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Meet your Residence Life Coordinator- Amanda J. Erdmann

Hello future Sellery Residents!

My name is Amanda Erdmann and I'm the Residence Life Coordinator for Sellery Hall. I'm back for my second full year and am excited to kick it off with all of you wonderful people. A little about myself- I grew up on a farm just outside of Manitowoc Wisconsin, and graduated from Lincoln High School. After high school, I attended St. Norbert College for a bit before enlisting in the Army. While in the Army, I was stationed in Germany for three years, while also deploying twice- once to Budapest, Hungary where I worked for the United States Ambassador to Hungary, and again to Balad, Iraq, where I mainly served on a convoy team delivering fuel and ammunition to all parts of Iraq. After the Army, I came back to Manitowoc, and attended UW-Manitowoc for a year before transferring to UW-Madison in the fall of 2006, and ultimately graduating a year after. I graduated this past May with my Master of Science Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis and will continue taking classes toward my Ph.D. in the same department this fall.

When I'm not at Sellery or buried in books for class, I love riding my motorcycle, camping, visiting museums, playing tennis, golf, softball, and soccer, and cheering on the best sports team in the history of the world- the Green Bay Packers!!

Now, some other interesting stuff:

What are my favorite books?

I have a lot of favorite books, and unfortunately not a lot of time to read them. When I'm not reading a few hundred pages a week for class, I'm reading books such as *The Color of Water* by James McBride, *Naked in the Promised Land* by Lillian Faderman, and *Stone Butch Blues* by Leslie Feinberg, and absolutely anything about the Kennedy family.

What television shows do I like to watch?

I'm a HUGE Grey's Anatomy Fan!!! I also love Private Practice, and a random assortment of other TV shows such as Rob and Big, the Golden Girls, the Cosby Show, King of Queens, Friends and Seinfeld.

What are my favorite movies?

When it comes to movies, I love to laugh. I love anything by Tyler Perry, and anything with Hugh Grant, Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, and Vince Vaughn.

What's the best thing about the UW?



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Where to start? To name a few: 5th Quarter, the terrace, Bucky Badger, the countless involvement opportunities we have here on campus, world-renown faculty, and well, too many more to list!

What's my favorite UW Sport?

Football!!

What would I do if I suddenly got one million dollars?

I'm all about investing...I'd put about 70%-80% in a high-yield account, and let the power of compound interest work its magic (boring, I know), while I enjoy the rest of my money by buying a house, donating to various charities, and of course, take a nice long vacation!

What's the #1 study tip I can give you?

Find what works for you. Some of us work better at the library, while others work better in our room. Figure out what works for you and use it to your advantage. Also, understand that this may change, not only over time, but also depending upon the kind of work you're doing.

Also, treat school as much like a 9-5 job as you can. If you have a two-hour break from class, use that time to study. The more you study during the day, the more you can relax at night!!

Lastly, (and yes, I know I was only supposed to give one tip) break large projects and papers up into manageable parts. Not only will this help ease the stress when you are feeling overwhelmed, it will also help you to manage your time better.

What's a good piece of advice I was given when coming to college?

Get involved!! Doing so will make all the difference when it comes to the memories you leave college with. Think about what you want your four years here at the UW to be, and focus your actions today on what you want it all to mean tomorrow.

What are 3 wishes for our community next year?

I have a lot of wishes for all of us here at Sellery, but to name a few:

1) Step outside of your comfort zone. I know this can be a very awkward thing to do, but college is a time in your life when you should explore everything you can. The world is here for the taking. Attend events- both around campus and here at Sellery. You never know who you'll meet or what you will develop a passion for.



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2) Respect others. This is a great time to get to know people who come from a different background than you do, and an excellent opportunity for you to challenge your own ideas about the world. Living in a residence hall will be fun, but it can also be challenging. No matter what you do while in Sellery, please keep in mind how it might affect others around you. It's their home too.

3) Have fun! Your years at UW will be some of the most memorable of your life. Take advantage of all of the wonderful opportunities you have here. I hope you enjoy living in Sellery so much that you'll want to return to us in the fall of 2010, but more than anything, I hope that your memories here at Sellery last throughout your life.

See you in August!

Amanda