



DIVISION OF

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

Hello! My name is Neil Sharma I'm going to be your House Fellow this coming year in the Chadbourne Residential College. I'm a 3rd year student majoring in History and Political Science. This will be my second year living in Chadbourne Hall. I grew up in Marshfield, WI. It's a smallish city located in the center of the state. It's best known as the location of the world's largest round barn and the birthplace of Richard Nixon's Secretary of Defense-Melvin Laird!

Still, as awesome as Marshfield is, it doesn't hold a candle to Chadbourne and Madison. The first thing you are going to notice about Chadbourne is location. Chadbourne is literally the best location on campus. It is right next to State Street; it is surrounded by libraries, and is close to all classes on campus. I only have to walk to the Humanities building across the street for many of my classes. The seventh floor is particularly great because it is part of the 7-10 Express. During rush hours, the elevator unofficially only stops at the 7th and 10th floor. The idea is that people can then walk up or down a floor to get to their rooms. If you are on the 7th floor, you don't have to take the stairs at all!

The seventh floor is also going to be great because of the sense of community we are going to create. Most of your new friends will live on the same floor as you. In CRC, we have programs, activities, and trips you won't find anywhere else. For example, we had community wide trips to Devil's Lake, Wisconsin Dells, a ski trip, and CRC Olympics! Whether it's a video game night or a trip to a play at the Overture Center, there is something to do almost every night. You alone will decide what you want to make out of your college experience so make sure to be involved to get the most out of it. Academics are important at college and with resources like tutoring and study groups, Chadbourne can help you reach your academic goals.

It's going to be an especially special year because of the remodeling CRC is getting over the summer. I challenge you to begin to think about what you would like your college experience and community to be like. I hope you and 68 of your closest friends will contribute to a vibrant and respectful living environment. We have the resources to plan great events and programs and I need your great ideas and talents! You can also get involved in the multiple CRC Mission & Vision groups which focus on several different interest areas or start your own interest group. As you will soon discover, our floor will comprise people from all different parts of the country and the world with many unique opinions and experiences to share. I encourage you to embrace and learn from this unique living experience as part of your college education.

Unlike most things in high school, you will get to choose your own adventure at UW! How much you study, hang out, and sleep is up to you. I encourage you to first focus on your academics, get to know your professors and TA's, and form study groups. Then, spend some time getting involved in CRC activities, help plan events and programs on our floor, and find the club among hundreds that suits your interests. Being involved and engaged on campus is the best way to make new friends, develop connections to your professors, and discover where your passions really are. The opportunities in CRC and UW are limitless, and it's up to YOU to take advantage of them!

Hopefully you've found this letter helpful. I look forward to meeting with you in the Fall. Enjoy your summer. I'll see you soon.

Neil Sharma