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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 Executive Board!

President: Amy Boyle, Loyno

Amy joined the Loyola University New Orleans Res Life team in 2008 after graduating from the University of Central Florida. Since then she has served as an Area Director, Associate Director and is currently in her second year as the Director of Residential Life. Amy has served on the LAHO executive board since 2012 as both Research Coordinator, President Elect and now President. Amy's goals for this year include growing member engagement through networking and professional development opportunities, revising our mission and vision, and updating our logo. Amy's professional interests include first generation college students, professionalism, parent relationships and Jesuit education.



President Elect: Amanda Robins, SLU

Amanda Robins, Assistant Director of Residential Life for University Housing at Southeastern Louisiana University currently serves as the LAHO President-Elect. Amanda served LAHO as the 2014-2015 SEAHO Representative, representing Louisiana at the 2014 Conference in Lexington, KY (SEAHO 50th anniversary) and 2015 Conference in Mobile, AL. A past member of the SEAHO Scholar-In-Residence Committee and the SEAHO Awards and Recognition Committee, Amanda enjoys collaborating with colleagues in Student Affairs across our state and region. Currently completing coursework at LSU towards a PhD in Educational Leadership and Research, Amanda is a graduate of the Master of Arts in Organizational Communication Program at Southeastern Louisiana University and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication. Amanda enjoys creating programs for residential students, supervising the Residential Life team and advising the service and honor society, Gamma Beta Phi!



Past President: Dawn Broussard, ULL

Dawn Broussard has been an active member of LAHO since 2007. Over the past years, she has served as ERA Conference Coordinator, Business Manager, President, and currently serves as LAHO Past President. Dawn earned her Bachelor's degree in Education at LSU, her Master's degree in Higher Education Administration from Nicholls State University, and is currently pursuing her Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership at UL Lafayette. Dawn has served as an Area Coordinator both at Nicholls State University and UL Lafayette. She is currently an Assistant Dean of Students in the Office of Student Life and Conduct at UL Lafayette.



Serve. Educate. Engage. Develop (SEED) - LAHO Mission

ERA CONFERENCE

March 11-12, 2016

The Equipping
Resident Assistants
Conference is hosted
in Tall Timbers in
Forest Hill, LA. Join
us for a little
Disney Magic!

ERA Conference Registration:
<https://arobb1.wufoo.com/forms/r47hdo71hah9fn/>

*Please note: Registration is a two-step process.

**Registration deadline
is February 12, 2016 at 12p.**



Disney Magic awaits you!

Newsletter Editor: Aeryel Williams, DU

Aeryel Williams is the Residence Life Coordinator at Dillard University in New Orleans; a small, private HBCU! She currently oversees 5 residential halls, 20 Residential Assistants, 20 work study students and 4 overnight residential security monitors. In 2015 she completed two Master's degrees in College Student Affairs from Nova Southeastern University and Nonprofit Management from the University of Central Florida. She will be going onto Louisiana State University to complete her PhD and solidify her dreams of becoming a Vice President of Student Affairs. Lastly, Aeryel is very excited to be in New Orleans this year as it will be her first Mardi Gras experience.



Research Coordinator: Rachel Boguille, NSU

Rachel Boguille is the Area Coordinator for Freshman Programs at Nicholls State University. She oversees the LYFE (Living Your Freshman Experience) program as well as currently serving on the LAHO Executive Board as the Research Coordinator and looks forward to implementing a virtual roundtable calendar on hot topics in housing and higher education statewide and nationwide.



Technology Coordinator: Blake Thomas, SLU

Blake Thomas is the Area Coordinator for Southeastern Louisiana University. He supervises their Southeastern Oaks Apartments, Greek Village, Tangipahoa Hall and Cardinal Newman Hall. In addition, he has the pleasure of working with a diverse population of residents and student leaders by advising SLU's Hall Council organization. He served as a Resident Assistant for three years at Southeastern during his undergraduate years, and obtained a Master's Degree in Student Affairs Administration from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has been the Area Coordinator role for Southeastern, for a little over a year. He is very excited to continue on the LAHO Board this year in another capacity as the Technology Coordinator. He has many great ideas for the LAHO website and our social media accounts, but you'll have to wait to see them!



ERA Coordinator: Ashley White, SLU

Ashley White is the Area Coordinator supervising four halls at Southeastern Louisiana University; she has worked in University Housing since Spring 2013. She earned a Master of Arts degree in Psychology at Southeastern this past spring, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from LSU in 2009. She has worked in both mental health and higher education, with specific interests in trauma psychology and crisis management. A native of New Orleans, she enjoys watching sports, especially Saints football (Who Dat!). And Ashley is the current ERA Coordinator on the LAHO board- REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



ERA Coordinator Elect: Leslie Nobles, Centenary

Leslie Nobles serves as a Residence Life Coordinator, Advisor to the Interfraternity Council, and Advisor of the Centenary Activities Board at Centenary College of Louisiana. Leslie, a native of Houston, Texas, has a Bachelor's of Music from Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music, and a Master's of Education from The University of Texas at San Antonio's Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. Leslie is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and previously served as a regional officer, member of the national executive board, and, most recently, a member of the 52nd National Convention Planning Committee. In addition to her position within LAHO, Leslie serves on the National Association of Campus Activities' Central Regional Conference Planning Committee. In addition to her residence life and student involvement job duties, Leslie also is a part of a team of faculty and staff committed to diversity efforts on Centenary's campus through their Gender Equity and Racial Equality workshop series. In her spare time, she enjoys crafting, working out, and watching football. Go, Texans!



Business Manager: Chris Rice, Loyola

Chris Rice is the Associate Director of Operations for Loyola University New Orleans. Chris has worked at Loyola University New Orleans since July 2014. Chris has a wife and a son, loves brewing beer, watching movies, and reading. As the Business Manager, Chris will handle the banking, taxes, and other business operations for LAHO. Chris is excited to be able to work with such great housing professionals in Louisiana.



Member-at-Large: Matthew Miles, ULL

Mathew Miles is originally from Monroe, LA and is a graduate of Northwestern State University with a Master of Arts in Student Affairs in Higher Education and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems with a Minor in Speech Communication. He is an associate minister of Zion Spring Baptist Church of Monroe, LA and an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He currently serves as the LAHO member-at-large and serves as the graduate adviser of the undergraduate Alpha Phi Alpha chapter located at NSU while working full time as a Residence Life Area Coordinator at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He has presented at ERA on the topic Beating Student Apathy with New Tactics. In Fall 2015, he was also a professor for University 100 Orientation Class where he taught a newly added course, Black Male Leadership. His goal for 2016 is to present topics at more conferences and do more personal development reading. His long term aspiration is to become a Dean of Students or a Vice President of Student Affairs.



SEAHO Rep: Holly Proctor, LSU



Holly Proctor is currently in her 4th year as a Residence Life Coordinator at LSU. She studied history as an undergraduate at The University of Tennessee and received her Master of Education in Higher Education Administration at Valdosta State University. Holly served as the ERA Conference Coordinator for two years before being elected to the SEAHO state representative position this past Fall. She is excited to grow Louisiana's presence in SEAHO by promoting writing, presentation, and leadership opportunities at the state and regional level. She is a cat mom to two gray tabby cats named Memphis and Blues, loves to read, and is a chocolate chip cookie connoisseur.

SEAHO Updates:

Resolutions of Appreciation and SEAHO Service Awards: **New deadline – February 1st**

SEAHO Service Awards --

Goals: This award offers the institution an opportunity to recognize a staff member who has made a significant contribution to the residence hall students and the housing organization.

<https://seaho.site-ym.com/?page=serviceawardnominate>

Resolutions of Appreciation --

Goals: To allow a vehicle for recognizing distinguished leaders in Housing and Residence Life in the southeast who leave the field through retirement, career change, or death and to publicly honor individuals at a SEAHO annual conference & record the outstanding contributions of these individuals for posterity.

<http://www.seaho.org/?page=resolution>

Important Dates:



- ❖ Open Roundtable: RA Selection & ERA Updates Feb 4, 2016 at 9:30am
 - Conference Call Info TBA
- ❖ Click here to submit ERA Award Nominations: <http://goo.gl/forms/tJpDLkVhmK>
 - Deadline for nominations is February 19, 2016 at noon.
 - *One submission per institution.
- ❖ Click here for ERA Program Submissions: <http://goo.gl/forms/8RFbA0ZCGW>
 - Program submission deadline is February 26, 2016 at noon.
 - *We ask that for every 5 delegates, one program is submitted.

❖ Call for Silent Auction Donations: mattmiles@louisiana.edu

MARDI GRAS: FEBRUARY 9, 2016

Fat Tuesday, in English, refers to events of the Carnival celebrations, beginning on or after the Christian feasts of the Epiphany (Three King's Day) and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday.

Louisiana is the only state in which Mardi Gras is a legal holiday since 1875.

Event Schedule: <http://www.neworleans.com/mardi-gras/>



Stay Connected!

LAHO Website: <http://www.laho.org/>

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Equipping-Resident-Assistants-194417617226/>

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