

Juxtapose Story

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Resident Advisors (RA) at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) are sources of support, advice, and community. The RA staff collaborates to maintain effective communication throughout each residence hall and for each resident.

Every residence hall at BGSU hosts a RA, and each student living on campus is accompanied with a RA.

BGSU's RA's are trained to build engagement through hosting events and creating bulletin boards. Each bulletin board is designed to follow a certain block. RA's change the look of their bulletin boards frequently, as there is a new block each month. Each block is under a specific engagement model, created by BGSU's Residence Life, including interpersonal skills, career development, and civic engagement.

RA's use their boards to communicate events, and tools for residents to take advantage of.

Residents of each RA are given resources through the bulletin boards to advance their college experience. RA's are able to decorate their boards freely, with intentions of creating a sense of belonging on each floor.

Bulletin boards also enhance the look of each hallway, influencing dorm culture. Bulletin boards are a way to introduce each RA to residents as well, as BGSU RA's create "All About Me" boards.

Through this, RA's can form closer relationships with their residents, creating a community of comfortability and respect. Some RA's craft interactive boards for each resident to use. Using affirmations for students to collaborate with, or a question of the month, RA's build positive environments.

Bulletin boards are used by BGSU's RA's to integrate students to college, by promoting engagement and supportive relationships.