

Residence
Halls Advisory
Council

Member Guidebook



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2019-20 RHAC and NRHH E-Boards embracing their Buckeye Spirit!

Welcome!

Welcome to the Residence Halls Advisory Council at The Ohio State University! We are most commonly known as the RHAC (pronounced “rack”). We have been an active student organization at Ohio State for nearly 30 years. RHAC is a member of the Involved Living Organizations (ILOs), a collaborative group of student organizations that primarily work in residence halls at Ohio State. More information about other Involved Living Organizations can be found at involvedliving.osu.edu.

This Guidebook is written specifically for you, an incoming Senator or General Body Member! RHAC is a diverse group of students who desire to be involved in their communities. RHAC oversees hall councils, providing them with support and funding opportunities. In addition, we serve our student body by creating programs to enhance the overall student experience at Ohio State.

We are excited to welcome you to our team—it is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,
The E-Board and Advisors

Who is RHAC?

The On-Campus Residents of Ohio State (General Body Members)

Did you know that RHAC has over 11,000 members? Every student who lives on campus is a member of RHAC! All of these students can take part in any of our events and programs. **Anyone** who lives on campus is welcome to attend our weekly RHAC meetings at any time of the year!

The Senators

Every residence hall or hall complex will select one or two individuals to attend RHAC meetings. More details on this role are explained on the following pages.

The Advisors & Executive Board

Our Advisors are full time residence life professionals who work with the Executive Board to develop new initiatives that will encourage the sustained growth of a diverse community on our campus. The Executive Board has seven members who are elected by the Senate in the Spring semester; a President, Director of Operations, Director of Programming, Director of Finance, Director of Outreach and Marketing, Director of Student Advocacy, and National Communications Coordinator

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What We Do

Our Pillars

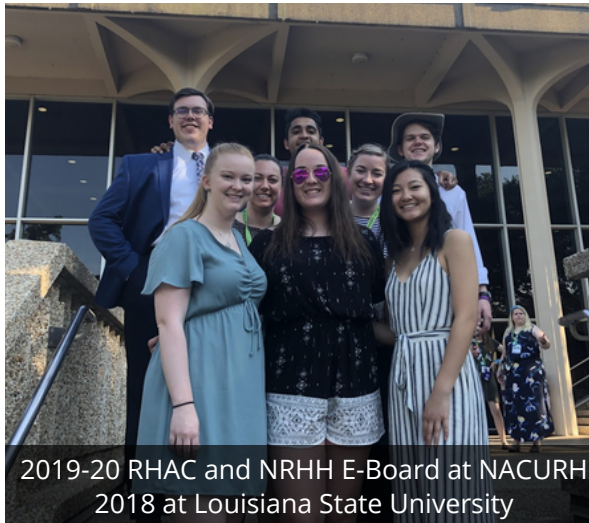
RHAC strives to meet 5 main goals:

- 1) Create and Develop Community
- 2) Advocate for Students
- 3) Student Development and Wellness
- 4) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- 5) Recognition and Leadership

For more information, visit the "About Us" tab on our website.

Events

All of our events are designed to promote at least one of our pillars! One of our most signature RHAC events is Late Night Breakfast (LNB). LNBS are held throughout the year at a Traditions Dining Location with a special menu. We also have on-campus and off-campus events; for more information, see the Events section of our website!



2019-20 RHAC and NRHH E-Board at NACURH 2018 at Louisiana State University

Conferences

RHAC is a member of the Central Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (CAACURH) as well as the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH). There are opportunities for members of RHAC to attend conferences with CAACURH and NACURH where we learn about leadership, professional development and innovative ways to build a better campus!



What You Do...

In RHAC:

Represent your community

Every Community Council is required to provide a member for each constituent residence hall, whose designated task is to attend all RHAC meetings. These meetings occur every Tuesday at 7 pm. A meeting calendar will be posted on our website and distributed to the Community Council members and advisors of each residence hall. If a Senator cannot attend a meeting, it is their responsibility to send an elected executive board member of the hall council to attend in their place. If a hall is absent, they are at risk of losing any and all grant funds for the entire semester. See our Constitution and Bylaws for more information on the duties of Senators.

Become a part of our team

At Ohio State, we are fortunate to have a wealth of opportunities to for students to explore! The RHAC is a key supporter of these opportunities, and you are a valuable member of the RHAC - we need your help in planning events and in reaching out to students through various initiatives. If you have ideas about how to better our community, this is your chance to bring them to the table!

Spread the word!

Possibly the most important role of a Senator, is to help us get the word out! You can help us do this by distributing RHAC flyers throughout your building, sharing our social media posts, and encouraging your friends to come to events!



What You Do...

In our Committees:

The RHAC offers members a chance to get more involved by joining one of our committees, which handle different portfolios of unique tasks within the structure of our organization.

Finance

We receive dozens of grant requests from hall councils, RAs, and other student organizations throughout the semester. This committee actively participates in the allocation of our resources to support programs all over campus.

Bidding

Involved in creating bids for regional and national conferences so that Ohio State can be regionally and nationally recognized in a variety of different areas.

Programming

This committee helps to organize and carry out events on and off campus to advocate for residents while upholding RHAC's mission. Members support the Director of Programming by brainstorming ideas for programs, communicating with peers and vendors, and preparing for events.

Advocacy

This team has the ability to work with people in many different fields at Ohio State, and supports the Director of Student Advocacy in their advocacy initiatives. Member roles and functions will grow and change as the committee adapts to deal with new challenges that arise.

For more information about our Committees, see the Committees section of our website.

What You Do...

In Your Residence Hall:

Building a Community

Each residence hall has its own traditions that can carry a very significant meaning for its residents. These events are often hosted by the hall council, which you are a part of! We strongly encourage our Senators to take a very active leadership role within their residence hall.

The Big Picture

As an active member of RHAC and your Community Council, you are the bridge between RHAC and your hall. It is through you that your hall finds out about new opportunities with RHAC, great information, and programs that will benefit your residents. RHAC and hall councils are partners that work together with the common goal of bettering student life on campus.

Of the Month (OTM) Awards

RHAC and its sister organization, NRHH, both submit OTMs so that members who contribute to our campus can be recognized both here at Ohio State and possibly on a Regional or National level! Information on how to apply for these awards will be posted on our website.

Community Council of the Year Award

This is a way that RHAC recognizes your residence halls for all of the hard work you do. Toward the end of the year, you will cultivate a presentation that will include a theme, hall council set up, hall council goals, activities and improvements, involvement in RHAC activities, leadership development, and recognition. The winner will receive a hall improvement grant and a plaque to display in their hall.



RHAC delivering carpets before everyone arrives for move-in!

Grants



Who?

Any residence hall Community Council or learning community is allowed to apply for a RHAC Grant! This also includes University Housing affiliated organizations, such as programs hosted by Resident Advisors.

What?

RHAC Grants are funding that can contribute to programs, hall improvement, or other residence hall initiatives that will better our community and enhance the student experience at Ohio State!

When?

Applications for grants will only be reviewed on a rolling basis throughout the semester.

Where?

Grant applications are filed electronically. The form and instructions can be found on our website under the 'Grants' tab. For assistance, please contact our Director of Finance (Alice Xu) at Xu.3787@osu.edu or send us an e-mail!

Why?

By providing grants, RHAC is able to contribute to programs within specific communities which cater to the needs of students in a very meaningful and specific way.



Opportunities: Where to go from here?

There are many opportunities for you to be involved in Residence Life at Ohio State. As you will see, there are many different avenues to get involved with RHAC, and we hope you will continue to be involved throughout your career at Ohio State!

The RHAC Executive Board

There are seven Executive Board members; the President, Director of Operations, Director of Outreach and Marketing, Director of Finance, National Communications Coordinator, Director of Programming, and a Director of Student Advocacy. Elections are held annually mid-Spring semesters.

Paraprofessionals

Chances are you know quite a few of them. They are students who are Resident Advisors or Resident Managers. Sometimes RHAC members choose to pursue one of these positions- and while RAs and RMs cannot be on the E-Board or Senate, they still have a home in RHAC. We encourage RAs and RMs to continue to attend as General Body members.

National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH)

NRHH is a very select group of leaders; membership in the Ohio State chapter is comprised of the top 1% of residence hall students. They strive to improve the campus community by recognizing outstanding individuals and achievements, collaborating with campus partners, and encouraging leadership development within the student body.