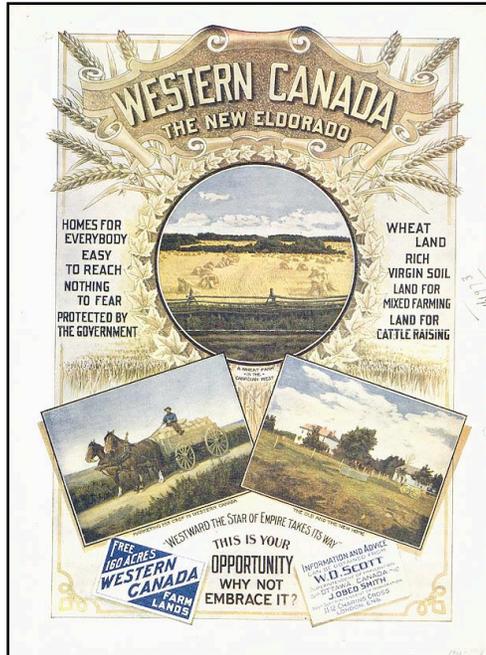


Hallways

Welcome!

A new year, a new set of students, and a new edition of Hallways!



Hello everyone and welcome to 2010's first edition of Hallways! The format has changed a little bit, but you'll get a full explanation at the Fall Business Meeting, kindly hosted by the University of Calgary.

I'm your "host" for the next little while as the Communications Executive for the RLPA. My name is Craig Whitton, and if there's anything you need or would like to see, send me an e-mail at [craig.whitton@fo.ualberta.ca!](mailto:craig.whitton@fo.ualberta.ca)

Everyone has some pretty busy schedules these days, so we decided to take Hallways in a slightly different direction.

Instead of a multi-page publication, Hallways will serve to remind you of important upcoming dates and major events, and occurrences around the RLPA, all in one (albeit double sided!) page.

One key major happening that you may not already be aware of has been going on for several months already: The re-design of the RLPA Website! More detail on everything in this newsletter can be found by pointing your web browser to www.rlpa.ca - Stay tuned as we add more functionality over the coming months!

COMING SOON...

- Exec Meeting Minutes easily accessed on the website.
- Discussion Forum Software to augment the existing List Serve.

- An Advanced Directory to make finding people even easier!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Fall Business Meeting (Calgary, Alberta) - November 4th and 5th, 2010.

SO WHAT IS THIS RLPA THING ANYWAY?



If you are like me, and new to Alberta and Western Canada, you may find yourself wondering as you navigate your new job “What the heck IS this RLPA thing anyway?”. I think this is best summed up by the [RLPA Constitution](#):

“The purpose of this Association shall be:

- To bring together all post-secondary residence staff members to better serve students and institutions.
- To promote meaningful information exchanges that will help each participating institute accomplish its goals.

- To cooperate with other organizations in the field of housing, residence life, and related areas within post-secondary institutions in Alberta, Canada, and North America.
- To support and encourage the professional development of residence life personnel of member organizations.”

So if you are new to the West’s Student Housing Scene, take a look at the constitution. Or, if you’ve been around a while, refresh your memory a bit! The RLPA is a gold mine of experience, knowledge, and systems that can collectively make the Western Canadian Student Experience the best in the nation.

LEAD CONFERENCE A SUCCESS!

This year’s LEAD Conference was once again a success! Student delegates from all over the RLPA’s coverage area gathered in beautiful Nordegg, Alberta, to share ideas, build connections, and have fun! 14 different institutions sent 114 delegates to this amazing student development opportunity, with a busy schedule of student-presented sessions. This year’s Best in the West award, based on attendee feedback forms, went to Evan Vanderven and Thomas Cowan of the University of Alberta for their presentation on titled “Harnessing a Returner Community”. Delegates from the University of Calgary won the case study competition, while the University of Lethbridge took home the Citizenship award.

No doubt many students will be bringing some great ideas back to their respective institutions, and a special thank you goes to Judy Eyben and her team of organizers for putting together such a great student opportunity.

I WANT TO ADD TO HALLWAYS!

Have something you want to add to Hallways? E-mail me at craig.whitton@fo.ualberta.ca and we’ll make sure it’s in the next issue, slated to hit your inboxes before Christmas!