

PRESIDENT' S LETTER:

Welcome, new students!

Congratulations on committing to Northwestern, and an extra-special congratulations on your decision to join the Communications Residential College! My name is Jessica Dean, and I'm a second-year studying Political Science and Spanish. I'm from Sacramento, CA, and I am incredibly excited to be your CRC President this year! I, along with the rest of my executive board, are counting the days until we get to properly welcome you all to our building.

Starting with Wildcat Welcome, CRC will be offering additional events and programming to supplement your first-year experience. We are focused on building community- and with our focus on communications, making friends will be easy! You can also engage with Evanston outside of Northwestern, with our philanthropy events and Radiothon- our charity stream for the American Heart Association. I hope that you all come to some of our events and learn about the traditions and values of our little building. At the very least, come take advantage of our free food, and watch some movies in our screening rooms!

I want all of you to know that I am here as a resource for anything and everything you might need during your first year here- at the very least, I should be able to point you in the right direction. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns, and I can give some perspective from a student who's gone through the same things you'll be going through now.

CRC has a reputation for having one of the most welcoming and friendly communities on campus, and I can personally attest to that fact. Many of the friends I've made here at Northwestern have been my neighbors at CRC, and I am confident that if you want to connect with your fellow CRCitizens, you'll be welcomed with open arms.

I hope that you all enjoy the rest of your summer, and that you're looking forward to your Northwestern experience! You've made an excellent choice for your next four years :) If you have further questions about CRC or Northwestern, feel free to contact me at jessicadean2026@u.northwestern.edu. We will reach out to all of you once our GroupMe chat for the fall is created, so you can join and start to chat with your fellow freshmen!

Best,

Jessica Dean

FACULTY CHAIR LETTER

Dear Everyone,

Welcome to Northwestern University's Communications Residential College, the home away from home for students with a strong interest in all forms of communication: audio/video, digital, film, photographic and written.

My name is Roger Boye, a journalism professor at Northwestern and a Nebraska native (yes, I root for NU when Northwestern and Nebraska meet on the gridiron). It's a privilege for me to serve as your faculty chair in what will be CRC's 42nd year. I look forward to working with each of you during the coming months. Together, we want to set the standard for excellence in programming, service and fellowship.

CRC is blessed with a wonderful group of faculty mentors. Professor Charles Whitaker, who is Dean of the Medill School of Journalism, is associate faculty chair and the accomplished Hannah Feiner serves as assistant chair. Hannah is a PhD student in Communication Sciences and Disorders within the School of Communication. Also, about 15 Northwestern faculty serve as CRC fellows, many from either Communication or Medill. They often have lunch with us or join us on other occasions. I'm sure you will enjoy getting to know them.

As the saying goes, "membership has its privileges," and as a CRC member, you'll have exclusive (and free) access to a number of events on and off campus, ranging from bike rides to Chicago and theatrical productions to sporting events, musicals and concerts. Our faculty also host an annual Thanksgiving Day dinner for CRC students who are in Evanston on Thanksgiving.

We are thrilled that some of our fellows and other faculty will conduct firesides this year, people such as Dean Whitaker and ESPN journalist and Medill Professor J.A. Adande. These special programs almost always are in the evening in the CRC main lounge.

As a CRC member you may have the opportunity to take a "seminar," a special credit-bearing class conducted within the building. For example, CRC fellow

Professor Candy Lee has taught a seminar on leadership and fellow John Kupetz has taught a seminar on “The Seven Deadly Sins as Portrayed in Cinema.”

We likely will have some CRC alumni return for Homecoming weekend in October. We hope to have a reception for them when you might hear about life in the building when Ronald Reagan (!) was president. Planning also is under way for CRC’s 36th annual Radiothon late fall quarter, our signature event to raise funds for the American Heart Association.

Congratulations on becoming part of a wonderful group of people – the CRC family – and welcome to your new home. We are looking forward to greeting you on campus in September.

Roger Boye

ASSISTANT CHAIR'S LETTER:

Welcome, new CRCitizens!

We are so excited that you will be joining the CRCCommunity this year and I can't wait to meet you all. My name is Hannah Feiner and I am CRC's Assistant Chair, which means that I have the pleasure of supporting the CRC exec board in planning and organizing all of the amazing social, academic, and service events we hope you enjoy throughout the year.

In addition to serving as CRC's Assistant Chair, I am currently a third year doctoral student in Communication Sciences and Disorders. My research focuses on supporting culturally and linguistically diverse families with autistic children receiving early intervention services. Outside of my work at Northwestern, I enjoy baking, exploring Chicago's neighborhoods, and taking pottery classes.

Once you arrive on campus, please feel free to stop by my office on the first floor to say hi, play trivia to win treats, or grab a snack. I love hearing about your transition to Northwestern and I am happy to provide support connecting with peers or professors. See you soon!

--Hannah Feiner

Some helpful CRC/Northwestern lingo:

ACM (All College Meeting): A weekly meeting in the main lounge on Sunday evening, where our Executive board and Assistant Chair give updates and information about events in CRC!

CAESAR: A website where you can find upcoming course listings, register for classes, access financial information, and view your grades. I'm sure you've all already enjoyed your introduction to this (sometimes frustrating) tool!

CRC WHAT?!?: Our battle cry. Use it frequently, loudly, and lovingly.

CTECS: An evaluation of a class and its instruction, available on CAESAR. Filled out at the end of each quarter, these function as a Northwestern-specific Rate My Professor. Be nice to your TAs!

Distros: Distribution requirements. These are required classes in departments outside your major.

Firesides: Events organized by CRC's Academic Chair where professors and faculty are invited to speak. There's something for everyone, and I consider this to be one of the best parts of the Residential College experience.

IM Sports: Intramural sports. Win glory for CRC! Some selected examples include volleyball, softball, and ultimate frisbee.

KTBOLT: The Kicking the Ball of Life Trophy. Awarded at every ACM to a deserving CRCitizen

Non-Res: A member of CRC who does not live in the building, but participates in the events! All CRCitizens are loved equally.

Munchies: FREE FOOD!!

Recommended Packing List:

*note: this is not exhaustive!

Highly Recommended

- Additional storage, shelving, or drawers
- Bedding (TwinXL) and pillows
- Chargers
- Laundry hamper or bag
- Detergent (No quarters needed because laundry is free!)
- Shower shoes and shower caddy
- Towels
- Hangers
- School supplies
- Medical supplies (especially cold medicine)
- Winter Gear (winter coat, hats, scarves, gloves, wool socks, snow boots—anything you think you'll need to stay warm throughout the winter). If you're from a warmer climate and have questions about this, let us know! And for FGLI students, you can get free gear from SES.

Suggested

- Hooks—either over the door or the kind that stick to the wall
- Microwavable dishes, silverware, glasses, and mugs
- Boots and an umbrella
- Minifridge
- Whiteboard
- Athletic equipment
- Formal wear (for various formals—CRC, Residential College Board, or interviews)
- Cleaning supplies (wipes, small broom and dustpan, small vacuum, Lysol wipes, etc.)
- Posters, decorations, and/or pictures
- Batteries
- Bike, bike lock, and helmet
- Paper towels and dish rags

Don't worry if you come to campus and find that you're missing things! You'll be able to borrow it from a neighbor- and we have easy access to Target and CVS from our dorm!