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Program Overview

In Fall 2009, entering freshmen will have the option of living in a community with other students who are interested in business. The business community residence will emphasize peer support and foster a positive environment for academic and social success among those with similar career interests. Those living on the two floors of LeFevre Hall reserved for pre-BBA students will be invited to special programs organized just for them. Students who choose to live in LeFevre may room with a non-business student and still enjoy programs and benefits of the Business Community.

Opportunities for Involvement

- Attend programs about business sponsored by college
- Choose to volunteer for residence hall government
- Represent LeFevre Hall on the Haworth College of Business
- Dean’s Student Leadership Advisory Board

Benefits for Students

- Live with students with similar interests
- Have academic support in Valley II:
  - Writing Center in Garneau-Harvey
  - Math tutors in Eicher Hall
- Have support from RA’s enrolled in the BBA program
- Learn about business careers from alumni and faculty
- Participate in campus-wide events & activities with students from many majors
- Have access to fitness center & weight room in Eicher/LeFevre

Program Offerings

- Opportunities to learn about business-related student organizations
- Programs with faculty, staff and upper level business students
- First Year Seminar section just for Business Community students (optional)
- Speakers on business topics and career choices

Admission to Business Community

Students may choose LeFevre Business Community on their Residence Hall form

- Rooms are arranged in groups of four students; all need not be in business

Faculty & Staff Volunteers

JoAnn Atkin, Ph.D. Assistant Prof., Marketing
Jan Gabel-Goes, Faculty Specialist, Business Communication
Geralyn Heystek, Academic & Career Advisor, HCoB
Paul Hildenbrand, Director, HCoB Advising and Admissions
Timothy Palmer, Ph.D., Professor, Management
Barbara Sagara, Faculty Specialist, Business Communication
John Weitzel, Faculty Specialist, Marketing
Bret Wagner, Ph.D., Director, ISM Program and Associate Professor, Management

Student Volunteers

- Josh Breshgold
- Bryan Morin
- Sorina Dodu
- Grant Savoy
- Lindsey Ganfi
- Austin Suchoval
- Ashley Heckman
- Ashnee Young
- Pamela McInstosh
- Athban Yusuf

Cost to Haworth Business College

- Publicity
  - Included in Residence Life handbook - $0
  - Postcard in April to admitted students - $0
- Programs
  - Welcome on Move-in Day: Admin. & Faculty - $0
  - Coffee and refreshments - $0
  - BBQ during first week of classes - $150
  - Food for 108 students, faculty volunteers, staff & SLAB - $150
  - T-shirts w/HCoB logo for students attending @ $10 - $1200
  - Alumni speakers (volunteers) honorarium - $200
  - Business Bash of business-related student organization - $200
  - Total: Approximately $1850
- Potential Funding Sources
  - Residence Life
  - HCoB Career Center Premier Partners is also a possibility