



Residential Learning Tips

Deck the Halls



Each hall is assigned a dorm “Mom/Dad”. These caring staff members asked to be dorm parents because they truly want to make a difference with your experiences.

Each residence hall is different in size but averages about 18 people. Your dorm parent will coordinate with you and your fellow dorm members regarding activities and events in which you would like to participate. Some of the events will be for your hall only, while others will be open to the full *Residential Learning* community.

Each year, we host a holiday dorm décor contest, which is the perfect way to make your residence hall stand out. You can request permission from your dorm parent to decorate the halls and the common snack area. Some ideas:

- Create a collective mosaic. Ask you dorm parent to help gather the supplies.
- Create a tree with everyone’s name.
- Do a collage of photo copies of everyone’s baby picture.
- Do a collage of photo copies of everyone’s favorite album covers and movies.
- Have everyone in the hall paint a large piece of fabric (Careful, no spills!), and hang it in the snack center or a hallway.
- Print out lyrics to your favorite song.
- Post your favorite poem.
- Add motivational quotes.

Valuable Tip: Stay in contact with your dorm parent. They will coordinate with the facilities staff to determine what is permitted. Keep your messages fun and upbeat. This is another way that you can express your college pride!

Dorm-Room Organizing Ideas





