

PONTCHARTRAIN NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME HOME PRIVATEERS!

Welcome Message from the Director of Residential Life

Your Residential Life team is excited to meet you and assist you as you begin your semester at the University of New Orleans. Thank you for choosing Pontchartrain Halls as your collegiate home this year.

Our goal for the Pontchartrain Hall community is to be inclusive of all students in our diverse student body. Pontchartrain Halls are home to students from 36 states spanning the United States as well as students from 18 countries around the globe. These students share a wide array of ethnic, racial, sexual, economic, and gender identities. We encourage our residents to get to know other students within their community as learning from each other will greatly enhance your on-campus experience. Our residents are expected to use civility and respect in their daily interactions and to work together to achieve community goals. Together, we can achieve more!

► STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Amanda Robbins, Director of Residential Life

Amanda Robbins (she/ her/hers), joined the University of New Orleans Residential Life team in 2019. Robbins brought over 12 years of previous housing and residence life experience from Southeastern Louisiana University and Louisiana State University. Robbins earned a Master of Arts in Organizational Communication at Southeastern Louisiana University and a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication- Public Relations at Louisiana State University. Robbins is currently enrolled in the Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Administration program at the University of New Orleans. Robbins also enjoys traveling, cooking (and eating at New Orleans outstanding restaurants!), trying Pinterest projects which typically fail, spending time with her niece and nephews, and cheering on her favorite football teams.

Christopher Ndiritu, Assistant Director of Residential Life

Christopher brings Housing and Residence Life experience from Davidson College and the University of Tennessee. Christopher earned his Master of Science in College Student Personnel from the University of Tennessee and his Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences- Public Health (Administration) from Old Dominion University. His Housing and Residence Life experience includes supervision of Resident Assistant Staff, development of First-Year Experience comprehensive programming, development of residential curriculum, recruitment/ selection/ training of student staff and more. His dog, Tanner, loves his fellow Privateers - follow him on Instagram @AdventuresWTanner!



NORTH RA PROGRAMS

SRA Kat's Events

Morphin' Time
8/28/2021
9 AM - 4PM
North Hall Lobby

RA Alarvo's Events

Paint a Pet Rock
8/27/2021
6PM - 7PM
North Hall 4th Floor Lounge

RA Jax's Events

Cookies with Jazz
8/19/2021
10AM - 12PM & 4PM - 6PM
4th Floor Lounge

RA Megan's Events

Paint n' Sip
8/24/2021
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
North Hall 4th Floor Lounge

RA Tithalia's Events

Pictionary
8/25/2021
6:00 PM - 7 PM
North Hall 4th Floor Lounge

FIRST FLOOR MEETING

Want to get to know your fellow residents and resident assistant?

This floor meeting is the opportunity to meet everyone on your floor and introduce the expectations of residential life. It will also be the time to reflect on the needs of living in a community, how every action can impact other students living in the halls, and how to respond to changes and challenges.

Residents are encouraged to discuss their living arrangements and expectations with their roommates during this time, and set up successful roommate relationships. You may request assistance from your Resident Assistant if needed to complete the roommate agreement process. This process should be completed as a suite.

Keep a lookout for an email from your Resident Assistant with a date and location.

SOUTH RA PROGRAMS

SRA Cayla's Events

A Book Hangout
8/27/2021
7PM - Till
South 4th Floor Lounge

RA Torry's Events

3rd Floor Semester Vision Board
8/27/2021
6PM
South 4th Floor Lounge

RA Michael's Events

Adding Some Magic to the Semester
8/27/2021
6PM - 7PM
South Hall 4th Floor Lounge

RA Kiara's Events

Vision Board Party
8/23/2021
6PM - 8PM
South Hall 4th Floor Lounge

RA Olantun's Events

Paint a mug
8/20/2021
6 PM
South Hall 4th Floor Lounge

RA Trinity's Events

Treats with Trin
8/20/2021
6PM -7 PM
South Hall Lobby

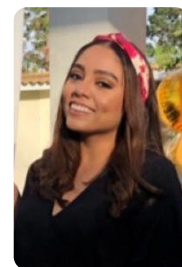
STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Byron Cole, Area Coordinator

Byron joined the University of New Orleans team as North Hall Area Coordinator in May 2021. Byron brings Housing and Residence Life experience from the Louisiana School for Match, Sciences and the Arts and Nicholls State University. Byron earned a Bachelor of Business Administration with a concentration in Multinational Business from Nicholls State University and is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Hellen Pagoada, Assistant Hall Director



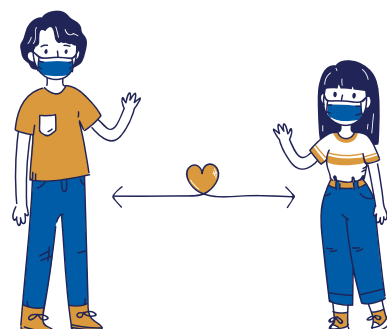
Hello Privateers! We are so excited to have you here with us.

My name is Hellen Pagoada. I am an MBA candidate from Tegucigalpa, Honduras here at the University of New Orleans and also the new Assistant Hall Director at Pontchartrain Hall South. My main goal is to support the health, safety, and well-being of our Pontchartrain Hall South community. While also supporting our Resident Assistants' efforts to make South Hall the Best Hall! If you ever need anything please reach out to your RA who is happy to help you. I am also here to assist you with anything you need. You can find me at my office S135.

UPDATED POLICY!

Pontchartrain Halls Updated Their COVID Policies Following New Orleans Guidelines

While the Covid-19 pandemic continues to create challenges for our community, we know that together, we can take steps to keep each other safe. Follow the published expectations for attending events on campus.



Residents are allowed to check-in guests: limited to 2 guests that are also members of the UNO community. Please follow the schedule of 12p-12a. Please be sure you and your guest(s) continue following physical distancing measures, masks/facial covering rules, and precautions regarding occupancy limits of small community spaces.

We continue to encourage if you have not yet been vaccinated for Covid-19, that you please get vaccinated to help prevent the spread in our community.



ORGANIZATIONS GALORE!

Introducing Healthcare Student Association

Hello, Privateers!

My name is Kiara Parker, I am a junior healthcare management major, and I am the President of the Healthcare Student Association Club (HSA). The purpose of this club is to provide an academic and social organization that encourages knowledge of all aspects of the field of healthcare and medicine. While also serving as a community of interest and activity for its members. Furthering this purpose, this club will provide informative and educational resources for its members for career enhancement and support.

I encourage students to join HSA because it gives first-hand insight into the most recent events that occur in the world of healthcare. We are a community of students who take interest in the health of ourselves as well as those around us by having discussions and learning as we go along.

Thank you for your time and I hope to see some new privateers join us this semester.

DOOR DEC AND BULLETIN BOARD RECOGNITION

Show your Privateer Spirit with a little Friendly Competition in Pontchartrain Hall

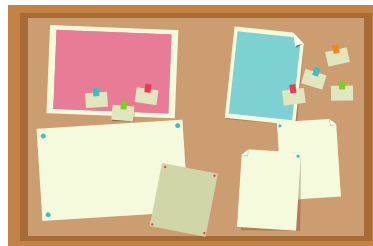
Get involved with a fun, welcoming, community-building activity by voting for your favorite RA Door Dec and Bulletin Boards.

We will have four categories in total:

- Favorite Bulletin Board Pontchartrain North
- Favorite Door Dec Pontchartrain North
- Favorite Bulletin Board Pontchartrain South
- Favorite Door Dec Pontchartrain South

Let us know which one is your favorite will this link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdf-OBknPa8jIAyH0fOSgyd-8cSH2nxYkhzLcCmeFr1gl6nhA/viewform>



CAMPUS EVENTS THIS MONTH

Exploring Cultural Wellness Through Zines

Sponsored by The HUB
Wednesday, August 25, 2021 @ 1:00 pm
Innsbruck (UC 211 B)

Late Night with the Greeks Drive-in Movie

Sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha
Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 @ 3:00-5:00 PM
Cove Parking Lot

Glow in the Dark Golf

Sponsored by Zeta Tau Alpha
Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 @ 7:00-9:00 PM
UC Ballroom

Parking Lot Chalk

Sponsored by Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship
Wednesday, August 18th, 2021 @ 4:30 PM
Cove Parking Lot

Chicken and Waffle Welcome Party

Sponsored by Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship
Friday, August 20th, 2021 @ 11:30-1:00 PM
UNO Amphitheater

Disney College Internship Program Virtual Info Session

Sponsored by UNO Career Service
Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 @ 12:30-1:30 PM
Register on Handshake

Pizza with the President

Sponsored by University of New Orleans
Wednesday, August 18th, 2021@12:30-1:30 PM
Innsbruck Suite

Jeopardy: Explore the World of UNO

Sponsored by University of New Orleans
Wednesday, August 18th, 2021@1:00-2:00 PM
International Center - Student Lounge

Nintendo Switch Party

Sponsored by University of New Orleans
Thursday, August 26th, 2021@7:00-10:00 PM
Oliver St. Pe TRAC - Room 101



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