

Common Gatherings

Purpose: Approximately twice a semester, in place of your weekly chat each RA is to host an intentional activity aimed at meeting a specific outcome being addressed campus-wide in residences. Residence Life has intentionally selected an outcome to be focused on for that time geared toward developing and enhancing community at a deeper and deeper level throughout the year.

- These activities should be advertised in advance. Be sure every Common Gathering includes the brief given method of assessment (when specified) at the end capturing what students learned through this time together.

Logging: After an RA hosts a Common Gathering, RAs (or one of the co-RAs) will log demographic and general reflection regarding their “Common Gathering”. The Student Success & Engagement outcome being focused on that year will require the RA to log the assessment results in a document to be compiled for End of Year Reporting. RAs will input the quick assessment results into the Common Gathering Assessment log tab, typing in each answer given from the raw data collected. EVERY RA MUST DO THE ASSESSMENT SPECIFIED FOR THE OUTCOME OF EMPHASIS THAT YEAR.

The following grid displays the residential education plans for each month, with the Student Success & Engagement emphasis highlighted in yellow.

Month	Res Life Learning Outcome	Educational Outcome	Common Gathering Activity
September	Establish meaningful relationships rooted in respect, belonging and healthy communication	FY, UCE & Transfer Students will be able to: 1. Recognize difference among people on their floor. 2. Name 1 specific detail about 3 different people on their floor by hearing pieces of their story. 3. Recall the names of 5 peers living in their community	Choose one of these: Show and Tell Rooms showcasing one important item to their floormates “I Am From” Poem Progressive Dinner (Apartments/Houses)
October / November	Formulate connections to academic learning outside the classroom within a living-learning environment	Residents will be able to name one new insight they gained from a faculty member.	RAs pair up and invite a faculty member to come to their floor/section to share about a topic important to the faculty and of interest to residents.
December	[Mandatory Closing Meeting]	n/a	Goal: close halls well for Christmas break
January	Nurture community through hospitality, integrity, and	Residents will be able to name the values their floor/section/	As part of the mandatory welcome back meeting, each RA does a values exercise with their floor/section, discussing survey feedback

	responsibility to their living area	apartment is committing to for the Spring semester.	received in December and making commitments as a floor/section/apartment going forward.
April/May	[Providing closure]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RDs and RAs will be provided tools to intentionally plan a purposeful finishing well activity. 2. RDs and RAs will be provided space to brainstorm ideas for saying goodbye well. 3. RDs and RAs will be provided resources for processing closure for themselves and for their residents. 	RAs choose from a list of potential closure activities that allow students to reflect, reminisce and experience closure on their semester/year.
April	[Mandatory Closing Meeting] April 26	n/a	Goal: close halls well for summer