

Noise in the Residence Halls

Nuisance or Opportunity?

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Overview

- Identifying the Issue
- Noise Task Force – Learn 2 Live Initiative
- Residential Life Program Changes
- The Community Living Workshop
- Unintended Consequences
- Looking Ahead

Comments from Exit Survey

What, if anything, could HFS have done to encourage you to return to campus housing next year?

- “I bought ear plugs just to be able to sleep at night!”
- “Enforce quiet hours, educate residents on neighbor and roommate etiquette.”
- “More enforcement of rules against noise.”
- “They need to be A LOT MORE STRICT IN DEALING WITH QUIET HOURS.”



Desired Outcomes

- Courtesy and respect is consistently demonstrated by both residents and staff
- Residents enjoy a sense of community, as well as a sense of belonging and identity, within residential communities
- Disruptive noise in residential communities is significantly reduced
- Alcohol/drug use and subsequent dangerous behaviors are reduced



- Residents share in the responsibility to ensure residential communities are safe and secure
- Residents take full advantage of academic support resources and services both in residential communities and greater campus
- Residents behave in more sustainable, environmentally conscious ways
- Awareness of civic responsibility and issues of social justice are enhanced

Programmatic Changes

- RA Training – Noise Enforcement
- Engagement Meetings
- Neighbor Agreements
- Community Living Workshop

The Community Living Workshop



Unintended Consequences

- RA feedback
- Dramatically increased conduct load



Looking Ahead

- “RA Class – “next level” conversations
- RA Training – BCD
- Confronting Situations
 - RA conversation
 - Documentation
 - Written Notification w/ L-2-L supplemental materials
- “Common Confrontations” video

Take the time to view what seem to be problems on the surface and revision them as opportunities for growth and development.

Thank you for your participation! Enjoy the rest of the conference.

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