



DIVISION OF

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Hey what's up everyone, my name is Josh Trzebiatowski and I will be your House Fellow in Murray House on the 5th floor of CRC for the 2009-2010 school year! If my guess is accurate, you are like every teacher or TA who has ever called my name on the first day of class and are wondering how the heck to pronounce my last name, so I will sound it out for you: (treb-uh-tuh-skee). For those of you who are incoming freshman, get ready for an experience that is unlike any you have ever had before. Over the next year you will learn and develop in ways you never thought possible – oh yes, and you will have a lot of fun too! For those of you returning residents, you know this very well.

I grew up in the country outside of Plover, Wisconsin and graduated from SPASH in nearby Stevens Point. I have always loved sports and spending time in the great outdoors. After high school I have enjoyed spending my summers working, golfing, and playing recreation league softball. I also enjoy a good movie and recommendations are always appreciated! I will be a junior this year at UW-Madison majoring in Biology. My education is far from over as I plan on attending either Medical or Graduate School after my 4 years here. A goal I try to achieve is to stay as busy as I can handle each semester. My involvement here on campus includes my research on mouse embryonic stem cells and volunteering at Meriter Hospital. If there is interest, I plan on organizing some intramural sports teams this semester so if any of you have some suggestions let me know!! This will be my third year living in the dorms and my second in CRC after living here my freshman year.

I look forward to developing a strong community in Murray House which includes each and every one of you. As your House Fellow I will be available to you as a resource and to help foster the development of our community but ultimately it will be you who will decide what it will become. There will be many things for you all to get involved with and my hope is that you take advantage of the great involvement opportunities right here in CRC. I will not force any of you to do anything that you don't want to, but I will require that everyone displays respect to their fellow residents. Everyone deserves a place to call home where they can feel comfortable, and part of my job will be to ensure that each of you has that opportunity. A lack of respect will not be tolerated. You will meet many new people who you may develop great friendships with and some you may not. You will be living in a community with people of various backgrounds and my suggestion to you is to get to know as many people as you can. You may find that you will learn tons of things from each other. Also, keep in mind the reason that any of you are coming here this fall: Academics. I will do everything in my power to help you succeed so don't be afraid to ask! I may not be a professional but I am always willing to offer advice from my experiences so far. Also, I will make sure you are aware of some of the great academic resources available to you right here in CRC such as tutoring, academic advising, and study group formation.

The University of Wisconsin has so much to offer to each and every one of you. Not only is the campus beautiful, but upon leaving here you will have the opportunity to leave with a world-class education. The key word in that statement is opportunity. Your college experience can be as great or as dismal as you make it. Work hard, have fun, and take it all in because before you know it you will be moving on to the next step in your lives. Explore your interests and find something you are passionate about to get involved with. My challenge to you this semester is to never be bored. With that, I look forward to meeting you when you arrive!!!