

CHRL October 2015 Newsletter



A message from the chair: Troy L. Seppelt

We made it to October! Congrats on working through staff training, move-in weekends, parent conversations, facilities issues, those first conduct meetings, staff development sessions, initial and ongoing roommate conflicts, and everything else you have managed since the beginning of this school year. I hope that each of you received some recognition and thanks for all of your work. **From my many conversations with students, parents, and campus colleagues alike – know that your work is appreciated. Echoing those who have said it, and the many who have not, thank you for all you do.**

The start of the school year also signifies the half-way point of our *Commission Year*. For those who missed previous notes, the Commission for Housing and Residential Life considers the time between the ACPA national conventions, so from March to March, as our *Commission Year*. We use the twelve months to guide our goals and measure our accomplishments on behalf of the Commission and the profession.

In June CHRL posted an infographic about our first quarter, so from the Tampa convention in March until June 1. You can find this infographic at <https://magic.piktochart.com/output/6482249-chrl-1st-quarter-updates>

We are currently working on a summary of our work to date and we will share this soon. Without giving too much away I would simply share that your Commission continues to deliver on our goals for this Commission Year. Our membership and membership involvement continues to grow, the Commission has offered a lot of professional development opportunities (with more to come), and we are busy restructuring the Commission itself so we can be even more effective. Again, we will share the complete update soon.

And in the interest of the Commission and looking forward, I very quickly I would ask you to look elsewhere in this newsletter for two very important pieces. They are about:

- 1) **Nominating a fantastic colleague or two for the Commission Directorate Body** and
- 2) **Recognizing great work by nominating them for a CHRL Award.**

Help the Commission continue to grow by nominating leaders as well as recognize the great work of housing and reslife colleagues across the world.

Take care,
Troy

It is time to recognize excellent and outstanding contributions
in the field of student housing and residence life!



ACPA's Commission for Housing and Residential Life is again seeking to recognize excellent and outstanding contributions in the field of student housing and residence life. The Awards Committee will review nominations and names of recipients will be announced at the Awards Recognition Ceremony at the annual conference. All institutions are encouraged to participate in this program by nominating deserving individuals and programs. Nominations are being accepted now and will close **at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time Friday, October 30, 2015.**

Nominations must be submitted online
at <https://form.jotform.com/Natewint/CHRLAwards>

Awards will be given in the following categories:

Outstanding Research Award: This award is given to an individual who has completed an outstanding research project of educational and intrinsic value to the student housing practitioner between March 2015 and March 2016.

Outstanding Innovation Award: This award is presented to university or department who designed, implemented, and evaluated an outstanding innovation during the previous year.

Outstanding Use of Technology Award: This award is presented to individual or institution who designed, implemented, and evaluated an outstanding method of using technology during the previous year.

Outstanding Undergraduate Student Staff Member

Award: This award is presented to an outstanding undergraduate student employed in a paraprofessional staff position between March 2015 and March 2016.

Outstanding Graduate Student Staff Member Award: This award is presented to an outstanding full-time graduate student employed in a paraprofessional staff position between March 2015 and March 2016.

Outstanding New Professional in Residence Life Award: This award is given to an individual in the first three years of professional employment who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to her/his campus and/or the housing profession.

Outstanding Experienced Professional Award: (There are two categories: 4-9 years of service and 10 or more years of service). This award is given to an individual with 4 or more years of professional employment who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to her/his campus and/or the housing profession.

A webinar on award submissions will be held at 3 p.m. Eastern Time Monday, October 19. Please click this link to register for the webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7332490580748761346>

If you encounter any issues submitting your nomination, please contact Nathan Winters at WintersN@missouri.edu.

Updates from the workgroups!!

- **Advising & Leadership**

The Advising and Leadership workgroup would like to highlight CHRL Elections. We are currently accepting nominations for Directorate Body and Chair Elect through the ACPA Nomination process!

Are you interested in serving on the CHRL? Do you know someone who would make a positive impact on our work in housing and residence life? **Please [nominate](#) yourself or an ACPA colleague to run for an elected position within CHRL! This year, we will be electing eight Directorate Body members and one Chair Elect.** Please see our [website](#) for the position descriptions of these roles.

The nomination form can be found [here](#). *On the nomination form, please include if you are making the nomination for the Chair Elect position in the “comments” section.*

There are many reasons to serve in an elected role on the CHRL, including:

- Leading professional development opportunities by designing webinars, workshops, and institutes
- Expanding your writing experience through papers, newsletters, and other publications
- Networking with fellow housing and residence life professionals from across the world
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Please take a moment to [nominate](#) yourself or an ACPA colleague now!

Thank you! As always, if you are interested in getting involved with projects related to the Advising & Leadership workgroup, please email Ali at guokas@nyu.edu.

