

This edition of the OWU Staff Council Newsletter gives **kudos to the dedicated team in Residential Life.** When you see them on campus, we hope you'll greet them by name and thank them for the important work they do.

Approximately 74% of a college student's week *doesn't* include studying or going to class. Many students have jobs, play a varsity sport or intramurals, and stay involved in multiple clubs and organizations. Most spend the majority of their time on the residential side of campus. And that's where the superstars of Res Life take over.



**Res Life employs
57 students.**

52 Resident Assistants
and Moderators
and 5 Office Assistants

MEET THE TEAM...



Michelle Cecil
*Stuyvesant Hall and Small
Living Units*



Brian Emerick
Director of Residential Life



A. David Hampshire
Smith Hall and Hayes Hall



Michelle Kinney
*Bashford Hall, Thomson
Hall, Fraternities, and
Williams Drive*



Emily Paetz
*Assistant Director of Resi-
dential Life*



Aron Patton
*Welch Hall, House of Black
Culture, and Honors House*

RESIDENTIAL LIFE
manages nearly
1,500 beds
ACROSS **750** rooms
IN **22** buildings

Behind the Doors *of Res Life*

No single day looks the same for a RLC. They work in an on-call capacity, supporting students 24 hours a day.

First and foremost they work directly with students from mediating roommate disagreements to helping students get the support they need; from connecting students to academic resources to helping a student find a new place to live. Also, they supervise all the Resident Assistants (RAs) and oversee their work within the residential communities.

Our Residential Life Coordinators are involved across the University, taking on roles with the Bishop Way, Spring Break Service projects, University committees, large event planning, new student recruitment initiatives, and more.

“Late Night at Smith” is a monthly late night program utilizing our 24/7 dining. Events have included trivia, bingo, game nights, open mic night, service projects, special events with the library, and more! Events have served anywhere from 20 students to over 100 students.

2019 was an Exciting Year

In the spring, Res Life launched a housing software to better manage placements and billing. Also, they expanded current technology to improve the processes and accessibility for students.

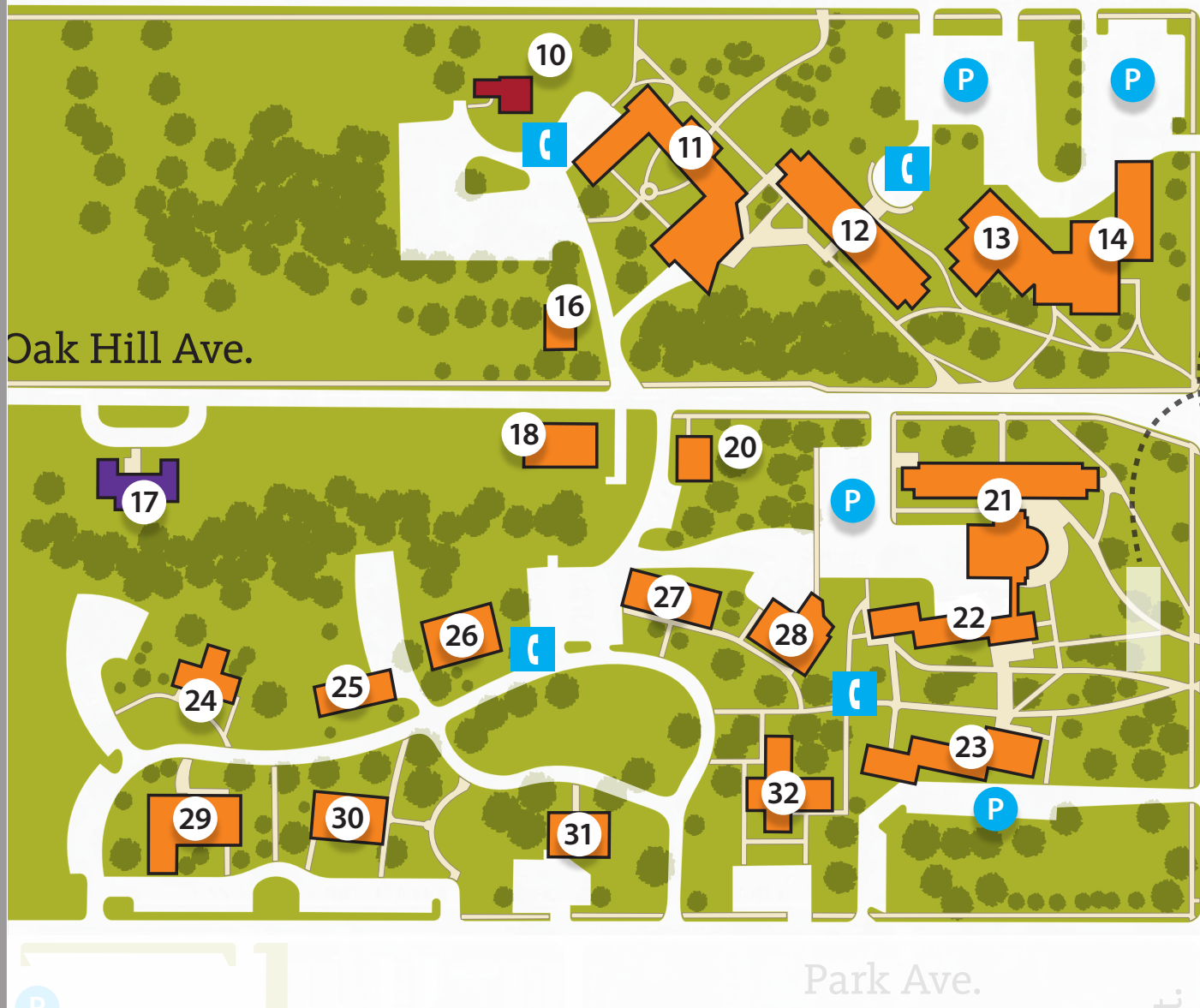
Another milestone for Residential Life was the start of the Smith Hall renovations. Work will be completed in 2 phases: Smith East followed by Smith West in the fall of 2020.

“What will be nice about having a single location for all our first-year students,” says Brian Emerick, “is the ability to support new college students in the specific ways they need to be supported.”

Smith Hall’s new interior will encourage students to spend time outside their personal living space so they make connections that are critical in developing a sense of belonging at OWU.

In addition to new plumbing, electrical, and HVAC, Smith Hall will provide double bedrooms, community bathrooms, lots shared space, and amenities to draw students out of their rooms.

Future Home of **UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS**



H.R. Buzzzzz...

PROMOTIONS & NEW STAFF:

Julia Hatfield '06 | Promoted 1/1/2020
University Advancement, Director of Annual Giving

Rebecca Madison '12 | Promoted 1/29/2020
Athletics, Women's Soccer Head Coach

Aron Patton | 1/13/2020
Residential Life, RLC

Ericka Kurtz | 12/11/2019
University Advancement, Director of Advancement Communications

Kyle Miller | 12/3/2019
OWjL Program, Executive Director

Tiffany Wade | 12/2/2019
Admission, Associate Director of Transfer Admission

Sean Bolender | 12/1/2019
Public Safety, Director of Public Safety



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Upcoming Events

February 25, March 31, and April 28
Spring 2020 "You Are OWU" award dates

March 18 - 19 **Major Madness Rematch Challenge**

April 18 **Golden Bishops Award Ceremony**

April 21 **Day on the Jay**

April 29 **All-Staff Meeting**

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