

Wesley College Student Affairs Newsletter

SPRING 2014



When it SNOWS, it POURS in Residence Life & Housing

By Kevin Hansbury

Wesley College closed due to inclement weather on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday, January 21st and all day Wednesday, January 22nd. Along with the essential personnel in maintenance & grounds, security, and the dining hall, the Residence Life staff didn't relax; they stepped up their services for students. The Residence Life staff organized a number of alternative programs and events for students to keep busy during the downtime from classes.

Activities included the following:

- o Open Gym recreation on Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.
- o Zimmerman Hall collaborated with Impact Ministry to co-host a community service project. As part of the service project, a group of students shoveled snow for elderly residents in the local community. The students shoveled for two hours
- o *The Underground* was open throughout the closed period
- o The Fitness Center was open until 11:00 p.m. both days
- o Carpenter Hall hosted a Snowman Building contest at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday
- o Carpenter Hall also hosted a video game tournament on the first floor and a "Board Game Night" on the 2nd floor
- o Williams Hall hosted a Madden (football video game) tournament, a Study Hall Jam, a Boondocks marathon, and a dinner social in the Dining Hall
- o Gooding Hall staff hosted "Dorm Olympic Games" from 12:00 to 2:00; a study session from 2:00 to 4:30; a dinner social in the dining hall; movies night in the recreation lounge at 5:30; followed by "Gooding's Got Talent" from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.
- o Roe Hall staff members brought students over to the movie in Wells at 12:00; RAs hosted a snowman building contest at 2:00; RAs took residents to the Spades Tournament that was organized in Malmberg Hall; staff hosted a dinner social, followed by the movie in Wells
- o Williams Hall staff lead groups of students to the movies being shown in Wells, as well as to the Open Gym hours
- o Zimmerman Hall hosted a study session in the Underground from 2:00-4:00; lead groups of students to the movies in Wells from 4:00 to 6:00; and hosted a workout session in the fitness center between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.



Wesley students shoveling snow in the community



Fright Fest 2013

Wesley Goes to Fright Fest! By Elana Baukman

During the fall semester, the Student Activities Board ("SAB") hosted 10 exciting activities. The most popular event was the excursion to Six Flags Great Adventure in October. 150 students joined the SAB members and chaperones to Six Flags Fright Fest. The bus trip began with snack bags provided by Aramark and scary movies for all to enjoy during the ride.

Once the students arrived at Six Flags, they were able to participate in all of the activities the park had to offer. As the sun began to set, the fright events started. Students who ventured into the "scare zone" were sure to meet frightful actors dressed as zombies, werewolves, and monsters. The trip was a great success!

Fun-Filled SAB Events

- **01/15 Make Your Own Street Sign**
- **01/18 Ice Skating Trip**
- **02/14 Create-a-Creature**
- **02/22 Trip to NYC & Broadway**
- **03/06 Comedian Ty Barnett**

Lead On...

By Wanda Anderson

Wesley College is filled with numerous opportunities for students to take on leadership positions, from the classroom to the football field and everywhere in between. The First Year Student Leadership Retreat is an opportunity for incoming students to gain valuable leadership training that can assist them with their inevitable future as Leaders.

We are excited to report that more than eighty first year students from the class of 2017 were nominated by faculty, staff and their peers to participate in the fall 2013 retreat. To be nominated was an accomplishment of its own; however, we had sixty-three of the nominated students take advantage of the opportunity to broaden their leadership skills and knowledge.

The First Year Leadership retreat consisted of two days of training workshops presented by faculty and staff addressing topics such as Effective Interpersonal Communication, Servant Leadership, Stress Management, an outdoor challenge course as well as a session called "What Would You Do Without Your Cell Phone?"

Students who attended the retreat were engaged and openly shared their perspectives on leadership. Presenters were impressed with the level of commitment shown by students. A good time was truly had by all.

So lead on young Wolverines. You are clearly posed and ready to make your mark as a leader at Wesley College and beyond.



First Year Leadership Retreat at Camp Pecometh

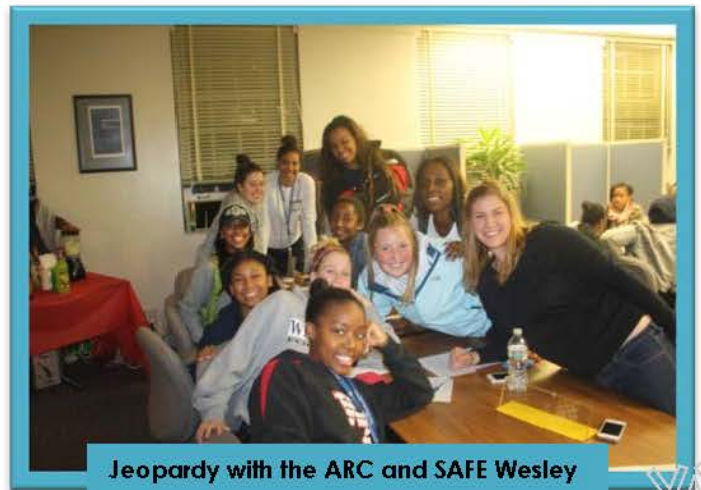
Wesley is Making the Most of a State Grant

By: Melissa Elliot



Halloween Pumpkin Painting

Wesley was very lucky to be a recipient of the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) through the Department of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH). The funding that has come from this grant has allowed Wesley to put on some successful educational programs and alternative activities. We started off strong in the Fall by bringing Julia Garcia to campus for our first year students at orientation. Her program Sex, Drugs, Alcohol, and Everything In-Between was extremely emotional and powerful and the student feedback was very positive.



Jeopardy with the ARC and SAFE Wesley

Our peer education organization, SAFE Wesley (Student Advocates For Educating Wesley), has headed some highly attended programs for the first half of this school year. They organized and implemented monthly Mocktail Mixers and Art Night programs that gave our students fun programs that offered an alternative to risky choices and behaviors. SAFE co-sponsored with the ARC on a Jeopardy trivia event that had a huge turnout and some great prizes for the participants. SAFE Wesley has also been assisting with the planning of our Leadership Summit that is coming up on Saturday, February 15th. This event is open to all Wesley students, whether they are current leaders on campus, or are hoping to take on new leadership roles. Keep an eye out this Spring for the highly anticipated Graffiti Art Contest that SAFE will co-sponsor with Hoopl!

