



Welcome to Bridgewater State University

# EAST HALL GAZETTE

## The East Hall Newsletter

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### MEET THE RESIDENT DIRECTOR

Hello!!!

And welcome to East Hall.

My name is Richardson Pierre-Louis and I am your Resident Director. I am currently starting my fifth year at BSU, and my 8th academic year as a RD. I hail from Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, where I lived until March of 1983. I spent most of the last 28 years living in the Boston area, with short stays in NY, FL, and CT.



I am a proud graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where I received my Bachelors in Social Thought Political Economics. I also have a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University School of Law.

I look forward to meeting all of you, and wish you all the best in the coming year. If you need any assistance, or just want to stop in to introduce yourself, my office is located on the first floor. I can also be reached at 508.531.1763 or via e-mail richardson.pierrelouis@bridgew.edu. See you soon!!!

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## East Hall Maintainers

Mike, Marc and Natalia are the three maintainers in East Hall. They work very hard to keep our community clean, so please do your part and keep your suites in a similar condition. Their job is to clean your bathrooms (they will clean the counter and the shower as well as the toilet area and floors). However, if they can not get to the counter or the shower, they are unable to clean them. Please keep minimal items in these areas to help them do their jobs! To learn their schedule and find out when they'll clean your bathroom, please refer to: [http://www.bridgew.edu/rh/halls/east\\_cleaning.cfm](http://www.bridgew.edu/rh/halls/east_cleaning.cfm).

## Resident Assistants (RAs)

**First Floor**  
(SRA) Taylor Dennehey (102)

**Third Floor**  
Matt Cardillo (302)  
Shelby Eanes (341)

**Second Floor**  
Robert Tornatore (202)  
Melissa Hughes (241)

**Fourth Floor**  
John Gerstenecker (402)  
Taqueia Archie (441)

### Important things to know this year:

- You can move in on September 5th between 9-5pm. If you know you are not moving in on the 5th (but plan to move in later), it would help my staff if you email me so we can be prepared!
- There are many activities the first week in which I encourage you to partake. Please view <http://www.bridgew.edu/orientation/welcomeweek/> for specific details (these events are not just for first year students!)
- Don't forget to bring your own toilet paper. We do not supply it!



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## Residence Hall Association: Getting Involved!

Residence Hall Association 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, RHA is ready to make this a year memorable.

For more information see any of your RAs or the RD.



Meetings are Wednesdays at 5:30pm in Council Chambers (located in the Campus Center). All are welcome!

## Where do I find that?

**Kitchen** - Located to the left of the lobby area, just before the maintainer hallway on your left. You can feel free to use the kitchen at any time unless the sign outside of it says it is reserved for something. **If you use the kitchen you are responsible for cleaning up after yourself. If the kitchen does not get cleaned after each use, it will be locked and you will have to have permission to use it.**

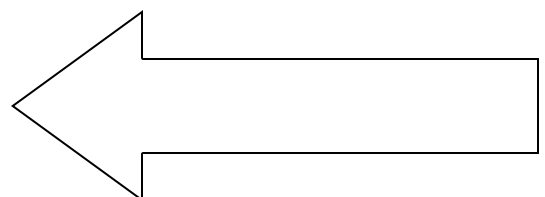
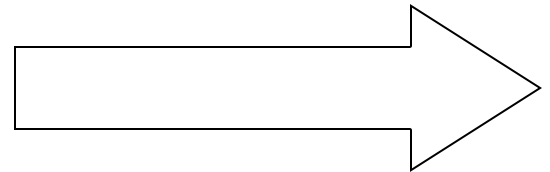
**Laundry** - Washing Machines and Dryers are found to the left of the recreation room. Each machine costs \$1.50 per cycle. The machines take quarters as well as flex points on your Connect Card. Please be respectful of your fellow residents and change your wash as soon as the cycle ends.

**Vending Machines** - Are located in the recreation room. Providing yummy snacks and Pepsi products for your enjoyment! These machines are also Connect Card enabled.

**Mailboxes** - All of the mailboxes are located off the main lobby on the first floor.

**RA & RD Offices** - These offices are located on the first floor, take a left after entering the building from the front door to find us!

**Student Phones** - For questions regarding a land-line phone (non-cell phone) in your room please contact ResNet at 508-531-7999 (local) or 508-531-7777 (long distance).



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## Policy Info to Know!

### Tobacco Free Campus

Starting with this academic year, BSU will be a “**Tobacco Free**” campus. Follow this link

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

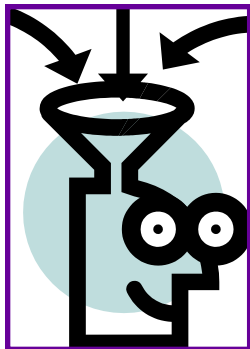
and familiarize yourself with this new policy.

### ALCOHOL/DRUG POLICY

No alcohol/drugs are permitted in the halls, regardless of age.

### BAG CHECKS

Every time you enter the building between 7pm and 3am, your bags will be checked by a Student Security Officer (SSO). This bag check is done to check for restricted items and ensure the safety of all residents of the building. If you fail to open your bag it will not be allowed in the building. Additionally, if you are carrying drugs, alcohol, or any other illegal items the Bridgewater State University Police will be called and you may be arrested for being in possession of these items.



### GUEST POLICY

Guests must have a “**Valid**” ID in order to be signed into the building. All guests must be in the presence of their host at all times. The approval of the resident’s roommate is needed for day and night time visitors. Anyone who does not live in East Hall is a guest (even residents in other buildings).

### RESTRICTED ITEMS

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.

### QUIET/COURTESY HOURS

Quiet hours are from 9pm to 8am, Sunday through Friday and from 12 midnight to 10 am on Friday and Saturday.

Don’t forget 24 hour courtesy hours are in effect! This means that any member of the community has the right to ask you to lower the noise level at any time!

# Just so you know...

## Lockout Policy:

*Resident students are responsible for carrying their room and building keys with them at all times. In the event that a student becomes locked out of their living area, the following procedures should be followed:*

**Weekdays:** Students should report to the Resident Director's office in their residence hall. The Resident Director will issue the student a loaner key. If the loaner key is not returned within 24 hours, the Resident Director will initiate a lock change, at the expense of the student. The cost of a lock change is \$125.00 and includes the actual lock change, labor charges, a new room key, and a new front door key.

**Evenings:** Between the hours of 7:00 pm and 7:00 am, students should locate the Resident Assistant on duty. The Resident Assistant will use the master key to provide the student with access to their room.

**Weekends:** Resident Directors do not hold office hours on weekends; therefore the student needs to locate a Resident Assistant for their residence hall. If a Resident Assistant cannot be located, the student needs to wait until 7:00 pm when the Resident Assistant duty hours begin.

## Damage Billing Policy

The resident will be responsible for the condition of the room assigned to him/her. Each room will be inspected by the College hall staff prior to occupancy, on a monthly basis, and also upon termination of occupancy. Any lack of cleanliness and/or damage/vandalism to or theft or loss of college property, including loss of keys issued to the resident, will be charged to the resident's account.

Billing occurs when damage, vandalism, or a lack of cleanliness occurs in the residence halls or apartment communities. This includes student rooms and common area spaces. Common area spaces include, but are not limited to: entryways, hallways, bathrooms, elevators, lounge spaces, stairwells, etc.

There are two types of damage billing:

- **Individual billing:** One or more specific individuals have been found responsible for damage in a student room or common area. The charges are assessed to the account (s) of responsible individuals.
  - **Community billing:** No individuals can be found responsible for damages in a common area. Incurred damage costs are equally pro-rated among the residents of the floor/wing/building and assessed to students' accounts.
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