

Educating Men: Living and Learning in All-Male Residential Environments

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Introductions/Goals



- Who am I?
- Who are you?
 - Name
 - Position
 - School
 - Why you chose to come to this session
- Goals of Session

Positives/Negatives of All-Male Environment



- Positives:
 - Camaraderie
 - Brotherhood
 - Less roommate-conflicts
 - More open-doors
 - Greater community atmosphere
 - RA program participation (intramural/athletic programs)
- Negatives:
 - Lower GPA's
 - Greater percentage of conduct cases
 - Overall Noise levels
 - Tend to incur greater room/building damages
 - More alcohol...more partying

Specific Programs/Initiatives



- ManTalk
- MENtors
- Man of the Month...Year
- Building Creed
- Volunteer Corps
- Discussion of masculinity and men's issues during judicials
- M.A.L.E. Living/Learning Community

ManTalk



- Mission: Group that provides men an opportunity to come together to share their experiences, lives, and discuss other topics around men and masculinity with one another in a supportive and nonjudgmental environment
- Facilitated Discussion Group meeting every week
- Topics include: Men and Friendship, Men and Relationships, Men and Growing Up, Men and Their Career, Men and Marriage, Men and Failure

MENtors



- Mission: Men are paired or connected with a mentor on campus (either an upper-class student or staff member)
- Mentor makes contact with student immediately at beginning of year
- Mentor/Mentee share a meal together every other week and can partake in other activities
- Provide Mentor's with short training of goals and objectives of program so everyone is on same page

Man of the Month...Year



- Mission: Celebrate and promote men that exemplify leadership, responsibility, and live up to building creed.
- Man selected by RD/RA's, picture/bio placed at entrance of building, building-wide email sent out
- Man of Year is selected from the winners of Man of Month
- Give winners some type of award, prize, etc...

Building Creed



- Mission: The Building creed is the mission, vision, and statement of purpose for the building and all those that reside within
- Written by current/former residents and chaired by RA
- Creed implemented within building in various stages of a 2-3 year period

Volunteer Corps



- Mission: Volunteer Action Corps provides opportunities for men of the building to volunteer on-campus and within Greater (blank) Community.
- RA leads group and provides several opportunities for residents to volunteer over the semester
- Participate in mainly large projects and/or projects that residents can volunteer at a certain time/day of each week
- Can sanction students within conduct setting to participate with Volunteer Corps

Men and Masculinity during Judicials



- Mission: There is usually a deeper issue at-hand when there is a conduct violation and a discussion on the trials and tribulations of men and masculinity may allow judicial officer to find and potentially repair that underlying issue
- Sanction students to write reflection papers over articles on the following topics: College Men and Alcohol, Men and Violence, Men and Relationships
- Work with student through a directed reading project
- Create special MANTalk session for residents that have been documented or those residents that are high offenders. Could focus discussion on Men and Alcohol, Men and Authority, Men and Ethics

M.A.L.E. Learning Community



- Mission: The objective of the M.A.L.E. (Men's Awareness, Leadership, and Engagement) Learning Community is to support the mission of the Office of Housing and Residence Life through the promotion of learning, citizenship, involvement, and leadership around men's issues and masculinity.

M.A.L.E. Programs/Activities



- Speaker Series
- Reflective Journals
- Men's Retreat
- Men's Awareness Group Project
- Themed Months
 - Friendships, Relationships, MENTal Health, Sexual Health, Spirituality

M.A.L.E. Academic Connection

- Goal is to select a course(s) that provides a gender specific focus that could create dialogue in a group setting and allow participants to make connections between their classroom experience, living/learning community, and their experiences with the greater community

Potential Academic Courses

- Sex, Gender and Society (Gonzaga University)
- Psychology of Men and Masculinities (Portland State University)
- Women's Studies 360: Masculinities in a Cross-Cultural Context (Queen's University)
- Men's Networking (Lansing Community College)
- Men and Masculinity (Michigan State University)
- Guy Things: Men and Masculinity in America (St. Cloud State University)
- Sociology of the Male Experience (Rutgers University)

Discussion

- What has/hasn't worked on your campus?
- What are you interested in bringing or implementing on your own campus? And what help/guidance do you need to be successful?

Getting Involved

"Calling College Men: Identity, Professions, and Leadership for the Common Good"
The Fifth Annual Conference on the College Male
February 15-16, 2008
St. John's University
Collegeville, Minnesota

16th Annual AMSA Conference on Men and Masculinities
Masculinities and Institutions: Mapping the Connections
Wake Forest University
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
April 4-6, 2008

"He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not: Men's Role In Ending Violence Against Women"
April 10 and 11, 2008
Pacific Lutheran College

NASPA's MMKC
(Men and Masculinities Knowledge Community)

ACPA's SCM
(Standing Committee for Men)