GETTING TO KNOW THE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

-RCC
Hart is the biggest of the residential colleges at Murray State. Each residential college has a Residential College Council. RCC is composed of members of the residential college it represents. At Hart, RCC meets every other Monday, the next meeting being on October 8th. If you are interested in representing Hart, come to RCC! At RCC, activities (such as Party Harty), intramurals, cook-outs, and other concerns are discussed and voted upon. Let your voice be heard! Meetings are held in Hart’s conference room at 9:00 pm. (Behind the game room)

-RAs, RD and College Head
At Hart, there are twelve Resident Advisors, a Resident Director, and a College Head. The RAs are resources for residents, like yourself, to connect to the rest of the university, both the nonacademic and academic side. The RAs have a wide variety of duties, including working the desk, setting up programs, creating door decs/bulletin boards, safety checks and more! If you ever need anything, an RA is a great person to turn to first. The RD, Crystal Savage, is the guiding hand to the RAs. She oversees the programs within the hall, the safety of the residents, and communicates the needs of the residents to the Housing Office. The College Head, Dr. Tillson, is a guiding hand to RCC and does the behind the scenes work that helps Hart have things like our new pool table, programs, a budget and much, much more.

Hart Idol
Can you sing? If so, come show off your vocal and musical talent on October 16th! The winner gets the opportunity to qualify for Murray State Idol and a $50! Entry forms are available at the front desk and must be turned in by October 9th. For more info, e-mail Dr. Tillson or Derek Miller at: Ltillson@murraystate.edu Dmiller1@murraystate.edu
Why should you go to the Career Fair?

In case you didn’t know, Murray State will be hosting a career fair on Wednesday, October 10th in the Curris Center. It is professional dress! (See the side column for tips). So why should you go to the career fair? The obvious reason to go is to gain connections that could grant you the opportunity to start a career. So, you’re a freshman? Sophomore? Junior? “Why should I go?” You ask.

I’m glad you asked; going to a career fair isn’t necessarily about getting a job. It is a great way for you to be the interviewer to check out different careers or double-check to make sure you still want to stay in your selected field. Furthermore, just by going, you gain invaluable experience on communicating and how to network. View it as getting your feet wet before you have to really start the job hunt when you’re a senior.

Networking is an important part of the job hunt in today’s society, especially with websites like LinkedIn. It is important to start networking as soon as possible and to do it right. Starting a LinkedIn account wouldn’t be a bad idea to start keeping track of your achievements, involvement, positions held, etc. For more info visit LinkedIn.com!

Tip #1 Dress for success!

For starters, you will most likely not be allowed in if you don’t dress in business attire. Beyond that, would you want to hire someone who is dressed like a slob? Tip #2 Your Attitude!

Come in a good mood and let your personality shine. If you are in a terrible mood, it won’t go unnoticed. Make eye contact, no gum, firm handshakes, stand up straight, speak clearly and watch your mannerisms!

Tip #3 What to bring!

What you take can make or break you. The traditionalist might say a stack of resumés is the most important thing to bring. In today’s tech world though, most businesses don’t even take resumés at fairs, but instead give you a website to fill out online. Bring your resumés, but I would suggest making personal business cards as well. Vistaprint is an excellent resource for business cards. Other things to bring: pens, paper, a positive attitude, and questions you want to ask.

Tip #4 Come with Questions!

Do your research ahead of time and figure out what you want to ask. Having questions shows a perspective employer that you are interested in them and in return they will be interested in you! Good questions to ask:

-What particular skills do you value most?
-What positions are you trying to fill?
-What is your favorite part of being an employee of this company?
-What challenges are being faced by your company right now?

Tip #5 The follow-up

If you are asked to fill-out an online resume because they aren’t taking hard copies, you better do it! Also, add them on LinkedIn or send them an e-mail thanking them for talking with you. It can make a world of difference!

Business Attire

-Solid, dark colors
-Ironed, cleaned, and stain free
-Keep scents to a minimal
-Men should wear ties
-Women should cover the shoulders and upper arm at least
-Women’s skirts should be at least knee length
-Research ahead of time to know if you should wear business casual or formal
-Don’t dress like you are about to go out to the clubs
-If you are unsure about how to dress professionally, do the research ahead of time!