

Dear Nyack College resident assistant:

You are getting ready to embark on an important leadership role within this college. We sincerely appreciate your excitement and readiness to assist other Nyack students. It is thanks to your support that Residence Life can provide diverse activities for the students within each residence hall. Nyack College also takes immense pride in offering the best first year experience possible to incoming freshman, and you have a major role in that. We are confident that you will not only maintain a high level of commitment to the residents in your hall, but will also assist in making the first year experience of new students more successful.

Resident assistants are some of the most fundamental links between the students in the residence halls and the college system. It would be nearly impossible for the Residence Life Professional Staff to have continuous contact with each student in each hall without the assistance of the RA's. Even though students have parents and Nyack staff to support them, they also need someone else, a seasoned student who can serve as a mentor. The guidance and close contact that resident assistants provide allows for this type of relationship to form and it helps to ensure that students do not feel alone or uncared for.

We cannot overemphasize the importance of your position to the students who live in the residence halls. Keeping that in mind, remember that you are also a student. Your RA position is unique and may require some adjustments. You should be receptive to new learning experiences as well as new growth opportunities. It is important to be careful as to not let this position overwhelm you. If you begin to feel burnt-out or begin to encounter academic problems, you should speak with your RD or supervisor about these issues. Your nights and weekends off should be used as an opportunity to refresh yourself.

We appreciate your desire to work and live with students in order that they may have a better residence hall experience. Your efforts are immensely valued by the residence life staff and others throughout the Nyack community. We are looking forward to working alongside of you in order to ensure a productive and exciting year for our students!

Sincerely,  
Residence Life Staff