



DELAWARE HALL

Residence Welcome Letter



A Letter From Your Residence Manager



Welcome to Delaware Hall!

My name is Taylor and as your Residence Manager for the 2017/2018 academic year, I am so excited to welcome you to your home away from home. In less than three months you will begin your adventure by moving into the historic Delaware Hall. Built in 1965, Delaware has been a part of Western for over 50 years and the recent renovations combined with years of tradition make it an outstanding community to be a part of.

My role as a Residence Manager is dedicated to your experience in residence. My job is to meet your needs in a variety of ways and support your transition to Western. This would not be possible without the help of our student leaders: the Residence Staff, Residents' Council, and Sophs, who are all dedicated individuals that work with us to ensure that you have the best first year experience. In collaboration with these amazing student leaders in residence we are here to provide you with support, information, and resources to ensure your year at Western is safe and enjoyable.

I look forward to meeting all of you in September and encourage you to stop by my office and say hello. Throughout the year you will see me around the building, attending programs, eating in the dining hall, and of course working in my office. Feel free to say hi and tell me about yourself or how your summer was!

First year is fun and exciting but it can also be nerve wracking to transition into a new community. However, you can be assured that there are many people eagerly awaiting your arrival ready to help make your transition to Western as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

I look forward to meeting you come September!

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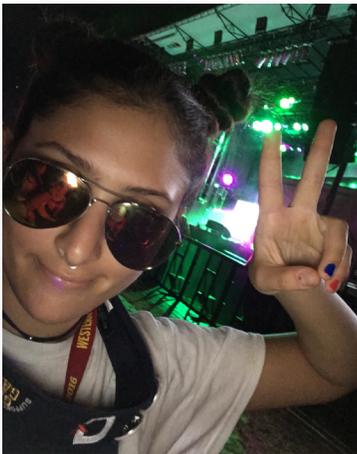


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A Letter From Your Head Soph



Welcome incoming first-year students!!

Congratulations on your acceptance to one of the most prestigious Universities in Canada and welcome to the best residence on campus (subjective, of course, but still valid). You are about to embark on a once in a lifetime experience in which this campus, this residence, and all these people within it will become your home away from home, your family away from family.

Sophs? Like “sophomore”? Sort of, but not all Sophs are sophomores. When you arrive, there will be a wave of excited, always dancing, never seeming to sleep students with weird names, uniforms, and cheers, ready to welcome you to Western. We are going to be your leaders throughout O-Week, helping

you get around, meet people, and best of all, move everything in for you! Our goal for this upcoming year is to ease your transition into university academically, socially, and in any other ways you may need. Our job is to make sure the university experience you have always wanted live up to- and surpass your expectations. Think of us as your cool older sibling, there when you need advice and guidance with the wisdom we have collected from being at university ourselves. I have the pleasure of leading the most energetic, rambunctious, and inspiring Sophs I have ever met and we can't wait to get to know you!

Coming to university is outright frightening. But it's okay, everyone is in the same boat, they may just be better at hiding it. It is going to be totally different from what you imagined but that's okay. You will be able to find comfort, support, and reassurance from any Soph in the building. We, as your student leaders are determined to show you all that Western is so tell us what you want out of your experience and we'll help you find it!

Tips for O-week (and the rest of the year): Introduce yourself any time you get the chance, everyone is looking for a friend and they are just as nervous as you are. If you're comfortable, keep your door open as much as possible in residence, you never know who you'll befriend next! Keep an open mind at all times as you are going to be exposed to so many new things; Western has a very diverse student body and campus. Get involved! There is an endless list of things you could be involved with both on and off campus. Whether it be the residence flag football team, residence council, clubs (over 140 of them), programs, floor meetings, movie nights, formal dances, do it all and truly soak up every experience Rez Life has to offer.

Good luck on your first year, we can't wait to see the things you'll do!

Lockdown



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A Letter From Your Residents' Council President



A lot of you might be sad about that high school is over. You've taken grad pictures, gone to prom, and now you're waiting to depart to the faraway land of London, Ontario for a year, displaced from your past life and surrounded by strangers. On the other hand, some of you may be rejoicing that you can finally taste freedom. But I just want to let you know that, whatever you're expecting, it won't be like that. It will be so much more.

My name is Comma, and I am the President of Delaware Hall for the 2017-18 year. And I just want to say that I will do everything I can to make next year the best year of your lives.

When you first move in, it's easy to get intimidated. There are crazy people in sunglasses yelling at you, and it seems kinda cult-y. But keep an open mind, because those weirdos in glasses and visors might become some of your closest friends. I will be one of those weirdos.

Deli is my favourite building on campus. It's super clean and offers the biggest traditional-style rooms. There's music rooms on every floor, and a fancy formal lounge which makes the perfect study spot or impromptu dance floor. It is the best rez location-wise, about five minutes from most of your classes.

Me and the council team have a great year planned. Here's a sneak peek: Rez Cup, pizza parties, flag football tournaments, carnivals, coffee houses, Paint Authority, Halloween parties, Formal and Semi-Formal, and more (like eating ice cream while watching Disney throwbacks).

But it's not all just games. We will have educational events; workshops, fitness classes, study sessions, and more. At popular request, I will host tutorials on the proper preparation of microwaveable KD cups.

You will also have the opportunity to join Council, if you choose. You can run to be a floor rep, and represent your floor on the Council, or you can run to be Secretary, Housing Operations Committee rep (HOC), or on the Marketing committee. More information on these positions will be released later.

First-year is a magical time, full of laughter and bonding, some tears, and lots of late-night chats. Oh, and get excited for O-Week. It will be the craziest week of your life.

I can't wait to get to know all of you. I want to know all of you at least by the end of the year. Deli is one of the smaller residences, and we have a very intimate building. Feel free to come up to me in the caf or shout my name when you see me around. I am here to help you.

Sincerely,

Comma
President of DHRC 2017/18