Is your student looking for a job? Employment is available through Housing and Food Services in dining courts, retail operations and quick-service restaurants. “Dining services employs over 2400 students on average per academic year,” says Greg Minner, director of Purdue Dining & Catering. “It’s convenient, a great way to build relationships and gain leadership experience. Student employment is also financially beneficial for the student and helps to offset the cost of a college education.”

In addition to fiscal benefits, students gain skills that apply to future academic pursuits and careers. “Employment helps a student learn a wide variety of skills that will be beneficial in any career path: time management, interpersonal skills, leadership, supervision, problem solving, conflict resolution, cooperation, team building and communication skills,” explains Sharlee Lyons, student employment training coordinator for Dining & Catering. “I enjoy watching the students mature and prepare for life after college. Student employment adds so much to the educational experience; I encourage every Purdue student to give it a chance. It benefits them and it benefits Purdue.”

Housing and Food Services offers experiential learning opportunities through the Hall of Music, Purdue University Dining & Catering, Purdue Memorial Union and Purdue University Residences.
Greetings from Boilermaker Land,

It seems like just yesterday we were moving your student into our halls, and already we are now well into the first semester here at Purdue. The students have been busy with studying, making new friends, learning about themselves and others, trying new foods and getting involved in all of the organizations on campus. We are confident that living in University Residences is providing your student with opportunities for a successful start to their college career.

I want to thank all of you who joined the University Residences Parents Association; we had many parents sign up and have had several gifts to help with leadership training for our students. The hall clubs are all busy planning fall retreats for the student leaders in the halls, and your gifts are helping to make this possible. Please consider joining URPAC, our parent advisory council – more information can be found on pages 6-7.

I hope you will be on campus for Family Day on Sept. 28, when the Boilermakers take on the Northern Illinois Huskies, and you are able to stop by the URPA tent in front of Owen Hall before the game. We always enjoy meeting parents and providing opportunities for you to join us during the festivities surrounding special weekends on campus.

I hope as you talk with and visit with your student you will see positive growth and changes as they have expanded their minds through class work, extracurricular opportunities and service learning projects they have joined in during their short time with us on campus. We are proud of the many programs and experiences we are able to provide our students and hope you will have a chance to hear about all they are doing to truly embrace their time in University Residences. Best wishes for a wonderful fall season.

Boiler Up!

Barb Frazee
Executive Director
University Residences
For students who identify as mentors, problem solvers and community builders, the job of resident assistant is an excellent prospect. RAs are graduate and undergraduate students who live among the residents and promote community engagement. They act as mentors and provide opportunities for residents to connect with each other as well as campus resources. In the past, potential RAs have undergone an intense application and interview process, but last fall the procedure changed to a more rewarding selection process.

The current RA application includes an eight-week seminar course focusing on leadership, though not necessarily RA-specific topics. Since not all students who take the course are offered positions as resident assistants, the hope is the material will also be valuable to success outside the context of residential life work. The course is framed to give students the ability to develop a team, communicate effectively, understand the needs of students within a college or university environment and recognize successful steps in building community.

The course is one credit hour and meets once a week for one hour and forty minutes for the first 8 weeks of the spring semester. Successful completion of the course — including mandatory attendance — is required in order to be eligible for hire for the RA position, though it does not guarantee a position. Last Fall, 98% of those surveyed after the class, felt they gained skills they could use in their future careers.

To qualify for a resident assistant position, students must meet the following requirements by the end of Spring 2014:

- 40 undergraduate credit hours (those in Master’s and PhD programs meet this requirement)
- Minimum of one year living in residence halls at the college/university level
- Cumulative 2.75 GPA
- Must be able to serve one full academic year

**PHASE ONE:** (Fall semester 2013)
- Provide at least three completed references.
- Complete a one-hour interview.
- Receive notification regarding qualification to move on to phase two, including directions regarding registration for the Residential Leadership Seminar.

**PHASE TWO:** (Spring semester 2014)
- Complete a one-credit hour Residential Leadership Seminar
- Receive notification regarding employment prior to Spring Break 2014.
Recruiters from large prospective employers often visit Purdue’s campus to find the “best of the best” through job fairs held on campus.

Fall Job Fairs
Talk to representatives on campus to learn about companies and potential internships.

From the Purdue Center for Career Opportunities website:

**INDUSTRIAL ROUNDTABLE CAREER FAIR**
(ENGINEERING, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY FAIR)
Monday, Sept. 16 – Friday, Sept. 20
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Memorial Mall
(rain locations: Mackey Arena and Lambert Fieldhouse)
This interactive, two-day job fair is a perfect opportunity to network with employers from roughly 300 companies. Seminars on Monday provide students with additional information about companies and their hiring needs.

**KRANNERT UNDERGRADUATE FALL CAREER FAIR**
(BUSINESS FAIR)
Wednesday, Sept. 18 – Friday, Sept. 20
Events include resume critiques, a student/recruiter social, company presentations, the career fair and interviews.

**HOSPITALITY & TOURISM MANAGEMENT CAREER DAY**
Tuesday, Sept. 24
12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
PMU Ballrooms
40-50 companies are estimated to participate.

**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (BCT) FALL CAREER FAIR**
Friday, Sept. 27
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Mackey Arena Concourse
Students will have the opportunity to meet employers from construction companies all over the United States for recruiting purposes. These companies are looking for full-time, intern and co-op positions within the construction management major.

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PURDUE AGRICULTURE FALL CAREER FAIR
Tuesday, Oct. 1
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
PMU Ballrooms and East/West Lounge Exhibit Area
This fair is not just for seniors pursuing jobs; it is for first-year students, sophomores and juniors who are exploring career paths or internship opportunities. Explore careers, obtain company information, ask questions and network with future employers.

ADVANCE YOURSELF – GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL FAIR
Thursday, Oct. 3
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
PMU – West Main Lobby
This graduate and professional school preparatory programs brings together professional recruiters and admissions counselors from across the U.S. and undergraduate students interested in pursuing advanced education.

PHARMACY DAYS 2013
Wednesday, Nov. 6 – Friday, Nov. 8
PMU Ballrooms
Pharmacy Days is a highly focused series of events for Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences students and employers. The Career Fair is targeting to pre-Pharmacy, pre-BSPS, BSPS and Doctor of Pharmacy students, allowing them to access employment information for internships, full-time positions, part-time positions, residencies, fellowships and career exploration.

NURSING CAREER FAIR
Thursday, Dec. 5
11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
PMU South Ballroom

About URPA

Hallways is a publication of the University Residences Parent Association (URPA). Membership contributions received through URPA help to fund student programs such as Ultimate Spring Break Challenge, leadership retreats and student attendance at leadership development conferences.

To learn more about URPA or to make a contribution, visit www.housing.purdue.edu/Families/URPA.

You may also contact Kyla Houston, parent association liaison at kthouston@purdue.edu, 765.494.0325. or Jennifer Wetli at jlwetli@purdue.edu, 765.496.7419.
We know today's college students are goal-oriented, have high expectations for themselves, and have even higher expectations of their educators and administrators. They also value a strong relationship with family members and friends. This has brought a new and exciting dynamic to our campus and to our responsibilities as educators and administrators.

Along with this new generation of students comes a new generation of parents, who want to be involved with their students' lives as they continue their education. University Residences has embraced the energy and talent these parents bring to our campus, and we encourage you to involve yourself in campus happenings with other parents.

Our goal is to provide a venue for you to network with other parents experiencing the same things as you are. We also want your input to help us to continue to provide the highest quality of services possible to your student. We know parents of today's college students want information, but we need your feedback to ensure you are receiving the right information.

**Principle Mission**

The members of the University Residences Parent Advisory Council (URPAC) for Purdue's University Residences provide volunteer leadership for parent engagement and cultivation activities.

**Membership**

The Parent Advisory Council shall consist of no less than 12 members and will be invited to serve at the discretion of the University Residences director. Candidates will be selected based on their ability and willingness to provide leadership and necessary linkages with other alumni and friends who are able to engage in leadership and support to the University Residences.
Length of tenure: Charter members will be asked to serve a two-year term. Subsequent members will be asked to serve a minimum one-year term.

Responsibilities

► Serve as the governing body for University Residences Parent Association (URPA).

► Advise the University Residences (UR) director and other UR administrators about strategic issues facing the department.

► Serve on committees as requested to address activities in University Residences.

► Act as an advocate for UR programs and, as appropriate, serve as a leader for the department and/or the division’s overall objectives.

► Assist in the identification, recruitment, and participation of other key volunteers.

► As requested, provide feedback on marketing and communications materials.

► Attend two URPAC meetings per year and, when appropriate, other events sponsored by University Residences (UR).

► Support the URPA by giving a minimum gift of $25 (executive gift-giving level).

► Participation is encouraged in one of the following areas:

► Write or contribute to a feature article in Hallways Express (University Residences online newsletter)

► Assist in hosting a parent reception in your home town

► Work two volunteer opportunities during the year.
This past summer, a delegation from Purdue traveled to Pittsburgh for the annual conference held by the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. The delegation included members of our Residence Hall Association and National Residence Hall Honor Society. Over 300 schools were represented at the conference, which was themed “Evolution: Your Leadership, Your University, Our World.”

In addition to forming relationships with other schools at the conference, our student leaders found a few ideas to implement at Purdue. They would like to rebuild the bond between RHA and NRHH in hopes that the two organizations become more cohesive. “We’re all working for the halls—it’s just two separate missions,” one delegate explained. “If we work together, accomplishing those missions will be easier and more effective.”

The students from Purdue want to give other students more opportunities to get involved with their residence halls. Their goal is to motivate incoming students and inspire them to continue Purdue traditions. “We want students to take advantage of our resources and opportunities to get involved in their new homes,” another delegate said. Additionally, they are working toward making Purdue residence life a more inclusive place where everyone is welcome at all times.
Family Day (Sept. 28) is an opportunity for families to join their student on campus for a day of activities. Many colleges host a reception where parents and students can meet the dean, talk with professors and academic advisors and learn more about the college’s programs. Visit the Purdue Student Union Board’s website for more information about the schedule of events for Family Day ’13.

► 9-11 a.m. – Celebration on the mall
Located at the entrance to Stadium Mall; stop by the Parents & Family Tent and say hello!

► 9-11 a.m. – Tours and Open Houses
Faculty and staff from a variety of schools will be on hand to tour and meet families.

► University Residences Parent Association Tailgate Tent - 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Join us for refreshments at the University Residences Parent Association hospitality tent located in front of Owen Hall. Residence hall staff will be there to answer questions and provide information on how to get involved in our parent association.

► 12 noon – Football Game vs. Northern Illinois
For ticket info, call 765-494-3194 or 800-49-SPORT or order online.

► Immediately following the game – Boilermaker BBQ
Relax and enjoy music by local artists. Various family activities will be available, including spin art, outdoor games and Purdue trivia. Cost for dinner is $11.50 for adults and $6.00 for children (limit 1 entree) under 10, cash only. Tickets can only be purchased at the event. The event will be held on the Purdue Memorial Union front lawn. In case of rain, the event will be held at the Union Commons in the Purdue Memorial Union.

► 4-11 p.m. – Additional activities
Hosted by a variety of student organizations and departments.