



# Crimson Hall

Crimson Hall, Bridgewater State University

August 2011

## Welcome Home!

**Hello Crimson Residents! My name is Julie Hayes and I am the Resident Director of Crimson! I can't wait to have you all back on campus—we have been planning all summer for your return. Please feel free to stop by my office (located in the main lobby behind the desk) anytime! My office hours are posted on the website, and you can always email me at Julie.Hayes@bridgew.edu!**

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Welcome to Crimson Hall, the greatest place on earth! The staff here is excited that you are back on campus and living in the halls. We would like to welcome you to Crimson Hall for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Crimson is a LEED Silver sustainable building, as certified by the US Green Building Council. This means that Crimson meets the requirements of MA LEED Plus.

Together, we can work hard to reduce our carbon footprint as a building! If we all reduce our energy usage, utilize the recycling bins provided on every floor, and that you notice the “up vs. down” flusher on the toilets.

We have a fantastic staff here to support you as you live in Crimson. There are five maintainers in our building who will enter your suite

once a week to clean your shower area. Maintainer names and the cleaning schedule are posted online. To assist in this process, we ask that you clear off the counters and shower

The SRA and RAs will be around to build a positive community on each floor. They will plan programs, organize floor meetings, and get to know you.

The SRA and RAs will be working with you all to ensure that each student feels at home in Crimson.

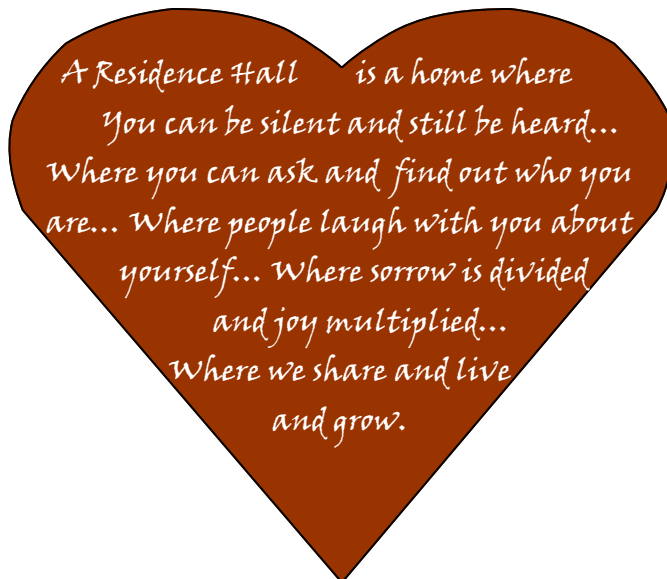
We ask you to be a responsible member of the Community. We ask that you respect the building by taking responsibilities for your actions, respect the rights of those who live with you in Crimson, and respect yourselves.

To keep you informed of current events happening on and around campus, please be sure to check out the calendar in the lobby! In order to be green, this will be the main resource for program advertisements!



area, they will clean around any items left. If there are any changes to the schedule, you will receive an update over e-mail.

Crimson Hall has six amazing Resident Assistants (RAs) and one stellar Senior Resident Assistant (SRA).



## Some Basics...

**Trash Chutes, Garbage Rooms & Recycling:** Trash Chutes are located on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors across from the '57 suites. On the 1st and 5th floors, there are garbage rooms with clearly labeled trash and recycling bins. Please remember to bag all of your trash!

**Laundry Room (\$1.50 per each wash and each dry), Game Room, Vending Machines and Quiet Study Lounge:** All located on the ground floor off the main lobby.

**Kitchens:** Located on floors 2-5. Supplies can only be borrowed from the RA Office during evening duty hours.

**Floor Lounges:** Located on each wing of each residential floor.

**TV Lounges:** In addition to the two TVs in the lobby, there is one TV on each floor 2- 5.

**Mailboxes:** Located in the middle of the lobby. Your combination and mailbox number can be retrieved from MyHousing. Any questions or problems with your mailbox should be addressed with Campus Mail Services at 508.531.1770. You can also visit them at Tillinghast Hall, Room 030.

**Resident Assistants:** These are the people who can help you the most! They live in the 47 and 49 rooms located on floors 2-5. If you reside on the 1st floor, your RA is on the 5th floor in room 547. Stop by and say hi. They are a great resource.

**RA/RD Offices:** Both offices are located off the main lobby, behind the front desk. RAs are on duty nightly beginning at 7pm. Check the RD Office door or online for scheduled office hours. The SRA will also hold 5 office hours a week which will be posted online and on the RA Office door.

**Office Assistants:** Office Assistants are stationed at the front desk between 12pm-7pm Monday-Friday. They are helpful for answering questions and assist in building safety.

**Reserving Lounge Space:** To reserve any lounge space for a group project, study hours, etc. You must contact the SRA of the building, Gabby Bellevue



## Crimson Hall Maintainer Staff

Our fantastic maintainers work very hard to keep this building clean for you! Get to know your maintainer, they are all very friendly and are here to help you.

Maintainers clean up routine messes, tidy the residence hall and clean your shower area once a week. Anything that is excessive (for example: large messes or vandalism) will result in the whole community being billed for the cost to clean up, so please respect your fellow students and your Maintainers!

## Getting to know you, getting to know all about you...

There are 408 residents living in Crimson Hall!

- It is a five-story building made up of two wings connected by a glass enclosed bridge.
- There are 7 RAs in the building.
- Crimson Hall is air-conditioned, and the dates are pre-determined for when this feature is turned off or on.
- There are two elevators in the building.
- There is a study lounge on each wing.
- There is a kitchen/lounge on each floor 2-5.
- All rooms are equipped with connection for cable TV, telephone (you must contact RESNET to activate your line), high speed internet access, and wireless internet access.
- The main floor has the following common areas:
  - Reception Area/Lounge (mailboxes, front desk, RD and RA Offices)
  - Laundry Room
  - Game Room (pool table, ping-pong, foosball, 2 TVs, and vending machines)
  - Quiet Study Lounge



## **Extension of Crimson, but not accessible from inside the Residence Hall:**

There is a 4,000 square foot multipurpose space on the first floor of the building. To reserve this space, please contact the Conference and Event Services Office:

<http://www.bridgew.edu/Conferences/>

There is also Crimson Hall Cafe, this cafeteria uses only recycled products, green cleaning products and many organic or sustainable foods, fruits and vegetables. Accepted forms of payment include Cash, Flex Points or Dining Dollars.

Crimson Hall Café's hours are:

Sunday: 2pm-11pm

Monday-Wednesday: 11am-11pm

Thursday and Friday: 11am-12midnight

Saturday: 2pm-12midnight

Stop by and get some great food!

# Crimson Hall Staff!!



Gabby Belliveau  
Senior RA  
Crimson 547

My full name is Gabriela but I love the nickname Gabby. I am originally from Providence, RI and I am furthering my education as a social work major. I love being active and spending time with others. I was a swimmer in high school and I now currently work as a lifeguard at the YMCA. I would describe myself as bubbly and a good listener, I love to help others and make them feel welcomed. Last year was my first year as an RA in Shea -Durgin Hall and absolutely adored it! Programming is one of my favorite parts of the RA position! I love to cook and bake and I am always up for new things. I am ever so excited for RA training and getting involved in Crimson Hall!



Sean McKenna  
Crimson 449

My name is Sean McKenna and I am very excited to be working with you in Crimson Hall this year. I am a history major and plan on getting my master in education. I would really like to coach at the high school level one day and hopefully one day become a principal. I have lived in a freshman building for three years and could not be more excited to work with upper classman, something I have wanted to do since I first got the RA job.

My summer has been good so far. I have been working a lot and following the Red Sox. It has been good to spend time with my family and friends at home. I also worked as a teacher aide for a summer program at my old elementary school which was a great experience. I am very excited for the new year to start.

Samantha "Sam" Bates  
Crimson 347



Hi all! I'm your new RD, Julie Hayes. While my family is from Boston, I grew up all over the Midwest. I got my B.A. in English from Eastern Illinois University, and my M.S. Ed. from the University of Kansas. My previous position was a Complex Director at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. I'm extremely excited to be working for Bridgewater State and in Crimson Hall this year! Stop by and say hi anytime! :)



Steve Fortin  
Crimson 349

My name is Steve...I am very enthusiastic and outgoing. I am never in a bad mood and I love being an RA, hence why I have been in the position for a 4th year. Didn't even want to graduate so I could stay an RA...just kidding haha. I work a very stressful job other than being an RA. I work security for a private organization. I also do a lot of odd jobs like selling tickets to sporting events. I am great with everyone and usually my attitude rubs off on others.

I'm a senior here at BSU with a dual license education and art major and that I really enjoy being involved on campus! I guess since our building theme is Survivor (assuming we're still doing that theme!) a fun fact would be that I'd actually love to be on that t.v. show and have applied for it before!

Kelly Ried  
Crimson 447



My name is Erkan Gulturk. I am Turkish, hence the name most have difficulty pronouncing and the reason for my nickname, Turk. I am a double major in both Mathematics and Physics. I transferred to BSU from a community college in NY where I grew up. I was the sports photographer at BSU for three years. I somehow ended up on a helicopter this summer shooting the Rhode Island airshow. I bought a Harley this summer and I am still alive... :)

Erkan  
"Turk"  
Gulturk  
Crimson 247



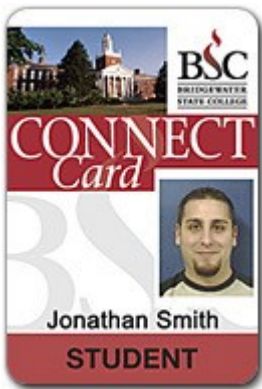
Ashley Hanson  
Crimson 249

I'm Ashley, and I am going to be a RA for the third year now. This will be my first time living in Crimson Hall, and I am very excited. I have been spending my summer working, interning at a gym, and working out for the upcoming rugby season. I can't believe that I'm going to be a senior this year, and I'm ready to make every moment count! :)

**Important Policies**

**Want to get some off-campus grub? Your Connect Card lets you get food at some great places off-campus!**

**Better Bean Coffee Company  
Bridgewater Bagel  
Chessman 's Pizza**



**GUEST POLICY**

Guests should use the Call Box to call the resident they wish to visit. The resident must then sign his/her guest in with the SSO (during desk hours). All guests must be escorted at all times. The approval of the resident's roommate is needed for day and night time visits. Anyone who does not live in Crimson Hall is a guest (even residents in other buildings). Acceptable forms of ID to be signed in are a passport, State ID card, Military ID card, Drivers License and a Liquor ID.

**RESTRICTED ITEMS**

Items prohibited from the residence hall: all cooking and food preparation appliances, air conditioners, open flames, candles, space heaters, and electric blankets. Pets (except fish) are also prohibited. For more information refer to your student handbook.

**DAMAGE BILLING**

There are two types of damage billing related to vandalism and lack of cleanliness:

- 1) individual: one or more specific individuals are found responsible for damage in a student room or common area; charges are assessed to their student accounts
- 2) Community: No individuals can be determined responsible for damages in a common area; therefore, all community members (wing, floor, or hall) are assessed evenly split charges to their student accounts. An e-mail is sent out to all Crimson Hall residents on a monthly basis with community damages.

**FURNITURE**

All furniture in your room must stay in your room unless special approval

has been granted by the RD.

**CONNECT CARD**

You are required to have your BSU ID with you at all times and you must present it every time you enter the building or to any staff member who requests to see it.

**ALCOHOL & DRUGS**

Crimson is a dry building, meaning that NO alcohol or illicit drugs are permitted in the halls, REGARDLESS of your age and the age(s) of your guest(s).

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There are many opportunities to become involved while you are residing on campus. This is a great benefit and we hope you take the challenge to branch out, meet other students you wouldn't normally have the chance to interact with. Attend programs put on by the fantastic RA staff. Another great experience is Residence Hall Association (RHA). RHA is an organization of students who serve as a governing body of the residence halls. RHA provides funding for programming, and works with students with problems and concerns regarding residential student life. This year, your

RHA wants to make this school year the best one yet. With new events, new improvements, and new members, the BSU RHA is ready to make this a year that none of us will soon forget. RHA meetings every Wednesday night at 5:30pm in Council Chambers.



**Don't Leave Home Without It!**

Your Connect Card is your life-line—it provides you access not only to Crimson Hall but your individual room.

Staff are not always available when you don't have your card, so it's better to make sure it is with you at all times.

Please pay attention to the light on your room door, if your battery is starting to go, the light will turn yellow and eventually red. If your light is yellow, please notify a staff member **immediately** so it can be fixed.

If you lose your card, you will need a replacement from the Connect Card Office. Remember that there is a \$25.00 fee to replace your Connect Card!

**DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!**

**Security**

Every time you enter the building between 7pm and 3am, a Student Security Officer (SSO) will inspect your bag, box, coat, purse, groceries, or any other packages.

These inspections are conducted to ensure the safety of all residents and to eliminate restricted items entering the building. Please be respectful and cooperative, as this is done for your safety as well as the safety of the community.

If you don't want your belongings searched, they will not be allowed in the building. If you are carrying any illegal or prohibited items such as alcohol, drugs, or weapons, the SSO will call BSU Police and you will likely be arrested.

Please know that Residence Life staff can also inspect your belongings at any time. This can happen at other times, outside the 7pm-3am time frame.



**Quiet Hours**

**Sunday-Thursday: 9pm-8am  
Friday and Saturday: 12am-10am**

**Crimson has 24/7 courtesy hours. Please be respectful of your neighbors and our community.**

**There are other times during the year during finals, etc when Quiet Hours will be extended. Be aware of this now and read emails that will inform you of specific dates.**

# September 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 Women's Soccer Vs. Newbury 6pm
4 New Student Move-in!	5 Labor Day! Returning Student Move-in!	6 New Student Convocation 1:30-2:30pm Rondileau Campus Center Auditorium	7 Classes Start	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Women's Soccer vs. UMass Boston 6pm	16	17
18	19	20 Women's Soccer vs. RIC 4pm.	21 Room Change Period Begins	22	23	24
25	26	27 Women's Soccer vs. Salve Regina 3:30pm	28	29	30 Home Football Game Vs. Westfield State 6:30pm	1



## Important Dates!\*

### Fall Semester 2011

**Sunday, September 4, 2011** New students and transfer students move-in (*Move-in times will be e-mailed.*)

**Monday, September 5, 2011** Returning students move-in 9 AM - 5 PM (*Move-in times will be e-mailed.*)

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011** Room change period begins

**Monday, November 28, 2011** Online Preference Process goes live at 9 AM

**Thursday, December 22, 2011** All residence halls and apartments close at 5 PM for winter break

### Spring Semester 2012

**Monday, January 2, 2012** Room deposit payment period begins

**Sunday, January 15, 2012** All residence halls and apartments open at 1 PM

**Friday, March 2, 2012** Last day for room deposit payment by 5 PM

**Friday, March 2, 2012** All residence halls and apartments close at 5 PM for spring break

**Sunday, March 11, 2012** All residence halls and apartments open at 1 PM

**Wednesday, May 9, 2012** All residence halls and apartments close at noon for summer break

\*With the Important Dates, please know this is just a sampling. Please visit the Residence Life and Housing or Registrar's Website to get a



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## Expect More. Achieve More.

The Office of Residence Life and Housing seeks to provide undergraduate housing that is safe, clean, comfortable and conducive to student learning. Departmental staff develops, promotes and assesses programs, services, and staff interactions that encourage student development with particular emphasis on individual responsibility within a community setting.

Efforts are directed towards establishing a living-learning environment where there is an appreciation of diversity, a respect for individual rights and a commitment to sustainability. Delivery of services is provided with an understanding of and a dedication to quality with regard to efficiency, fairness and cost effectiveness.

# NEW!

## BSU Tobacco-Free Policy

Bridgewater State University (BSU) prohibits smoking and tobacco use on all University property. University property includes, but is not limited to, University owned and leased buildings and facilities; University owned and leased vehicles; parking lots, building entrances, and common areas. The University will fully implement this policy and all applicable laws, regulations, and local ordinances.

BSU reserves the right to initiate disciplinary procedures, up to and including termination for employees or expulsion for students, against any individual found to be in continuous violation of this policy.

### Rationale for Policy

There is considerable evidence that concentrations of smoke are harmful to non-smokers, as well as smokers. Findings of the Surgeon General indicate that tobacco use in any form, active and passive, is a significant

Effective September 1, 2011, BSU has a no smoking policy for ALL faculty, staff, students, visitors, customers, vendors, consultants, contractors and their employees.

health hazard. BSU has a responsibility to its employees and students to provide a safe and healthy environment. In its commitment to this, the University will be a tobacco-free campus effective September 1, 2011.

The Tobacco-Free Policy is intended to eliminate exposure to second-hand smoke, provide an environment supportive of tobacco-free lifestyles, eliminate the risk of accidental fire, eliminate the health risks associated with expectoration from smokeless tobacco, and eliminate the environmental impact of cigarette litter. It applies to all faculty, staff, students, visitors, customers, vendors, consultants, contractors and their employees.

### Responsibility for Implementation & Enforcement

The Office of Human Resources will work collaboratively with the appropriate offices within the Student Affairs division, the University's Health & Safety Officer, established Health & Safety Committees on campus, and the University's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provider to coordinate University efforts for policy notification, education, promotion, support, and assessment to ensure successful implementation.

All campus constituents have a collective responsibility to promote the safety and health of the campus community and, therefore, share in the responsibility of policy compliance. Individuals observed using tobacco, in any form, are to be reminded in a professional and courteous manner of the University policy.

<http://www.bridgew.edu/Handbook/PoliciesProcedures/TobaccoFreePolicy.cfm>