

WELCOME FROM THE ASSISTANT DEAN / DIRECTOR

Living on campus provides many opportunities for you to maximize your education and overall college experience. A variety of living environments, from traditional halls to more independent living in our suites and apartments, coupled with the programs and services designed for each of these areas, help you become an active part of our community while developing competencies and life skills.

As in the classroom, you are in the ‘driver’s seat’ in terms of the quality of your co-curricular experience. You are ultimately responsible for becoming actively involved in campus life and using the resources that are readily available. Resources in Residence Life include not only professional, para-professional and student staff, but also learning-based opportunities such as the BEAR program (Building Experiences Among Residents), theme based communities designed and implemented by students in our sophomore living-learning center, the senior series for pending graduates, and leadership development through hall council involvement or appointment as a resident advisor.

New programs and program enhancements also put you in the ‘driver’s seat’ in other important ways. The online housing process positions you to select where and with whom you will live, right from your decision to attend Western New England College. Student initiated work requests are submitted directly to facilities management for upkeep of the rooms, suites, and apartments. Each year, you evaluate the quality of your residential experience through an online survey. Feedback permits us, and our colleagues in the division of Student Affairs, to improve programs and services at the College.

These opportunities and responsibilities demonstrate a *student-centered approach* to Residence Life. This web site describes in greater detail who we are and what we do. We hope you find it informative and beneficial as a current or potential member of the Western New England College community.

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