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New at the PRC...

Since we're always trying to keep things fresh for you here at the PRC, the PA's have decided to do some spring cleaning for our Bulletin Boards in a Bag. While there will still be almost 80 boards for you to choose from, we're taking out some of the boring, obsolete & unpopular boards and replacing them with some of our own creations. Some of the boards have even been created and submitted to us by RA's like you! Keep an eye out for some of these new BBB's heading your way...



One of our new BBB's will take your residents on a tour of life in the ocean deep. Check it out!

- Under the Sea
- Fun With Candy
- Going Green
- Kiss, Bow, or Shake Hands?
- 37 Weird Jobs
- Grad School Tests
- Flags from Around the World
- 29 Days of Black History
- A Picture is Worth 1000 Words
- And more!

Programming is as easy as PIE...

Good programming is crucial to your success as an RA. It creates hall unity, and enriches the lives of your residents (and yourself!) both mentally and physically. Coming up with fun programming ideas may seem overwhelming, but if you relax and take it one step at a time it's as easy as PIE:

1.) **Preparation**— Assess your resident's needs both formally and informally. An important part of this is establishing close relationships with your residents so that they will be more willing to communicate your needs to you. Use the information you gather to plan a program that will meet your residents needs.

Don't forget to advertise, advertise, advertise!

2.) **Implementation**— Confirm all the details of your program the day before. Show up early to make any last-minute arrangements and adjustments to the program. Most importantly, enjoy the program... you've earned it!

3.) **Evaluation**— Be sure to get feedback from your residents as to whether or not the program was worthwhile. This can be done formally through written

evaluations or informally through conversation. Be sure to reflect on your own and self-evaluate the program. Take all the feedback you gather and use it to make your next program even better!



Bulletin Boards in a Bag: Ideas for March



Now that spring break is over, it seems like most of us are going into crunch time... there's so much to do before the semester ends! If you're too busy to create a bunch of bulletin boards this month, never fear: the PRC is here

Bulletin Board in a Bag: Ireland

Services?

- Welcome to Allergy Avenue
- All About the Wren Building
- Ireland
- Women at W&M
- Golf
- Stressed Out? Things to Do...

to help! Check out a few of these fun, interesting & insightful Bulletin Boards in a Bag:

- Quit Tips: Stop Smoking
- What's Career

- 55 Things to Do Before You Graduate
- Grossology: The Science of Gross Things
- What is Your Sign?
- All I Needed to Know

Bulletin Boards in a Bag can be checked out for up to a month at a time, and have everything you need to create a bulletin board— just add background paper and bordette! Stop by the PRC or take a look at our website for a full listing of available Bulletin Board in a Bag topics.

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What's going on in March?

Most people don't realize it, but March is a month of celebration! Here are some fun March events to celebrate with your friends and residents:

- **American Red Cross Month:** host a fundraiser or service project and donate your proceeds to the Red Cross.
- **Women's History Month:**

Create a “Guess Who?” bulletin board using famous women in American history!

- **National Reading Month:** Have a hall book club this month! Pick a book you know all your residents will enjoy & have a party at the end of the month to talk about what everyone liked or didn't like about the book.

- **Saint Patrick's Day (3/17):** Decorate your hall and give prizes to anyone you see wearing green on March 17.
- **Easter:** Host an easter egg hunt for your hall!
- **National Peanut Month:** Get your hall together for a peanut tasting (or even other peanut products!). Be sure to have other options if anyone's allergic to peanuts.

Get to know Laura!

Since every other PA has been spotlighted, I guess it's time to do an article about yours truly. As your information specialist, I update and maintain the website, do my best to keep the PRC's computers from blowing up, and write this newsletter every month. I hope you've enjoyed them! Here are a few tidbits about me that you may not know:

Name: Laura Stoddard

Nickname: L-Stod, Laurie, Jelly (don't ask...)

Hometown: Hampton, VA

Year: Senior

Major: Accounting

Residence: Phi Mu House

Favorite Color: Pink

Favorite Place in Williamsburg: Cheese Shop

Favorite College Memory: Doing the triathlon with some of my sorority sisters

Place You Wish to Travel to:

Favorite Food: Italian & Mexican

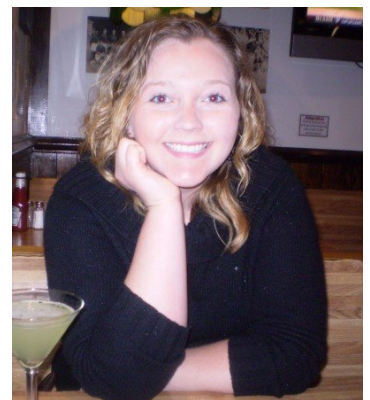
Word You Hate: “Like,” which I unfortunately use myself constantly. I'm trying to drop this habit!

Dream Car: Light Blue VW Bug Convertible

Pet Peeve: Faking niceness

Favorite Animal: Koala

Random Fact: I collect spoons!



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