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Hey Breese Residents!

Welcome to your new home, Chadbourne Residential College. CRC is made up of about 700 students, some new and some returning. For new students, you are probably wondering what a “residential college” is and how it’s different from other dorms on campus. A residential college is a unique living and learning situation made up of students just like you who are passionate about tons of different things. Chadbourne Residential College is made up of two buildings, Chadbourne and Barnard, which is unlike anywhere else on campus. But this is only one part of what makes CRC special. Each resident pays a little bit extra money to live here, which in turn goes directly towards programming (really fun stuff), which you decide! In previous years, we’ve had everything from watching movies as a floor to renting out the entire Tyrol Basin Ski and Snowboard area for a night. Whatever your reasons for choosing to live in CRC, welcome, and get ready for an awesome year!

Since we will all be living on the same floor next year, I think it’s fair that you get to know a little bit about me before we move in. My name is Monica Fiez, and I am a junior here double-majoring in Psychology and Elementary Education. Currently, I’m also debating about getting a certificate in Archaeology. As you can see, I have pretty varied interests! As far as activities go, I love to read, swim, sing, and hang out with friends. I also completely love crime shows like NCIS and CSI. I was born and raised in Verona WI, which is about 20 minutes south of Madison. I’ve lived in CRC for past two years, so I’m sure I can answer any questions you may have. If you have any, or just want a friend, I fully welcome friend requests on facebook! And, while you’re on there, feel free to join our CRC Breese House ’09-’10 facebook group, and get to know each other even before move-in!

So back to the floor community! Breese House will only be as fantastic as you make it. I am here as a resource for you, to help you plan events and do really awesome things. Without each and every one of you, the house will not be as special and unique. That being said, I do have some expectations for our floor this year. I absolutely don’t expect everyone to be best friends with everyone else, but I do require that everyone respect each other. Basically, treat everyone the way you want to be treated. We will talk about this and many more things at our first house meeting on move-in day.

Academics are obviously first and foremost in most students’ minds. Whether you are a first-year student wondering what to expect, or a returning student who wants to maintain or raise your grades, academics are why we all go to UW Madison in the first place. CRC knows this, and they have fantastic resources such as in-hall tutors in Math, Chemistry, Writing, and many other subjects. Tutors are helpful, nice, and extremely knowledgeable about their subject. If they don’t know the answer, they will find it out for you. Also great for academics are our CRC specific classes and class sections. These are a great way to form study groups and get to know other students in CRC. Usually, these classes are also smaller, which help facilitate Professor-Student relationships. And don’t worry; most Professors are not as scary as you think!



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In closing for now, I would like to share the best advice I have ever gotten in my life, which was that life (and college) is like a bank. The more you invest in the bank with activities and involvement, the more interest you accumulate in that account (happiness, friends, etc), and the more you can withdraw if you need it. It's your choice to put only the minimum balance in your bank, but then you can only withdraw that much and you don't earn much interest. So do everything and try everything. You will never have this opportunity to start over again, so why not try knitting, salsa dancing, or whatever. Yes, you may hate it, but you may also discover some new passion that can last a lifetime. College is about trying new things and thinking outside of the box. Try it!

Have a great summer. I'm really excited to meet you all in fall!

Monica