

2022-2023
RESIDENCE LIFE

**WHAT WE'VE
BEEN UP TO!**

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OVERVIEW

Coming out of the pandemic, the Residence Life Team wanted to provide students an exceptional university experience that aligned with the learning goals outlined in the curricular approach: Equity, Personal Growth, Curiosity and Community Engagement. To do this, the team got to work and quickly began revising and restructuring many aspects of Residence Life, ranging from a simple logo change to specialization of tasks. As a team, they worked diligently to create an offering for students that would help them make their year in residence a memorable one.

Of course, this year brought many challenges and with those challenges came an abundance of work but in the end, it all proved worth it as this Residence Life Team has accomplished incredible feats.

This report aims to highlight some of the larger contributions made by the Residence Life team. This report will not touch on the day-to-day workload but will provide broad strokes of the work that has been accomplished. And of course, behind every great team is a great leader that provides lots of support for our initiatives. Theresa Gagnon has been able to guide us, challenge us and educate us and it is her leadership that is reflected throughout.

-The Residence Life Management Team



SUMMER 2022

REBRANDING

In an effort to refocus the perceptions and image of residence life as a department that focuses on the student experience of residence as opposed to the facilities, Residence Life underwent a rebranding. Moving away from the rooftop/residences logo and towards a BU logo with a person above the U representing the individual and community within our residence halls.



THE SPOT

New this year, The Spot was introduced to simplify access to campus resources for Residents. Using a QR code system, each resident has a Spot sticker on the back of their bedroom door. With a simple scan, residents have access to all their campus resources.



SUMMER 2022 -CONT.

HOUSE CUP

For the first time since 2010, Residence Life has reintroduced The House Cup competition. Six residence buildings competed for 1 trophy. Throughout the summer, we developed the rule book, the branding of the House Cup, a list of activities and the house spirit animal for each building. In addition, we created a series of prizes on a point system to allow residents to claim a variety of rewards. The following is a breakdown of the prizes for the first building to reach each milestone:

- 12 points = Raffle for 5 Doolittle's Gift Cards
- 18 points = Building BBQ
- 24 points = Raffle for 5 Doolittle's Swag Items
- 30 Points = Raffle for 4 VIP Winterfest Tickets



SUMMER 2022 -CONT.

LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY

The RLM also reintroduced a Leadership Community to Residence Life. Due to a delay in introducing the community, it took a different form than anticipated but has allowed for a trial run of some key elements of the Leadership LLC moving forward.

NEW PRONOUN PINS

In the hopes of creating a more inclusive space, the RLM recreated the pronoun pins to be more visible and desirable. 1000 pins were created with the pronouns he, she and they. These were distributed at move-in and for Residence Life staff.



BUILDING BULLETINS

In line with the Action Plan for the Education and Prevention of Sexual Violence, Residence Life created building bulletin boards in the basement of each residence that informed residents about resources and support available to students.

SUMMER 2022 -CONT.

AUGUST TRAINING

Throughout the summer the RLM worked to revamp the RA training curriculum, taking into account past feedback. Over 10 days, RAs were trained for all the components of their job. Also, for the first time since the start of the pandemic, RAs got a chance to go back to camp!



WELCOME KITS

Each year Residence Life creates Welcome Kits for residents. This year we created kits comprised of sanitary products, water bottle, lanyard, condoms and a free faro coffee coupon.

MOVE-IN DAY

Residence Life ended their summer with Move-In Day where they welcomed incoming and returning students to campus. They hosted several activities, such as ice breakers, bubble soccer, board games and more.

FALL 2022

RLC DROP-INS

In an effort to connect and support students, the RLCs introduced Drop-In hours which were paired with an activity to incentivize student involvement. There were three types of drop-in options, Spikeball, Coffee Talk and Board Games. Unfortunately, the turnout was very low and the drop-ins were not utilized. They were cancelled at the end of the semester.

TRC RESIDENCE LIFE PAINTING EVENT

Residence Life hosted an activity before the Orange Shirt walk to encourage residents to attend. Canvases and paint were provided so that messages and meaningful artwork can be displayed during the walk.



EXAM CARE PACKS

The Residence Life Team assisted in the Exam Care Packs initiative both on the planning committee and during the event itself. Students were very pleased with this initiative.

FALL 2022 -CONT.

FORESTA LUMINA

Residence Life brought back its Foresta Lumina event, due to inflation and gas prices, the ticket prices had to go up \$10 to compensate. An entire bus sold out within a day.



S.H.O.E.S

Residence Life also hosted their annual Students Honoring Others' Everyday Struggles (S.H.O.E.S) event. This event took place in both The Quad and The Agora, as well as some shoes displayed in residence buildings. This event is meant to put students in each others shoes by showcasing different pairs of shoes with a story attached to them.



FALL 2022 -CONT.

GAIT GATSBY

Residence Life hosted its biggest Gait Gatsby ever, with almost 200 free tickets given to Residents and over 600 tickets sold to the students. The event was so popular it sold out within 2 hours. It was also the first Gait night of the year that students stayed to the very end. There was a live band, photobooth, and specialty drinks served, as residents partied like it was the roaring 20s. It remains one of our students' favourite Gait nights.



FALL 2022 -CONT.

DONALD LECTURES

The Residence Life Team had a presence at the Donald Lectures in the Fall semester where they encouraged residents to attend by awarding House Cup points, and creating a post on their social media.

DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

The Residence Life Team held its first ever Dodgeball Tournament where each residence submitted and battled it out for the championship round against the all-star staff/faculty team. The staff/faculty team lost badly... The event had a huge turnout of over 100 residents.



HOUSE CUP

The House Cup was very successful in the Fall semester but there was a lack of events that allowed for points to be secured. More events were planned to be introduced in the Winter semester for a chance to secure more points. At the end of the Fall semester Mackinnon was in the lead.

WINTER 2023

KARAOKE

Residence Life hosted 4 Karaoke nights in collaboration with The Gait. These events were really well received but students did ask that these events are more consistent.



POOL TOURNAMENT

Residence Life also held two pool tournaments, one in the New Residence and one in The Gait. The turnout for both events was spectacular!



PUPPY SUPPORT DAY

Residence Life introduced several puppy days in the Winter semester following its great success at the end of the Fall semester. The attendance at these days have been incredibly high and students have been very appreciative.



WINTER 2023

MARIO KART TOURNAMENT

Residence Life also hosted a Mario Kart Tournament in collaboration with Games Club. This event along with all the others hosted by Residence Life were events where residents could win House Cup points. This event had a spectacular turn out!

MASTER CHEF DEWIES

Residence Life held its traditional Master Chef Dewies event in the Adams Dining Room. Students from each building competed to show off their culinary skills using only what is available in Dewies. Residents had to showcase three meals, an entree, a main meal and a dessert, all while taking on a chef personality!

There were a few issues that arised with the Sodexo staff and management concerning the event but ultimately the students had a great time.



WINTER 2023-CONT.

QUEBEC CITY TRIP

Residence Life in collaboration with Bishop's International, planned a Quebec City trip where over 50 students got a chance to go to Quebec City during the Winter Carnivale.

WINTERFEST

The RLCs were present during WinterFest, as the three of them joined duty for both the day and night. They distributed hot hand packs, candy and snacks as they patrolled the residence buildings. They also enjoyed some sweet sweet Beavertails! It was a great opportunity for the RLCs to continue to connect with students. It also provided the RLCs an opportunity to refresh RAs on the importance of community building while on duty.

SEXAPALOOZA

The Residence Life Team held it's annual Sexapalooza event to educate students about healthy and consensual sex. Several mini games were available as well as a jeopardy game to engage and educate students. Prizes were also up for grabs through student participation and attendance!



WINTER 2023-CONT.

DONALD LECTURES

The Residence Life Team continued to support the Donald Lectures by having a presence at the lectures and awarding House Cup points to attendees.

EXAM CARE PACKS

The Residence Life Team helped with the planning and distribution of the Winter Exam Care Packs. As always, these are a huge hit amongst students. It also provided Residence Life a chance to chat with students and continue to build rapport.



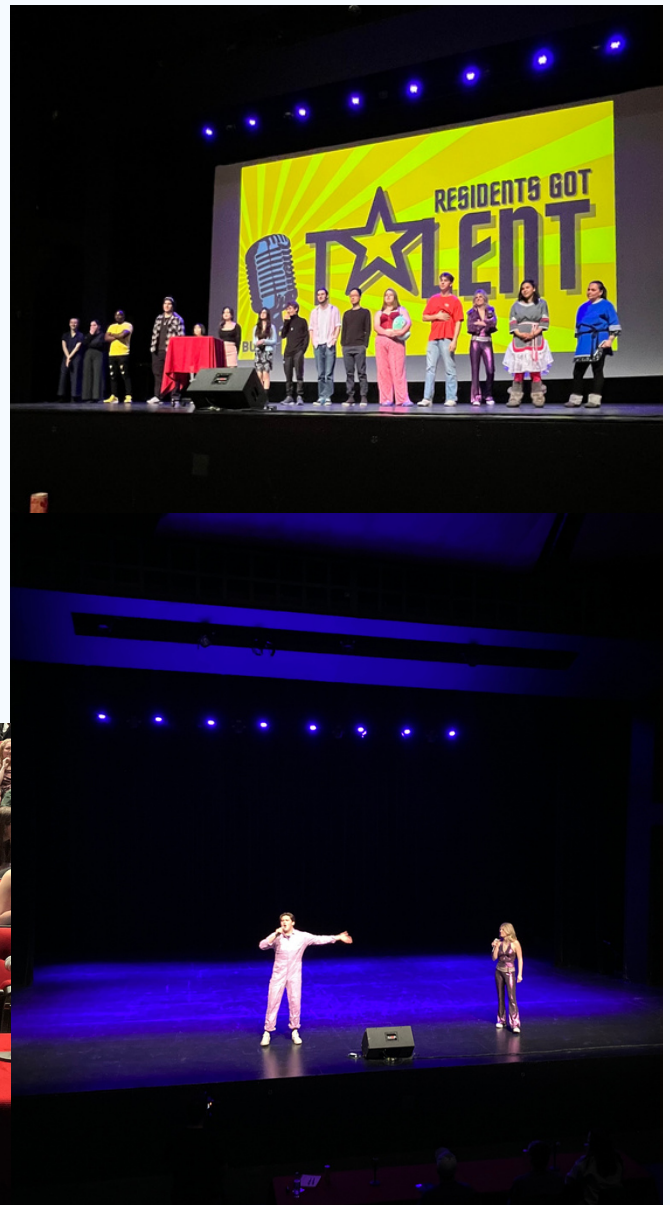
NEW RESIDENCE INAUGURATION

The Residence Life team attended the opening of the new residence building. They helped guide guests through the building and supported as needed with the preparation on the day of.

WINTER 2023-CONT.

RESIDENTS GOT TALENT

Residence Life held its first ever Residents Got Talent, competition to showcase the incredible talent that lives right on campus. This event took place in Centennial Theatre and had over 200 Residents attend along with another 100 students and community members. The event was by far the biggest and most successful Residence Life event in history! 12 residents competed and one walked away with \$100 cash prize and eternal fame!



WINTER 2023-CONT.

HOUSE CUP BANQUET

The Residence Life Team held its first House Cup Banquet to celebrate the achievements and involvement of the Residence community. It has been 13 years since the last House Cup competition took place at Bishop's, and as a way to welcome its incredible resurgence, a formal banquet style dinner was held. 160 students living in residence had a chance to come together one last time with their friends and celebrate their efforts. to come! P.S. Mackinnon won!



WINTER 2023-CONT.

RA DINNER

The Residence Life team held its end of year RA dinner to celebrate all the hard work of the RA team. This year the dinner was held at Uplands Cultural and Heritage Center. It was a great way to end the year!



MOVE-OUT

The Residence Life team assisted in the move-out process. From 9am-1:30pm, it was all hands on deck as each team member proceeded to complete room check forms for each resident on campus. The overflow was then distributed and completed by the RLM.

END-OF-YEAR SURVEY

In order to properly evaluate our year, a survey will be distributed to all those who lived on campus this year. The survey will aim to collect feedback on the work accomplished this year and help guide the Residence Life team with future initiatives.