

MACURH



MIDWEST AFFILIATE OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALLS

“In providing student resources the Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls values diversity, advocacy, integrity, recognition, service, development, and community in on campus learning environments.”

~MACURH Value Statement

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A warm welcome to you, Prospective Institution!

My name is Benjamin White and I am the Regional Director for the Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls, otherwise known as MACURH. I am so glad that you are interested in our national organization as MACURH is a region of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Inc. (NACURH).

NACURH, Inc. is dedicated to providing leadership opportunities to students through working to ensure better living environments to residents of higher education Institutions. Through our regional and national awards we strive to recognize the great achievements of our constituents. And through our regional and national conferences we provide educational opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills, along with their on campus organizations that provide programming to residents.

In this packet you will find more in-depth information regarding what services we offer and how we can provide positive change for your organization. I am sure that you will take the time to read through this document and contact us if you have any questions.

I am always available for a phone call, or you can simply email me at macurh.director@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon. I hope you strongly consider your place in NACURH, Inc. along with the many other schools that have gone before you.

Warmest Regards,

Benjamin White
MACURH Regional Director
NACURH, Inc. National Board of Directors





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On behalf of the entire MACURH region, I would like to express my excitement at your interest in affiliating and becoming involved with the Midwest Affiliate of NACURH, Inc. Speaking as the Regional Co-Advisor, as well as a local advisor, and former student leader within MACURH, I can assure you that you are embarking on a journey that will allow you to expand the reach and breadth of student leadership on your campus!

As an advisor at Iowa State University, where NACURH, Inc. was founded in 1954, and also as Regional Advisor, I can assure you that the programming resources, leadership opportunities, and networking that come with affiliation can have a profound impact on the experiences of everyone within the residence halls on your campus.

With affiliation, you not only gain access to the collective leadership experiences and resources of over 300 other affiliated schools in NACURH, but you also open up numerous doors on your own campus which will enable you to reach the goals and objectives you have set forth for your own organization.

In addition to the wonderful resources for students, MACURH and NACURH provide excellent professional development opportunities for the graduate and professional advisors on your campus. Through communication on listserves, advisor-focused programming at conferences, and networking throughout the year, MACURH is committed to helping develop the advising skills of those within the organization.

MACURH and NACURH are recognized world-wide as incredibly strong and well-established leadership organizations which have served as the stepping stones for countless student affairs professionals.

Through the strong leadership of the Regional Board of Directors, as well as other seasoned student leaders in the organization, MACURH is poised to assist you in furthering all aspects of your residence hall student government organization, and provide you with the resources and experience to achieve anything you set your mind to do!

With these aspects in mind, I would like to once again welcome you to MACURH and the beginning of what will assuredly be a positive, mutually beneficial relationship for years to come. If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me personally at 515.294.2738 or adamf@iastate.edu. I cannot wait to see what the future holds for your organization as a part of MACURH!

Sincerely,

Adam Foley
MACURH Regional Co-Advisor



MACURH and NACURH

MACURH is the Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls. It is comprised of Residence Hall Associations from Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the Canadian province of Manitoba. MACURH is also one of eight regions that make up the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH). The regions are: Great Lakes (GL), North East (NE), Intermountain (I), South Atlantic (SA), South West (SW), Central Atlantic (CA), Pacific (P) and finally the Midwest (M).

NACURH is the largest student-run, non-profit organization in the United States. The purpose of the organization is to "design and facilitate programs and informational services to promote the educational goals of residence hall students through discussion groups, seminars, and speakers at the annual conferences and other means of information exchange through the year."



There are two major ways in which NACURH attempts to fulfill its goals. First is the generation of new and fresh ideas for all college and university campuses by providing an "environment" for those ideas to grow. This "environment" takes the form of conferences, both national and regional, that are attended by member school delegations every year. These conferences provide an opportunity for enhancing leadership skills, developing new program ideas, and revitalizing motivation among delegates. Second is the maintenance of a viable communication network between all colleges and universities. This is best accomplished through the effective use of the NACURH Information Center (NIC), the National Service and Recognition Office (NSRO), and the services they offer, in connection with the National Communications Coordinators from each school. By taking an active role in NACURH and the services it has to offer, your campus will also benefit from the result of NACURH reaching its goals through new programming ideas, and newly developed leadership skills for your residence hall students.

Among all else, NACURH also works with several other professional organizations. Some of these are the American College Personnel Association (ACPA), the Association of College and University Housing Officers International (ACUHO-I), and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).



National Residence Hall Honorary

The National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) is the recognition branch of NACURH and is the only nation wide organization that recognizes on campus leaders. Membership in local chapters is limited to one percent of your school's residence hall population, or 15 members, whichever is larger. As you can see, it is very select group of leaders. Thus being selected into the membership is an honor in which one can take a great amount of pride. Those students who comprise the organization are the best of the best on their local campus.

Even though the main purpose of having an NRHH chapter on your campus is to honor your outstanding leaders, some chapters choose to take the process one step further. Many chapters sponsor on campus leadership workshops and/or speakers, co-sponsor programs with the residence hall government, serve on a housing committee, or establish on campus leadership awards or scholarships. Chapters also participate in community service events and recognition efforts for students and staff on campus.

Every school that is affiliated with NACURH, Inc. is allowed to have an NRHH chapter on their campus. If you have any questions or you would like to get a chapter started, please contact your Regional Associate Director of NRHH or feel free to contact the NACURH Information Center.

NACURH History

NACURH was founded at Iowa State University at the Midwest Dormitory Conference in 1954. The first conference was organized, on part of Iowa State Residence Halls Government, that an organization was needed to encourage the exchange of information and ideas. Four schools - Iowa State University, University of Colorado, University of Missouri, and University of Northern Iowa were in attendance. At the 1961 conference, the Inter-Mountain Residence Hall Association affiliated with ACURH. The organization was renamed the National Association of College and University Residence Halls.

Two regional organizations were created within NACURH: Inter-Mountain (IACURH) and Midwest (MACURH). The organization continued to grow and at the 1964 National Conference three new regions were created: Pacific Coast (PACURH), North Atlantic (NAACURH), and South Atlantic (SAACURH). In 1968 and 1980, the Midwest region was divided, forming Great Lakes (GLACURH) and South West (SWACURH). The last regional split was in 1990 when the North Atlantic divided into Central Atlantic (CAACURH) and North East (NEACURH) to form the eight regions known today.

In 1971, NACURH became incorporated under the doctrines of the State of Oklahoma. At that point, regional associates became affiliates to NACURH, Inc. In 1972, NACURH designated blue and white as its colors along with an official logo.



NACURH Mission Statement

“NACURH is the leading national organization advocating for the interests and welfare of residence hall students, while also providing opportunities for their personal growth and development. It is an organization of students committed to developing leadership, honoring diversity, recognizing achievement, as well as stimulating engagement and involvement among students who reside in college and university residence halls. Through regional and national programs and services, NACURH provides leadership opportunities for students, shares residence hall programming resources and coordinates activities with appropriate professional associations and business partners.”

NACURH Vision Statement

“The National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Incorporated, recognizes living on campus as an integral part of the college experience, and therefore strives to be the organization of choice for residence hall leaders by providing comprehensive resources for college and university students seeking to create the ultimate residence hall environment and experience.”

NACURH Information Center

The NACURH Information Center (NIC) is the official administrative headquarters of NACURH. It is the job of the NIC to keep all the affiliation records of institutions joining NACURH. They also host the NACURH website (www.nacurh.org), which contains a great deal of information, including affiliation reports, contact information, and links to the regional web pages.

In addition, the NIC updates the Resource Files Index, or RFI, yearly. The RFI is an index that allows you to specifically find programs and reports submitted by NACURH member institutions. Submitted on an annual basis, there are thousands upon thousands of pages covering a wide variety of topics useful to administrators, Resident Assistants, and student groups. Each entry into the RFI contains a file number, the name of the school that submitted the entry, and a brief abstract as to what the entry is regarding. This allows you to find specifically the things that your school needs. The best part is that every NACURH affiliated school receives RFI files for FREE! It is free because it is covered in the affiliation cost. The NIC is also host to the Video Tape Index, or VTI. The VTI contains videos that show programs hosted at a member school that other NACURH institutions might find useful. The VTI works the same as the RFI in that you may order copies from the NIC for a nominal fee to use on your own campus.



NACURH Services and Recognition Office

The NACURH Services and Recognition Office (NSRO) was created to replace the NRHH National Office and to continue supporting the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH). The NSRO provides a host of services to the NRHH as well as all of the NACURH and the eight Regional Affiliates, including a line of NRHH and NACURH merchandise, judging and awarding National Of the Month Awards (OTMs), and acting as a national resource.

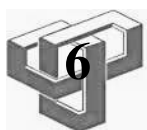
Conferences and Awards

Some of the most fun and exciting opportunities provided by NACURH are conferences. There are three conferences scheduled each year, two on the regional level and one on the national level. These conferences provide student leaders and advisors, from affiliated schools in MACURH/NACURH, the opportunity to meet others in similar positions and discuss programs and issues at their institutions, as well as brainstorm ideas and solutions. Bringing schools together for communication on many levels is the hallmark of all NACURH conferences. These conferences consist of various programming tracks in which students and advisors present programs on events at their campus or issues that are important to student leaders in college.

For advisors, there is a special track of programming that deals with issues specific to on campus student groups. These programs are facilitated by other advisors and generally incorporate a roundtable element to encourage the sharing of concerns as well as questions to those in similar positions.

The regional conferences are broken down into the MACURH Regional Conference in the fall and the No Frills Annual Business Conference held around February. These conferences take place over the chosen weekend starting Friday night and ending on Sunday morning. All affiliated schools are encouraged to attend both conferences.

The MACURH Regional Conference is full of programming sessions presented by schools within the Midwest Region. Each school will be asked to bring their National Communications Coordinator (NCC), their Programming Communications Coordinator (PCC), their National Residence Hall Honorary Representative (NRHH Rep) and a delegation of residence hall students. In addition to programming sessions and social events, the National Communication Coordinators take part in the regional business meeting where they vote on legislation, and award the best bidding school with the Student Award in Leadership Training, an award recognizing an outstanding student training program. NRHH Reps and PCCs also sit in their own boardrooms, where they conduct business pertinent to NRHH and programming, respectively. Residence hall government presidents are also encouraged to attend the MACURH conference, as there are special roundtable discussions facilitated with them in mind. These conferences are a



great experience as well as fun and informative for advisors and students. Each regional conference delegation puts together a “roll call” in which they perform a cheer, song, or skit to introduce themselves and their institution. In addition, delegations create banners and displays for the conference that are judged and awarded at the closing banquet. Throughout the entire conference each delegation is watched and judged on their spirit, and at the closing banquet an award is given out to the most spirited delegation.

The No Frills Annual Business Conference is different from that of the MACURH Conference in the sense that there are no programming sessions or social events. The NCC, PCC, and NRHH Rep are the only ones who attend this conference along with an Advisor and anyone who is in training for any of these positions. It is at No Frills where the majority of award bids are voted on and the next Regional Board of Directors is bid for and elected, and just like MACURH, any legislation that needs to be voted on will also be presented at No Frills. No Frills gives schools the opportunity to have their university, their RHA, their NRHH, or any outstanding person on their campus recognized for their accomplishments. Award bids for the following awards can be written for and voted on by the NCCs, PCCs, and NRHH Reps in attendance:

Mike Grosz Student of the Year
OCM Distinguished Service Award
Dennis Lynch NCC of the Year Award
Mabel Strong Outstanding Advisor of the Year Award
MACURH School of the Year Award
Commitment to Diversity Award
Building Block RHA of the Year Award
NRHH Outstanding Member of the Year Award
NRHH Building Block Chapter of the Year Award
NRHH Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award

The national conference, held in late May, is attended by anywhere from 2,000-3,000 students from all around the nation and world. The conference is four days long and is filled with programming sessions and social events for students and advisors. These programming sessions give schools the opportunity to see what other schools from across the nation are doing on their campuses, and gives great new ideas for programs to be done on your own.

Conferences are a great tool for any institution. They not only allow students from all over the country to get to know each other, they also allow the delegates from any institution to learn more about each other and build stronger working relationships. These conferences are truly amazing experiences. At first, it can be a bit disorienting to see so many people cheering and chanting, but to see so much energy and excitement for residence hall living is very encouraging. In addition, all our conferences are completely substance free and it is a great feeling to see so many college students having fun without the use of alcohol or other drugs. The energy generated by these conferences is carried back to the students’ home institution and is truly something that has to be experienced to be believed.



What is an NCC, PCC, or NRHH Rep?

National Communications Coordinator (NCC)

A NCC is one of the essential positions on a university Residence Hall Association's executive board. The NCC is the primary means of communication between his or her RHA and NACURH. The NCC does this by maintaining the schools affiliation status, choosing delegations to go to conferences, serving as the RHA's vote in conferences (if an affiliated member), and relaying information and networking opportunities to the RHA from NACURH. The NCC could be part of the executive board or be a member of the RHA. This is dependent on the structure of the school's RHA.

Programming Communications Coordinator (PCC)

PCCs are student representatives from schools in the Midwest that deal with programming matters during regional conferences. During conference they discuss awards such as Program of the Year (POY) and the Student Award for Leadership Training (SALT), select the next AD-Programming (at each No Frills), vote on programming grants, and discuss other programming related issues. PCCs also send in monthly reports about programming and are in charge of organizing projects for the regional philanthropy specific to their campus.

NRHH Representative (NRHH Rep)

An NRHH Rep is a selected member of a school's NRHH Chapter sent to represent them in regional and national matters of NRHH. This can include specific awards like NRHH Chapter of the Year or important matters of legislation concerning the advances of the organization.

The MACURH Website

The MACURH Website, macurh.nacurh.org, is a very useful resource to many schools throughout the region and is a hallmark for its communication. You can find new updates as well as newsletters, the MACURH Photo Gallery, and blogs from Regional and National Board Members on the main page. If you go to the navigation panel at the top of the page you can search through to find info about MACURH including introductory definitions and contact info, look through the different subregions (north, central, and south) consisting of all the schools affiliated within MACURH if you wanted to communicate with them for more info, frequently asked questions about affiliation, and important resources specific to the needs of those affiliated with MACURH and NACURH. Please feel free to browse the website for more information and if you have any questions you can contact the MACURH Webmaster, Jacob Sherry, at macurh.sp@gmail.com.



Regional Board of Directors

MACURH is an entirely student ran organization, with professionals on hand to advise as needed. The members of the Regional Board of Directors (RBD) are the leadership of the region. Each is responsible for a different topic or geographic area in the region. In addition, the conference chairs for our two regional conferences sit on the RBD to better facilitate communication with the conference staff and provide the best possible experiences to our affiliated schools. The contact information for each member can be found below.

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Affiliating with MACURH and NACURH

There are many exciting opportunities for your school to take advantage of with MACURH. We invite you to take the first step by becoming a member school. Listed below are the options for membership. We also strongly encourage you to attend one of MACURH conferences this year, even if you choose not to affiliate, and create your own new and fascinating experiences. Attending a conference is a good way for you to understand what MACURH is all about and how we can help you to improve residential life on your campus.

NACURH Membership Options

Associate Membership

\$35.00 one-year trial membership

You'll get a free Resource File Index Supplement

100 Free Resource File Index pages

You can attend conferences, but will have no voting rights in the boardroom

Small School Membership

For institutions with an on-campus population of under 1,000

\$85.00 yearly membership fee

Resource File Index Access

You will have voting rights in all business meetings at conferences

Large School Membership

For institutions with an on-campus population of over 1,000

\$110.00 yearly membership fee

Resource File Index Access

You will have voting rights in all business meetings at conferences

If you would like to affiliate with MACURH and NACURH, or attend a conference as a non-member, please contact **Benjamin White** the Regional Director, at macurh.director@gmail.com, or contact **Jacob Sherry** at macurh.sp@gmail.com. If you would like to create and/or affiliate and NRHH Chapter, please contact **Aaron Baker** at macurh.rad@gmail.com.

Also, please visit the MACURH website for more info on affiliation as well as a more in depth look into the region. <http://macurh.nacurh.org/affiliation.html>

