

Academic Year 2023-2024



Residential Faculty Report

SENIOR RESIDENTIAL FACULTY

2023-2024

Yunqiu “Daniel” Wang
Eaton Residential College
College of Arts & Sciences
Discipline: Biology



Joy Beverly
Pearson Residential College
College of Arts & Sciences
Discipline: Mathematics



Kysha Harriell
Mahoney Residential College
School of Education & Human Development
Discipline: Athletic Training/ Sports Medicine



Leslie Knecht & Marc Knecht
Stanford Residential College
College of Arts & Sciences
Discipline: Chemistry



ASSOCIATE RESIDENTIAL FACULTY

2023-2024

Karoline Mortensen
Stanford Residential College
Miami Herbert Business School
Discipline: Health Management and Policy



Melvin Butler
Stanford Residential College
Frost School of Music
Discipline: Musicology



Justin Ritzinger
Mahoney Residential College
College of Arts & Sciences
Discipline: Religious Studies



Nicholas Carcioppolo
Pearson Residential College
School of Communication
Discipline: Health Communication



FACULTY FELLOWS

2023-2024

Lorella Di Gregorio
Eaton Residential College
College of Arts & Sciences
Discipline: Modern Languages



Zheng Wang
Pearson Residential College
College of Arts & Sciences
Discipline: Computer Science



Impact Report

Impact Snapshot

199

Programs Led By
Faculty

97.4%

of First Year Students
participated in
Residential College
programming

330

Weekly Engagement
Hours



"I just wanted to say how much I appreciate you both reaching out. I am already starting to understand what makes UM such a special place." Pearson Resident

"I wanted to express my deepest gratitude for your support throughout my freshman year. I couldn't have adjusted as well in the US without having your loving family as a second home."- Mahoney Resident

The Residential Faculty Program

Mission

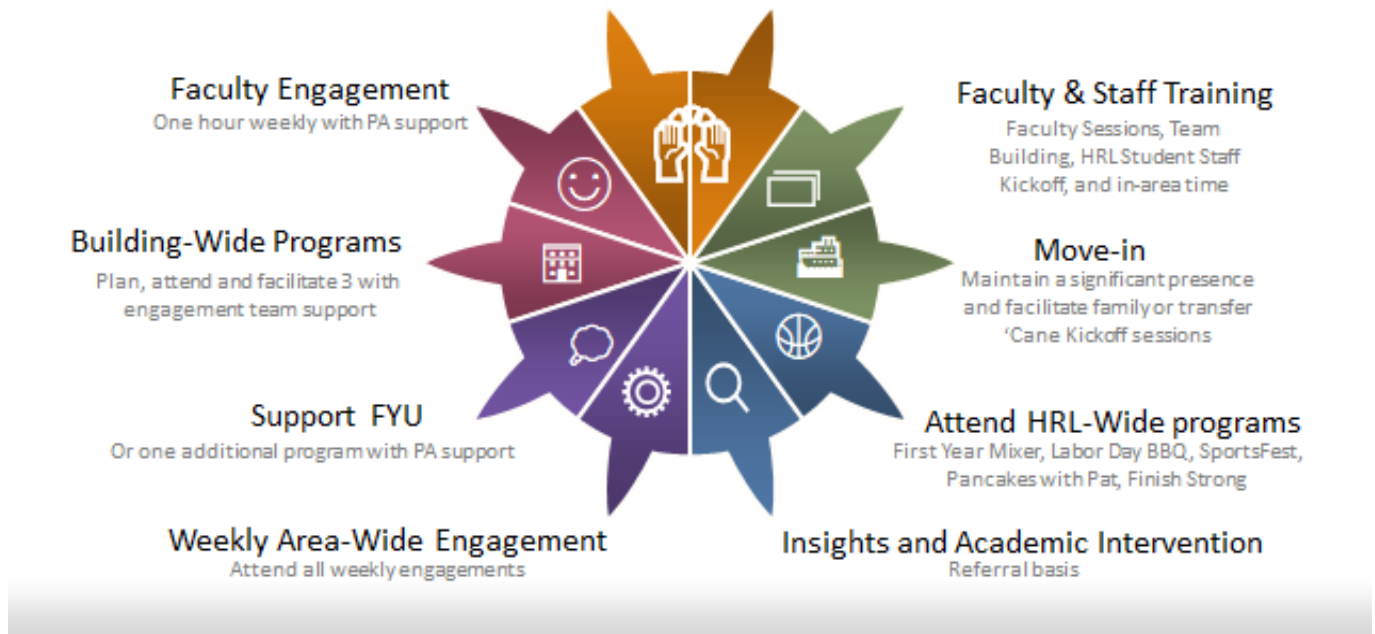
Residential Faculty and Faculty Fellows work closely with Housing and Residential Life (HRL) staff to increase faculty-student engagement and contribute to the development of an intentional intellectual community in the Residential Colleges.

Faculty Positions:

- Senior Residential Faculty (Live-on)
- Associate Residential Faculty (Live-on)
- Faculty Fellow



Engagement Model & Expectations



TRAINING

Residential Faculty not only participate in faculty-specific training, but also assist with leading portions of training for the professional and student staff. Residential Faculty contribute by leading information sessions about the role of faculty, how to bring an academic environment into programming, and team building efforts.



Dean Ryan Holmes leading a training session with faculty.



Residential Faculty attending a team building event for student staff at the beginning of the Fall semester.



Residential Faculty leading a session with First Year Fellows on creating academically engaging programs.



Building relationships with student staff is essential for connecting with residents, and this process starts with teambuilding days in the fall.

MOVE IN

Residential Faculty are one of the first student/faculty and parent/faculty interactions on campus. Residential Faculty meet with students in the lobby as they move into the Residential Colleges before the semester begins. They assist with advising questions, questions about textbook purchasing or class preparation, and are an ongoing point of contact for parents who have academic concerns about their student.

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parent information sessions were hosted to introduce parents to the Residential College system and welcome them to the U



FIRST YEAR U

First Year U (FYU) is a leadership program for first-year students during the fall semester. FYU is housed in the Butler Center and includes collaborations with the First Year Fellows and Residential Faculty. Designed to provide students an opportunity to learn about leadership in non-traditional ways, FYU creates connections with other students and UM faculty while building community. The program combines large group discussions on current topics and smaller cohort-based experiences in the residential areas with the Residential Faculty and Faculty Fellows. Sessions explore issues related to public health, civic engagement, environmental sustainability, and race and ethnicity. These sessions are complemented by off-campus team-building experiences and experiential trips within the greater Miami community. These activities are directed toward the common goal of responsible citizenship that capitalizes on translating lessons learned in the classroom into change-making outside of it.



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Breakout sessions hosted by Residential Faculty for students to discuss current issues about public health, the environment, civic engagement, and race and ethnicity.



Faculty Programs

Connect

199

programs hosted by
or involving
Residential Faculty
members



Sophomore Mixer: Sophomore students living in Mahoney and Pearson were invited to join a mixer in a Residential Faculty apartment to get to know one another.

Bon Voyage: Useful tips, cultural and historical knowledge about places were shared with residents by Residential Faculty and other students based on their travel experiences.



Carribean Nights: Residents learned about Carribean culture by experiencing music, dance, and cuisine. This was done in partnership with student organizations such as Planet Kreyól and the Carribean Student Association.

Faculty Programs

Care

Programs hosted by Residential Faculty to promote a healthy lifestyle and point students to resources for physical and mental wellness

Don't Stroke Out - Be Informed: A Residential Faculty hosted a stroke awareness program in collaboration with Student Health Ambassadors.



K-9 Kounseling: An event to focus on the therapeutic benefits of interacting with dogs, emphasizing positive impacts on student wellness and mental health.



Cope-ing with the Semester: A collaboration with the counseling center to provide students with support and stress relief activities to help them with the semester.



Faculty Programs

Explore

Programs hosted by or involving Residential Faculty to connect students with other faculty and University leaders to engage in intellectual conversations



A Trip Down Memory Lane: Drs. Whitely and Mechaber attended a dinner to discuss the history of Residential Colleges and share stories about Stanford Residential College in its last year.

Field Trip to Buddhist Temple: A faculty took students to a Vietnamese Buddhist temple to learn about Buddhism, Vietnamese culture, and anthropological methods.



Barbie (feminism themes and a private showing): A faculty member was invited to talk to students about their research on gender norms and gendered expectations. The students were then invited to attend a private showing of the movie Barbie at the Cosford Cinema on campus.

Faculty Programs

Thrive

Programs hosted by or involving Residential Faculty to provide access to resources and behaviors to promote academic and interpersonal success

Chicken and Cheating: A collaboration with the Honor Council to create a hands-on activity to show examples of what constitutes cheating, what the Honor Council does, and to actively recruit student leaders for the Honor Council.



Bayanza Bay Clean-Up: This was a field trip where the Residential Faculty took students to the bay to help the City of Miami with their annual bay cleanup event. This was to encourage community engagement and environmental responsibility.

Mentorship Masterclass: A faculty brought in their mentor to highlight the lasting effects of a mentor-mentee relationship. Helpful tips were discussed to direct students how to find mentors and get the most out of this type of relationship.



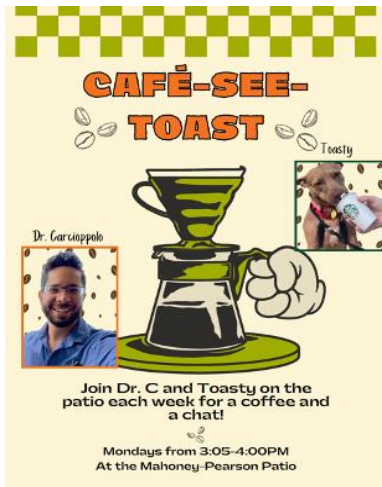
Faculty Programs

Engagement Hours

Faculty hosted engagement hours each week. Each faculty had their unique way of engaging with students during this time from bringing pets, making coffee or snow cones, playing chess, or hosting mini-programs in the Residential College.

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engagement hours
were held by
Residential Faculty
and Faculty Fellows



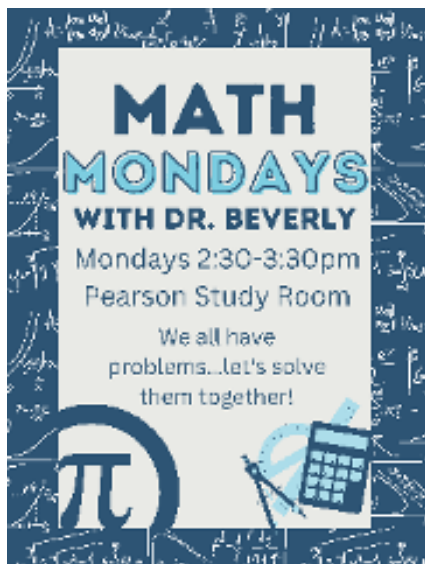
"I will always appreciate that one hour to just talk to someone who understood where I was at, gave me confirmation that things will get better, and that you will learn as you go."- Stanford Resident

Faculty Programs

Creating a Culture of Academic Excellence

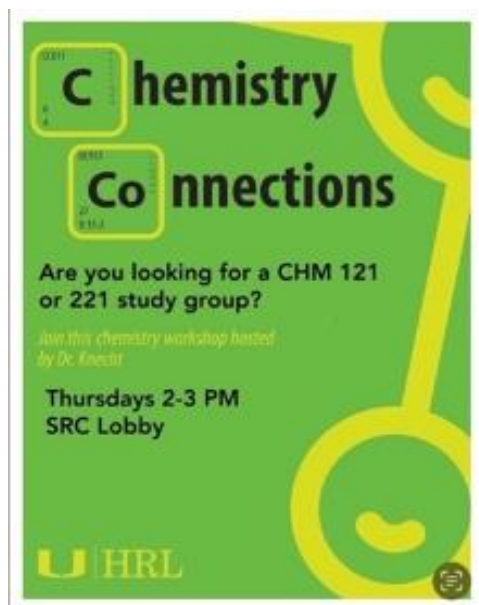
One cornerstone of the Residential Faculty program is bringing academics into the Residential Colleges. This happens in a variety of programs, but some programs are geared specifically toward support for high impact courses. Faculty bring their expertise to the students through these engagements and create an academic culture in the Residential Colleges.

Math Mondays: Each Monday, one of our Residential Faculty hosted a study session for introductory math classes. Students met in the study rooms of the Residential College and worked through problems as a team.



Chemistry Connections: Students met in the lobby of the Residential College to study chemistry and meet other students that were enrolled in chemistry classes.

"We are excited to say we also all ended the semester of MTH108 with A's! Just thought we would let you know so you can celebrate with us!"
Residential Student



Finish Strong Program

This program is held at the end of the Fall and Spring semesters at Lakeside Expo, Pavilion, and Auditorium. Faculty reviews and a Writing Enclave were hosted by Residential Faculty and Faculty partners from across the university. Residential Faculty members were present to encourage, greet, and provide student resources. HRL staff distributed snacks, set up, and provided organizational help. Study tables were available throughout the night with faculty and peer tutors.

Impact Snapshot

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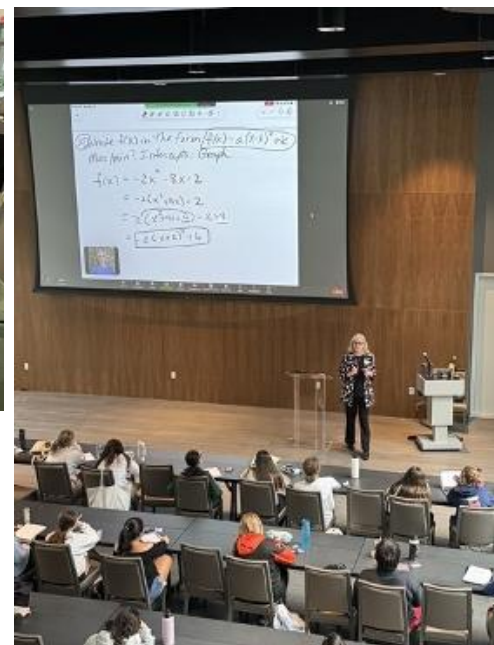
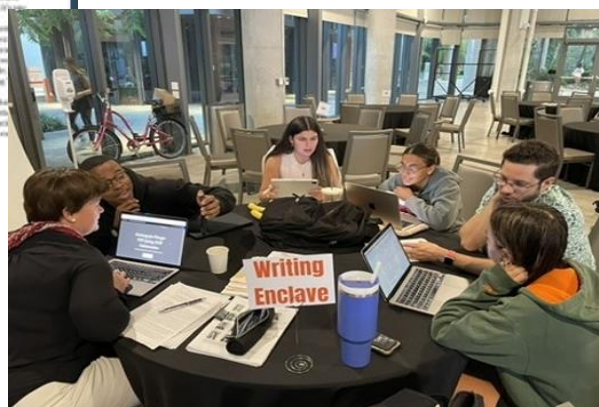
review sessions were hosted by Residential Faculty and Faculty partners across the University

1591

students swipes for faculty review sessions and study tables in the Fall semester

1304

students swipes for faculty review sessions and study tables in the Spring semester



"The final reading day before finals can be very chaotic, and you can feel lost not knowing where to start on reviewing an entire semester's content. 'Finish Strong' cuts out that hard part." - Residential Student

HRL Program Support

There are programs that Housing and Residential Life hosts which are key for our Residential students such as Pancakes with Pat and SportsFest. Residential Faculty attend these events to show support not only for HRL, but also to have further opportunities to make connections with students.



Pancakes with Pat: Residential Faculty attend Pancakes with Pat to greet students as they engage with Dr. Whitely, fostering many mentorship moments through these interactions.



SportsFest: Residential Faculty not only wear their area's swag but also attend sporting events and enthusiastically cheer their area to victory.



Broader Impacts

This year, in partnership with HRL, Residential Faculty began presenting our Residential College programming model and signature programs at national conferences. Our signature program, Finish Strong, founded by one of our Residential Faculty members, also won several awards this year.



ACUHO-I: Residential Faculty Chair, Dr. Joy Beverly, presented our award-winning program Finish Strong with Director of Residential Life and Education, Tiffani Idol, at the Academic Initiatives Conference in October.



Residential College Symposium: Residential Faculty Dr. Leslie Knecht presented our Residential College model with Assistant Director of Residential Education, Matt McCabe, at the Residential College Symposium in October.

"It was great to hear about everything happening at Miami. We were all impressed by you and everything you do in Residential College life".
Conference Attendee



"Coming back for my spring semester of freshman year, I was lost, and contemplated transferring. You had several talks with me, supporting me while making me critically think about what, who, and where I would be leaving. Through this, I ended up making one of the best decisions of my life which was to stay at UMiami, and I owe a large part of that decision to your guidance." Sophomore student reflecting on conversations with Residential Faculty member

Acknowledgements

To the many faculty, staff, and campus partners who programmed with us this year, we thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to student success!



Chair of Residential Faculty 2023-2024

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