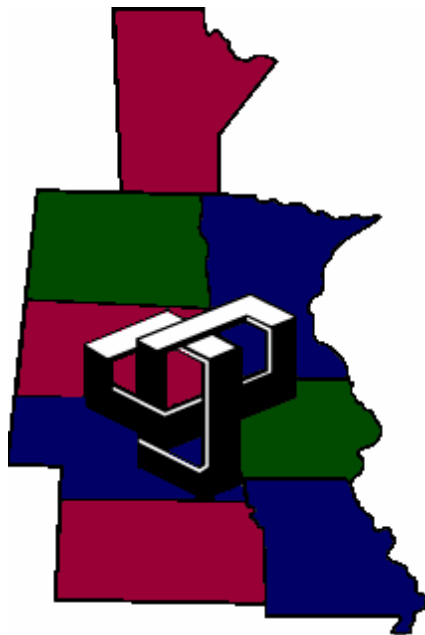


MACURH



“In providing student resources the Midwest Affiliate of College & University Residence Halls values Diversity, Advocacy, Integrity, Recognition, Service, Development, and Community in on campus learning environments”

-MACURH Values Statement



National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Inc.

"Student Voice in the Residence Halls"
NACURH, Inc.

Dear Prospective School,

Greetings! My name is Daryl R. Lawrence and I am the Regional Director for the Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (MACURH). It is my extreme pleasure to send you this packet on my organization. MACURH, which is one of the regions of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Inc. (NACURH), is a great leadership organization devoted to students living in residence halls across the midwest.

In this packet, you will find information about NACURH, MACURH, the conferences we hold, what services we offer, and who to contact to get involved. I hope that you take time to read through these materials and consider what great opportunities await your on campus students.

If you have any questions, or wish to begin the affiliation process, I urge you to contact me. My e-mail is macurh.director@gmail.com, and I typically respond to messages within twenty-four hours. I look forward to hearing from you and wish you a very successful school year.

Sincerely,
Daryl R. Lawrence
Regional Director
Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls



Dear Prospective School,

I am writing on behalf of the University of St. Thomas' Residence Hall Association to inform you of our beneficial experience with MACURH and NACURH. The University of St. Thomas' RHA has been affiliated with these national organizations for many years. Although many other schools have similar forms of residence government to our own, we would encourage others to affiliate with this organization to improve the life of on-campus students.

The University of Saint Thomas has a very active RHA and we've found that our affiliation with the regional and national groups has strengthened us all the more. It has made it possible to keep in contact with other schools regarding how other schools run their RHA, in addition to many other useful services.

My position on the executive board of RHA at the University of St. Thomas is the National Communications Coordinator (NCC). I am the regional and national representative and contact for the University of St. Thomas' RHA. I attend weekly chats both on the subregional and regional level to keep updated on legislation in the organization, discuss any upcoming conferences, and get ideas from other schools about programming or how to solve current problems in our RHA.

The conferences are another way RHA has benefited from being affiliated with NACURH. Every year there are three main conferences that NCCs and delegates may attend. MACURH happens in the fall of each year and is a conference for the Midwestern region of schools. This conference offers three days of networking with other schools, attending information and programming sessions on how to improve every aspect of your RHA, an opportunity to bid for your school to win regional awards and a great way to get your school's name publicized. Each region has their regional conference. NACURH is very similar except it is a week long and much bigger because all affiliated schools in the nation attend it. No Frills is a conference held early in the year, about February and is on the regional level. It was mainly based around legislation and bidding so only the vital delegates, such as NCCs, PCCs, and sometimes Presidents are brought.

The University of St. Thomas has attended all of these conferences for years and has brought approximately 12 representatives each time, enabling us to get as much out of this great opportunity as possible. Our bidding at these conferences, in just the past few years, for Student of the Year, RHA Building Block (both of which we won at MACURH), and President of the Year have made the University of St. Thomas nationally renowned as a school with a strong residence hall government.

As an NCC I have been able to take part in "corporate" at NACURH. This is a legislative session that gives NCCs a say in how NACURH, an international corporation, is organized. We pass various amendments and change the NACURH Policy Book to do everything from simply changing the wording of things to changing the location of the NACURH Information Center.

As the official representative of my school, I am proud to say that our affiliation with MACURH and NACURH has helped us tremendously. It gives schools the opportunity to talk to about RHA with other schools that may have experienced the same situation. When I have needed help with programming ideas, how to keep retention rates up or simply to chat with someone that knows exactly what you are having to go through, I have found that the friends I have made through MACURH and NACURH and the information this organization has available has proven invaluable to our work here at the University of St. Thomas.

Sincerely,
Matthew R. Mehlhoff
National Communications Coordinator 2006-2007
University of St. Thomas



Dear Prospective School,

I write to you in hopes of seeing you in the near future. The vast opportunities and leadership developments that occur in this organization are unquantifiable.

Saint Cloud State University has been affiliated with NACURH and MACURH for decades. The improvement of our campus Resident Hall Association is highly visible due to the guidance and help of MACURH and NACURH.

You may ask HOW being affiliated has made an impact on Saint Cloud State University. The answer is the resources. Being affiliated with MACURH gives you the chance to connect with the surrounding schools in this great region. An example of this is a change that our RHA made just last year. We had a funding issue for the organization, so we did our research. We looked at how other schools funded themselves and asked the school what they would suggest to do. Also, NACURH has a Resource File Index that we used to gather documents containing information on proposing a funding change, how to make it receptive to students, and basically how to make it work.

Throughout the years, there have been many examples of ways that MACURH and NACURH have helped us out. However, being affiliated has also affected students as well. At each conference I have been to I have seen new student leaders become enlightened by what they have seen and heard. While they went to workshops and speakers, they also had a great time being at the conference. The whole event is a win-win situation.

As the president of my campus' RHA I personally have grown by the conferences I went to. With that, I have also seen the big student leaders of Saint Cloud State University such as ambassadors, presidents, and advisors go through these conferences and come out more enthusiastic and confident than ever. MACURH and NACURH offer a chance for affiliated schools to be recognized, gain experience with presenting programs, host conferences or retreats, and get connected. Networking has been the best thing that has ever happened to Saint Cloud State University.

We've grown. We've changed. We've prospered!

Like I said, the benefits are unquantifiable! Besides what is the worst that could happen???

Hope to see your school in the near future!

Sincerely,
Joshua Lee
President, Resident Hall Association 2006-2007
Saint Cloud State University



Dear Prospective School,

I'm writing to you at the request of my (and hopefully your's soon) RCC-Regional Communications Coordinator. I am the PCC-Programming Communications Coordinator of my Residence Hall Association's executive board.

As a PCC it is my job to create and implement a variety of programs for the students living in our residence halls to attend. The programs the PCC normally creates fall into several categories: academic programs, social programs and informational/awareness programs. Last year, the individual who held this position brought an existing program presented at a conference and held it as a program at our school. The program focused on diversity and the prevalence of racism within our modern society.

One of the hardest parts of being involved with the Residence Hall Association on my campus is creating a balance between my academics with my extracurriculars, as well as leaving time for me to be the social butterfly I am. My credo, and I do stick by this, is that academics must come first. It is great to be able to attend a million and one meetings for clubs and groups which interest me, but if my grades start to fall, what was the point? Extracurriculars exist for college students so they have things to do when they are not studying or are in class, not as the only thing that should be in a student's life. They are, simply, extras. I find it necessary to plan my class schedule so I attend class at a time of day when I know I will be at my most attentive. If you know you need to sleep-in until noon to be able to give your best during class, then so be it. When one is bombarded with a plethora of activities, clubs, and groups to join it can be tempting to do everything. Yet, there is no point in being completely involved in many things, but not having the time or energy to attend or participate in the interests of your choice. When I choose the groups and clubs of which most interest me, I am able to have fun and socialize within a setting that can aid me in building a well-rounded graduate school résumé. What I really want to convey to you is the ability to integrate your residence hall government or association to your academics and your social life. If your residence hall association/government is anything like ours you'll understand and empathize with me when I say, 'RHA is my life...' Being able to make time for RHA in my academic schedule is difficult, but it is easier with planning. I make sure I plan what I'll be doing each week in classes and from there I work RHA into my schedule. It is silly to try and plan class around RHA, because you are a student first and a member of RHA second.

Once you are involved with the residence hall association on a regional level, you are opening yourself to new and priceless opportunities. As a member of MACURH (Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls) you are invited to the national conference or NACURH (National Association of College and University Residence Halls). Last year, NACURH was held in Berkeley, California. It was amazing to be in an area completely different from Minnesota in temperature and in culture. Now, I know you wouldn't think there would be a huge culture difference, but it was found in the little things. For example, I was thrust into an atmosphere of complete diversity. At NACURH I was surrounded by people from thousands of cultures and backgrounds, with the common interest in supporting and improving their school's residence halls. It was amazing! One of the most memorable moments was when a group from the east coast commented on this theory of 'Midwest Nice'. I had never heard of this before, but I soon found out that our region of the nation was known for producing polite and generally



considerate individuals. Now, you can choose to take this as you will, but I was completely intrigued to find out how we are viewed by others in our nation. On another note, simply traveling to a different part of our nation was a shock. Going to NACURH opened my eyes to different aspects of residence halls, sure, but it also allowed me to become aware of the different individuals and what they valued in their residence halls.

As a programmer, I tend to gravitate to areas of the conference which dealt with different programs I could bring back to my university. At NACURH there were programs ranging from parliamentary procedure, to running an effective meeting, to putting on a grand fundraiser, to finally the best way to deal with a belligerent roommate. At conferences you can choose which programs you want to attend, and thus go to programs where you know you'll benefit the most. From NACURH I brought back ideas of how to integrate first year students into school activities, as well as ways to market my programs to a greater variety of students in the residence halls.

All of this information is good know, but what I really want you to take from this letter is how RHA has improved me as an individual. When I joined RHA I was an average student, but now I'm a student leader. With this title comes a great number of responsibilities as well as perks. I am able to access my office 24 hours a day; this means I am able to work at any moment I find inspiration. I'm also allowed to meet with University officials to promote change at my school. My involvement with RHA has enabled me to ensure other vegetarians are able to eat an entire meal in the cafeteria, and not just side items. I have been able to develop and improve people skills from experience alone. It is obvious I have a lot of responsibility, but with the responsibility I take on I am able to gain respect and admiration from my peers as well as advisors and staff members I encounter.

RHA was one of the best decisions I made my freshman year. It has opened new doors for me in my school as well as on a regional, even national level. I hope I hear from you soon, and your affiliation with the region is successful.

Sincerely,
Colleen Mays
Programming Communications Coordinator 2006-2007
Minnesota State University, Mankato



Alphabet Soup

Almost everything in our organization can be shortened to an acronym. Here's a guide to help you keep it all straight!

NACURH = National Association of College and University Residence Halls

NACURH has 8 regional affiliates

CAACURH = Central Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls

GLACURH = Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls

IACURH = Intermountain Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls

MACURH = Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls

NEACURH = North East Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls

PACURH = Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls

SAACURH = South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls

SWACURH = South West Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls

NACURH's Corporate Partner:

OCM = On-Campus Marketing

Some of NACURH's major services are:

RFI = Resource File Index

VTI = Video Tape Index

NACURH's Two National Offices:

NIC = NACURH Information Center

NSRO = National Services and Recognition Office

Awards are recognition tools for member schools:

OTM = Of The Month awards

OTY = Of The Year awards

POY = Program Of the Year award

SALT = Student Award for Leadership Training

SOY = Student (or School) Of the Year award

AAFN = Association of Alumni and Friends of NACURH

Position acronyms:

AD = Associate (or Assistant) Director

CRC = Conference Resource Consultant

NAA = National Associate of Administration

NAF = National Associate of Finance

NBD = National Board of Directors

NCC = National Communications Coordinator

NRHH = National Residence Hall Honorary

PCC = Programming Communications Coordinator

RBD = Regional Board of Directors

RCC = Regional Communication Coordinator

MACURH has 3 subregions

North = Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Manitoba

Central = Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska

South = Missouri

NACURH works with professional organizations:

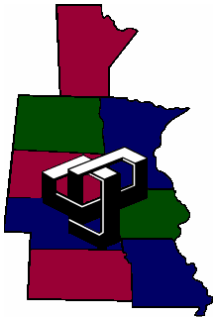
ACPA = American College Personnel Association

ACUHO-I = Association of College and University Housing Officers-International

NASPA = National Association of Student Personnel Administrators



MACURH and NACURH



MACURH is the Midwest Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls. It is comprised of Residence Hall Associations from these states: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the Canadian province of Manitoba.

MACURH is one of 8 regions that make up NACURH, which is the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. The regions are: GLACURH (Great Lakes), NEACURH (Northeast), IACURH (Intermountain), SAACURH (South Atlantic), SWACURH (Southwest), CAACURH (Central Atlantic), MACURH (Midwest), and PACURH (Pacific).

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 schools 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, the National Service and Recognition Office, and the services they offers, in connection with the National Communications Coordinator from each school.

By taking an active role in NACURH and the services it has to offer, each resident hall student can help this organization accomplish its basic goal of improving residence halls nationwide.



History of NACURH

The National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Inc. was founded at Iowa State University at the Midwest Dormitory Conference in 1954. The first meeting was organized as a result of a feeling, on the part of the Iowa State Residence Halls Government, that such 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 this first conference.

The following spring, the organization met on the campus of the University of Missouri. At this time, the name was changed to the Association of College and University Residence Halls. During the 1961 conference at Oklahoma State University, the Inter-Mountain Residence Hall association affiliated with ACURH. At this conference, the organization was renamed the National Association of College and University Residence Halls. (NACURH). With this change, two regional organizations were created within NACURH: the Inter-Mountain (IACURH) and Midwest Affiliates (MACURH).

The organization continued to grow, and at the 1964 National Conference at the University of Denver, three (3) new regions were created: Pacific Coast (PACURH), North Atlantic (NAACURH), and south Atlantic (SAACURH). In 1968, the Midwest region was divided to form the Midwest (MACURH) and the Great Lakes Affiliates (GLACURH). In 1980, the Midwest region was divided again to form the Southwest (SWACURH) region. NACURH's current structure of eight regions came with the last regional split in 1990 when the North Atlantic divided into the Central Atlantic (CAACURH) and the North East Affiliates (NEACURH).

On November 16, 1971, NACURH became incorporated under the doctrines of the State of Oklahoma. At that time, regional associates became affiliates to NACURH, Inc. In February of 1972, NACURH designated blue and white as its organizational colors, as well as adopting an official logo. In 1997, NACURH was reorganized as a tax-exempt corporation, allowing for the organization to look into investment of contingency funds to increase long-term financial stability of the organization.

NACURH is a continually evolving organization committed to serving the needs and wants of member institutions. Countless initiatives have been taken during NACURH's history towards making life better for students living in the residence halls. Recent trends such as international expansion and utilizing technology to increase accessibility of information prove that NACURH will continue to serve schools well into the 21st century.



NACURH Vision and Mission Statements

“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.”

-The Vision Statement of NACURH

“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 best practices, and coordinates activities with appropriate professional associations and business partners.”

-The Mission Statement of NACURH



NACURH Information Center and the NACURH Services and Recognition Office

The NACURH Information Center, or 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.

The NACURH Information Center also produces handbooks for NCCs, advisors, and organization presidents. These handbooks contain information that help these people to do their job to the best of their ability. They can also be downloaded online at: www.nacurh.org/resources.php.

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 is given 100 free pages every year! After the allotted hundred pages, there is a nominal fee, just 5 cents a page, to help cover duplication costs, paper, and postage.

Along with the RFI, the NACURH Information Center 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.

The NACURH Services and Recognition Office (NSRO) was created to replace the NRHH National Office and continue supporting the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) as a service of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls (NACURH).

The NSRO provides a host of services to the NRHH as well as all of the NACURH and the 8 Regional Affiliates, including a line of NRHH and NACURH merchandise, judging and awarding National OTMs and serving as a general resource.





NRHH is an important part of the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Inc. (NACURH). It is designed to give local, regional and national recognition to students making outstanding contributions to on campus living at their college and/or university. NACURH firmly believes in the value of student involvement in residence life through community service, social, educational, and diversity programs.

Realizing the value of participation, students have contributed vast amounts of their personal time in an effort to make their own college experiences more meaningful to them. This effort not only benefits them but the entire on campus living system at their school as well. It is also a time for residents to give back to new students who are starting their journey in college.

NRHH exists to honor these students. These are the people who work hard and all too often go unnoticed without even so much as a thank you. That is the fundamental purpose of an NRHH Chapter...recognition. NRHH is the only nationwide 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.

NRHH also has a business partner in what most students know as the NRHH National Office. The NRHH National Office is located and run by one school for a period of 2 or 3 years at a time. The office has many devices to aid a chapter in the effort to recognize your leaders. Some of these include National Membership certificates, National Membership Pins, as well as awards given to local chapters for outstanding service. In addition, they work with affiliation, NRHH merchandise, and represent NRHH on the National Board of Directors (NBD).

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 Association (RHA or ARH), 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.

The important thing to remember is that your chapter can be as active as you members deem appropriate. Each chapter is encouraged to be a highly active chapter. Many chapters have made a profound difference on their campus by the actions that they take each and every day.

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 NRHH National Office.

In 1964, the National Association of College and University Residence Halls, Inc. (NACURH) found itself with financial difficulties. Jim Tschechtelin, NACURH Chair, began investigating possibilities for potential revenue sources and grants. Grants were found, but there were two requirements: a central NACURH office had to be established, and the member schools needed more service rendered. Thus, the National Honorary was put forth as an answer to the second requirement.



During the preliminary organization, the National Honorary (NH) focused on the incorporation of old into new. Campuses with existing honorary organizations were contacted and coordinated into the NH structure. The preservation of a chapter's identity was primary, as it was incorporated into the NH structure, and as each campus is aware of its own individual needs. The primary focus of each chapter became the recognition of the Residence Hall Leaders on its campus. This helped sustain a consistent membership in on campus organizations as well as on the regional and national levels within NACURH.

1977 to 1987 were the years of growth for the National Honorary. Pins and certificates were produced to recognize the members of the honorary, the tradition of regional and national receptions during the conferences began, and formal recruitment and affiliation packets were produced. Regional Recruiter (now Associate Directors) positions on regional boards were also established. Many awards were established including the Of The Months, Outstanding Chapter of the Year, Building Block Chapter of the Year, and Member of the Year.

Today, over 210 chapters are affiliated with the National Residence Hall Honorary National Office. Activities of the chapters vary from campus to campus. Some simply induct new members at an annual recognition banquet, and thus are only an honorary chapter. Others are extremely active on their campuses and in their communities.

Membership selection can be done once a semester. NRHH looks for the "Top 1% of the student leaders on campus". Those students are those who have contributed extraordinary amounts of personal time and energy in order to make the residence halls "more than a dorm" and on campus living as great as it can possibly be.

In 2004 at the NACURH annual conference at St. Louis University in downtown St. Louis, NRHH celebrated it's 40th anniversary as an organization.

MACURH NRHH was formed from the 1964 decision of NACURH. Today in MACURH, 36 chapters are affiliated on the regional level and represent the region on the national level by attending conferences and other events.

The official logo of MACURH is "Molly the Moo Cow". In addition, the official logo of NRHH in MACURH (as adopted in 2004) is a cow with the NRHH diamond embossed on the center of the cow's body. The logo has been created as a lapel pin and is available for purchase by every NRHH member and chapter in the Midwest region.

The OTM program recognizes people in different capacities who go above and beyond the call of duty during a particular month. Members of your Residence Life staff, Hall Government, and NRHH members may all nominate people for several Of the Month Awards. Each school's NRHH chapter will select one campus wide winner for each category each month. The school will then send the award information to the Regional Associate Director of NRHH, who, with the help of a committee, will select a regional OTM winner in each category and send the OTM on to the NRHH National Office for national competition. Schools without an NRHH chapter may also participate in the OTM program. Nominees can be submitted through your school's National Communications Coordinator, or designated representative.



Regional Award Guide

Awards are used in our region to recognize outstanding leaders, programs, development, goal completion, and campus organizations. What follows is a short description of each award.

Mike Grosz Student of the Year Award

This award is designed to recognize outstanding service to MACURH by an individual who has been directly affiliated with the organization.

OCM Distinguished Service Award

This award is designed to recognize distinguished student leadership while serving the MACURH region and the member school.

Dennis Lynch NCC of the Year Award- Sponsored by OCM

This award is designed to recognize an outstanding NCC who has provided leadership both on campus and on the regional and national levels.

Mabel Strong Outstanding Advisor Award

This award is designed to recognize advisors who have shown outstanding service and dedication to the MACURH region.

MACURH School of the Year Award

The MACURH School of the Year Award recognizes outstanding achievements on the campus level by a residence hall government, as well as regional and national contributions.

Program of the Year Award

The POY award recognizes an exemplary social or service program that has occurred within the region in the past year.

Student Award for Leadership Training

The SALT award recognizes an outstanding student training program put on on a campus, organization, or hall level.

Commitment to Diversity Award

The Commitment to Diversity Award is given to a school that involves a student-directed year-long and campus wide commitment to awareness and education of residential students concerning diversity issues.

Building Block RHA of the Year Award

This award was created to recognize those RHAs that have made significant steps in the development of their RHA. The award is designed to honor the RHA that displays tremendous effort and improvement in their residence hall environment from the previous academic year to the present.



NRHH Outstanding Member of the Year Award

This award recognizes the outstanding service to NRHH and MACURH by an individual who has been directly affiliated with both organizations.

NRHH Building Block Chapter of the Year Award

This award is awarded to a chapter that shows outstanding growth and development on the campus, subregional, regional, and national levels during the year of nomination.

NRHH Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award

This is the highest honor an NRHH Chapter can attain. The award recognizes outstanding achievements of an NRHH chapter on all levels.

Four-Year Service Pin

This pin is given to an individual who has been directly affiliated with the organization for a minimum of four years and who has given their time and energy to improve their residential living environment.

Silver Pin

This award is the highest honor an individual can attain within their region. Only eight per year are given out at the Regional Director's discretion. This pin is given to individuals who have provided leadership and direction to their region and nation.



Regional Board of Directors

MACURH is an entirely student-run organization, with a professional on hand to advise as needed. The Regional Board of Directors (RBD) is the leadership of the region. Each member 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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Conferences

Some of the most fun and exciting opportunities provided by NACURH are conferences. There are three conferences scheduled each year, two on the regional and one on the national level. These conferences provide student leaders and advisors, from our member schools, the opportunity to meet others in similar positions and discuss programs and problems 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, from affiliated schools in MACURH/NACURH, present programs on events at their campus or issues that are important to student leaders in college. These sessions provide a great deal of information for student leaders to bring back and try out at their own schools.

For advisors, there is a special track of programming that deals with issues specific to advisors of on-campus student groups. These programs are facilitated by other advisors and generally incorporate a round-table element to encourage advisors to share concerns and ask questions of those in similar positions.

The regional conferences are broken down into the MACURH Regional Conference in the fall (generally the first or second weekend in November) and the No Frills Conference, held in the winter (early to mid-February). These conferences take place from Friday night to Saturday night, with schools staying until Sunday morning for breakfast before the big ride home. There are roughly 50 schools represented at the MACURH regional conference (about 600 students) and 35 schools in attendance at the No Frills conference (about 150 students).

Students and advisors stay in a local hotel, with the actual conference activity taking place on the campus of the host school. In addition to programming sessions and social events, the National Communication Coordinators take part in the regional business meeting where they vote on legislation, award recipients and have elections for the following year. NRHH representatives and PCCs also sit in their own boardrooms, where they conduct business pertinent to NRHH and programming, respectively. Residence hall government presidents are encouraged to attend conferences, 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.

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. There are approximately 5 programming sessions with a multitude of programs to choose from. The “Top 33” program session allows delegates to see these incredible programs if they missed them the first time around, and highlight the best presenters the conference has to offer!

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. Attending a conference is truly a team experience. Delegations must work together closely to get ready for a conference. Each regional conference delegation conference 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.

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.

Conferences This Academic Year
MACURH 2007- “Stars Today, Leaders Tomorrow”
North Dakota State University
October 26-28, 2007

No Frills 2008- “The Bear Minimum”
Northwest Missouri State University
February 15-17, 2008

NACURH 2008
Oklahoma State University
May 15-18, 2008

Hope to see you there!



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 residence 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

\$70.00 yearly membership fee

Resource File Index Supplement

100 Free Resource File Index pages

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

\$90.00 yearly membership fee

Resource File Index Supplement

100 Free Resource File Index pages

You will have voting rights in all business meetings at conferences

If you would like to affiliate with NACURH and MACURH, or attend a conference as a non-member, please contact Daryl R. Lawrence, the Regional Director, at macurh.director@gmail.com, or get in contact with any other member of the Regional Board of Directors.

Also, please visit the NACURH website for more affiliation info- www.nacurh.org/faq.php.

