebreaker” games can be a great way to have a fun group bonding and learning experience. The PRC has several icebreaker idea resources available. Give some of these a try!

**Make a Date**—Have each participant draw the face of a clock on a paper plate, then walk around and find a “date” for each hour (only one person per hour!). After everyone makes their dates, allow 1-3 minutes for each hour and have the participants discuss a different question each hour.

**Personal CD Cover**—Have each person create their own personal CD cover that includes all the things you’d find on a CD—title [a personal motto], songs [lyrics that represent values and interests], headquarters [hometown], recording sites [special places and events in their lives], special thanks [people that impacted their lives], members of the band [personal supporters and team members], and anything else you’d see on a CD cover!

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**Caldwell & Gregory Presents: The Bulletin Board Contest**

Attention all RA’s! William and Mary’s laundry provider, Caldwell & Gregory, is holding a “Laundry-Themed” bulletin board contest. The contest is open to all RA’s in schools operated by the company, and the task is simply to design a bulletin board that teaches your residents how to do laundry properly. You can win big prizes, not just for the individual RA but also the entire floor! The contest runs from August 1—October 1, and the deadline to register is September 1.

For the winners at W&M:

- **1st Place:** $50 Target Gift Card for RA, Laundry Bags & Soap for the floor
- **2nd Place:** $25 Target Gift Card for RA, Laundry Bags & Soap for the floor
- **3rd Place:** $25 Target Gift Card for RA, Soap for the floor

For the national winners:

- **1st Place:** $200 Visa Gift Card for RA, DVD player and video library for the entire hall, Soap for the entire hall
- **2nd Place:** $150 Visa Gift Card for RA, Game library for the entire hall, Soap for the entire hall
- **3rd Place:** $100 Visa Gift Card for RA, Soap for the entire hall

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* Bulletin Board in a Bag: *Laundry for Dummies*