

RESIDENCE HALL STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
ASSOCIATE COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 11/09/2020

Location: Zoom

CALL TO ORDER | 9:03PM

**Matt:** I'm going to call this meeting to order.

MYSTERY ACTIVITY | 9:03PM

**Matt:** For tonight's Mystery Activity, We're going to be saying our favorite colors. I'm going to be choosing the top 10 list and you can say multiple colors.

**Matt:** This Wednesday, November 11 is Veteran's Day. For other days, we did not hold a meeting. Since Wednesday doesn't fall on an A.C. Meeting, I would like to briefly acknowledge and recognize the sacrifice that veterans have put forth, whether it be their lives or years of their life to serving, whether it be abroad or domestically. I would like to recognize them through a poem. It might be triggering for some. It was written by a battlefield medic.

**\*Trigger Warning Below\***

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place, and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below  
We are the dead, short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields In Flanders fields  
And now we lie In Flanders fields  
Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch, be yours to hold it high  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields In Flanders fields  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields In Flanders fields  
(Flanders Fields)

**\*Trigger Warning Above\***

**Matt:** The poem was written amidst all the destruction, this one medic saw the poppy, their international flower for remembrance to honor those who have fought and died. In the passing of World War 1, the poppy flower was sold to raise money for veterans that were harmed in the great war. It was said that many soldiers could see the poppies when dawn broke under wind blowing across the field and go across the sky. Even amidst all the destruction that the war had caused, nature still found a way to bloom. It is considered to be one of the most beautiful things that was seen. I would like to thank everyone who has anyone who was a part of a military family, whether it's actively serving or has served, or anyone here today who may have served in our armed forces or in any armed forces in the world and appreciate the sacrifice that you have given to preserve all of us being here today and to recognize all those who 100 years ago may have survived the great war. Thank you and I hope that you acknowledge everything that went on on Veterans Day.

#### ROLL CALL/HALL REPORTS | 9:09PM

**Emily:** Hey y'all! So when I call your hall, if you can give me the number of people representing your hall, how many RHSA shirts you have on, how many NRHH shirts you have on, how many Conference shirts you have on, and a hall report from your hall gov if you have one.

Hall Name	Number Present	RHSA Shirts	NRHH Shirts	Conference Shirts	Hall Report
Ashokan	0	0	0	0	None.
Bliss	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report.
Bouton	3	0	0	2	Nothing to report.
Capen	0	0	0	0	None.
College-Shango	1	0	0	0	We had an event on Friday and it went well.
Esopus	2	0	0	0	We had an event just before Halloween. We're planning another event about making hand turkeys.
Gage	1	0	0	0	We just had an event this past Friday.
Lenape	1	0	0	1	We discussed future programming at our last meeting.
Minnewaska	0	0	0	0	None.
Ridgeview	3	2	0	0	We discussed future programs and elected a new A.C. Rep.
Scudder	1	0	0	0	We have an event coming up next week.

Shawangunk	1	0	0	0	Nothing to report
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SENATE | 9:24PM

**Chet:** Hello everyone. I hope everyone is doing well and taking care of yourselves. November, we're dedicating our efforts towards family wellness and self care. Thanksgiving is the month and we want to make sure people who are going home are taking care of themselves. We're going to have a few events around self care and ways to alleviate stress during the holidays. That will be happening the week of November 16, which I believe is next week. The week before Thanksgiving week, the E-Board of the Senate will be doing a takeover week. We'll be having events throughout that week. You can look at our social media (SUNYNEWPALTZSA) for more information on that. If anyone has any questions about anything I just said, please let me know.

NYPIRG | 9:16PM

**Matt:** On Friday, November 13th NYPIRG is going to be hosting a panel of students and New York state government officials on the election, Covid, healthcare, and student activism in 2020. This event will be going on from 12:00pm - 6:00pm. Here is the [form to sign up](#).

NRHH | 9:18PM

**Callie:** NRHH is working on finding more virtual service opportunities, which is really exciting. Unfortunately NRHH NCC Gigi is graduating at the end of this semester so they elected a new NRHH NCC. Her name is Melissa and I'm really excited for her to give her first NRHH report to you all so hopefully she'll be here next week.

OLD BUSINESS | 9:18PM

Motion to Open: College-Shango

Second: Shawangunk

Office of Treasurer

**Jess:** As Treasurer, I manage anything money-wise for RHSA. I manage the RHSA Budget and update it as needed. I allocate our budget to our different programs we hold. I fill out Dispersing Orders to pay for expenses which I work with Campus Auxiliary Services (CAS) to do so. I also communicate with OCM to help coordinate care package advertising. If this sounds like something you may be interested in, you can learn more about what I do as RHSA Treasurer during my office hours or if you email RHSA, I will answer any questions you may have.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Treasurer Jess' Office hours are Tuesday's from 9:00am - 11:00am via Zoom. Here is the [Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 992 4392 5603 | Passcode: OFFICE).

### Office Secretary

**Emily:** Hi y'all! The duties of the secretary include writing the minutes for the A.C. and E-Board Meetings as well as work with the President to make agendas and make sure they're available to you all. I also lead Roll Call & Hall Report during A.C. Meetings and keep track of office supplies. If you're interested in learning more about my position and what I do, please let me know, I'm happy to answer any and all questions you have!<sup>2</sup>

### Office of Public Relations

**Jordann M.:** Hey everyone, the duties of being PR are making posters, placards, awards, door tags, and working with the Print Shop on campus. This semester is a little different because most things are virtual including most of our advertising but my position is making a lot of visual aspects to help promote RHSA and all our different events. Same as everyone else, if you have any questions feel free to reach out. My office hours are at 10:00am - 12:00pm on Thursdays. I hope to see you all there if you're interested.<sup>3</sup>

### NCC

**Callie:** Hi everyone! This weekend was RLC and Jordann M., Matt, Gigi and I were all in attendance. We got a lot of work done and had so much fun. Stop by my office hours, they're 9:00am - 11:00am on Fridays or email the NCC email if you wanna chat about the conference experience!<sup>4</sup>

### CCC

**Jordan H.:** Thank you everyone who did the Moose Hunt, thank you for competing, and thank you for following the Covid-19 guidelines as well as not removing the meese. Can I have a conference clap please?

3rd place: tie between Collango and Gage

2nd place: Lenape

1st place: Bouton

If you would like to know your scores individually, I can tell you after the meeting. Also it was one moose per hall so if you and your Hall Gov caught multiple of the same meese, only one counted towards your score.

### CCC

**Jordan H.:** I also have a GFP Update so can I have another conference clap?

3rd place: Bliss

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<sup>2</sup> Secretary Emily's office hours are Tuesdays from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Here is the [Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 992 4392 5603 | Passcode: OFFICE).

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2nd place: Lenape

1st place: Bouton

Historian

**Cassandra:** Thank you to those of you who participated in the mask photo challenge and sent us your photos with masks on! We loved seeing the different masks people have, and even though the deadline passed, if anyone would still like to share mask photos with us and be featured on our Instagram, we would love to see all of them!

Public Relations

**Jordann M.:** Hey everyone! Thanks so much to everyone who attended Scaroke Halloween night. We had a lot of fun singing songs with y'all. Thank you all so much for coming out and sharing your talent!

Vice President

**Serena:** Hi! We had a great time doing virtual escape rooms with you all. From Shrek to Minecraft, to Buzzfeed, we love you all. Thank you for coming!

Motion to Close: Lenape

Second: Bliss

NEW BUSINESS | 9:25PM

Motion to Open: Shawangunk

Second: Scudder

NCC Fun Fact

**Callie:** Hi everyone, it's me again! My NCC fun fact this week is that we are the only school in the Northeast region who calls RHSA, RHSA. Most other schools call it RHA, RSA, or IRHC. We're super original here. They stand for Resident Hall Association, Resident Student Association, and Inter Residence Hall Council.

Bubble Buzz

**Cassandra:** Hi friends! This Friday, November 13th we're hosting Bubble BUZZ on Old Main Quad from 7:30 PM - 9:00PM. There will be two sessions with limited capacity so make sure you sign up for that, with this [link](#) and it can also be found on our Instagram (NPRHSA). We hope to see you all there, with masks and socially distanced!

Banquet

**Callie:** Hi all! This upcoming Monday, instead of our regularly scheduled A.C. Meeting, we'll be hosting an end of the semester banquet. The theme for this year's Banquet is Garden Party. We are so excited to see you all there. Invite your Hall Govs and your Liaisons to come celebrate all of your accomplishments this semester. We'll all be dressed nice and fancy so we hope you do too. Just to reiterate, this Monday, November 16th at 9:00pm you will still be joining the A.C. meeting Zoom link but instead of a regular A.C. Meeting it'll be a fun party. We hope to see you there!

**Lenape:** Why can't you have Banquet Monday, November 23rd instead?

**Matt:** We are hosting our Banquet on November 16th because people might be traveling home the week on November 23rd and it's not a full week. We wanted to alleviate the stress of people who might be packing by not having events especially when they have classes.

### Write Away Your Stress

**Emily:** If y'all are stressed, come learn how to journal to destress with Programming Committee. We're going to learn the benefits of journaling and different techniques you could use. It's going to be this Wednesday, November 11th at 8:30pm via Zoom. I hope to see y'all there!

### New Social Media Challenge

**Cassandra:** Hi again! So for the last social media challenge of the semester, we would like to give you all a chance to decide what it will be! I will put the information for this on our instagram story, but this is basically how it will work:

- Wednesday morning, I'll post a question sticker on our instagram story, asking you all what the next social media challenge should be. When you respond, if it is not from your hall gov instagram, please include your hall name in your response. When you submit an idea, your hall will earn 2 GFPs.
- Thursday, CCC Jordan and I will narrow it down to two options. With these two options, we will make a poll, which will also be put on our instagram story, and you all will get to vote on which one you prefer. Your votes will count for 1 GFP for your hall.
- Finally, whichever idea wins, the hall that came up with it would earn 1 GFP for each person who participates in the challenge!

### Treasurer Training

**Jess:** Hey everyone, let all your Treasurers know I am having Treasurer Training this week, Thursday from 3:30PM - 4:30PM. If you want the link for it you can have your Treasurer or the person acting as Treasurer join the Treasurer group chat link to join was sent to the Liaisons and on the day of the Zoom link it will be there.

### PUP Sheet Update

**Jordan H.:** Next week is our banquet, which means I have to announce who wins Hall of the Semester. With that being said, PUP sheets are due Friday, November 13th at 11:59pm. Please get in all your pup sheets by then. Also if you have a program this week, and think you may not be able to the PUP sheet in time, please let me know. If you email me a PUP sheet after 11:59pm, I will record a video of me printing and ripping up your pup sheet, then evil laughing. Nah I'm joking, but in all seriousness, if you do extenuating circumstances please email me. Also, when you guys leave this meeting tonight please tell your RA Liaison to send us your Hall Government meeting links.

#### Elections

**Matt:** We decided in order to give everyone a chance to better understand the election process, apart from us doing a mock election before. Typically the NCC position is the first one to be held, but for the sake of having people to better understand it we're going to be having the President position go first with elections. \*What is the theme of Banquet?\* The President position does have a requirement that someone has to have been on the Executive Board for one full year. If no one runs, then anyone in the Associate Council could run. With the President election being the first, you can see what the election process is like and you can decide if you would like to run.

Motion to Close: Shawangunks

Second: Lenape

#### UPCOMING EVENTS | 9:35PM

- Destress Journal Program is on Wednesday, November 11th at 8:30pm via Zoom!
- Bubble Buzz is on Friday, November 13th from 7:30pm - 9:00pm on Old Main Quad!  
Please sign up using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/202928407026049>
- Banquet is on Monday, November 16th from 9:00pm - 11:00pm!

#### HALL CONCERNS | 9:37PM

**Matt:** If there's something wrong in your hall that you have already talked to your RAs, SRA, and RD about and nothing has been done, this is your time to tell us. 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

#### STUDENT CONCERN FOLLOW-UP | 9:38PM

**Matt:** With the police on wearing masks, I reached out to Chief Mary Ritayik of the University Police Department and the UPD Policy is as follows: officers don't have to wear a mask if they're out on patrol in an open area where social distancing can be maintained or if they're in their own personal vehicle without anyone else in it. The minute they go into a building or social distancing cannot be maintained outside, which is 6 feet apart or 2 meters, then they are required to put on a mask. If they are not wearing a mask for prolonged periods of time and are not socially distancing, please reach out to the RHSA email ([rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu)). Please

include any information you may have about who, when, and where if you reach out to us about this issue. You can also contact the mask hotline (845) 257-MASK (6275). The mask hotline does typically ask for their name if you have that information.

**Jordan H.:** In regards to the mask hotline, they do ask for your name because they want to ensure that no one is being falsely accused or the report is not out of retaliation for not wearing a face mask.

**\*Trigger Warning Below\***

**Matt:** In regards to the EconLodge and the sex offenders residing there, if you would like to know more information please reach out to the RHSA email ([rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu)).

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**Matt:** If you feel unsafe traveling alone please utilize the walking escort service (845-257-3338). They are available from 9:00pm - 3:00am. There is also the blue light system you can utilize.

**Jordan H.:** In addition to emailing us, if you have any other safety concerns that need to be addressed, you can visit me and Emily during our Safety Committee meetings. They're on Wednesdays at 4:00pm.

**STUDENT CONCERNS | 9:43PM**

**Matt:** If you have general concerns for things going on campus wide (something's broken, wrong, administrative concerns, faculty concerns), this is your moment to tell us so we can relay the information to the administration. However, if you have any food concerns (type, quality, price, location), we will not hear them at this point but you can email us at [rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu](mailto:rhsa@hawkmall.newpaltz.edu). You can fill out this Google form for both hall and student concerns: <https://forms.gle/j7qrziK2aWq9guyt5>.

**Esopus:** I had a CM reach out to me wondering if we could possibly talk about opening the indoor and/or outdoor basketball courts for next semester. He listed a bunch of ways that we could ensure safety. Should I read them out now?

**Matt:** If there are ways to ensure safety, you can email that to us. If there are any other concerns you can say them now.

**Esopus:** The CM was pointing out that a lot of sports still have access to the track and the tennis courts are open but the basketball courts aren't. He also provided the safety precautions we can also ensure. I can email it to the RHSA email.

**Emily:** This in regards to the basketball courts and the tennis courts. They were open but they have closed them because a lot of people weren't wearing their masks when they were playing those sports. The weather was also getting colder which is another reason why they closed. If you send us that list, I can bring it up at safety committee and try to make sure we are abiding by Covid guidelines and hopefully we can open that next semester.



**Matt:** I can also reach out to AWC about anything they might be considering with indoor courts.

**Matt:** Are there any other student concerns? 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

OPEN FLOOR | 9:46PM

**Matt:** If you have a program, meeting or any other announcement that you would like to share with the Associate Council, now is your time to share by typing an x in chat. If you would like your Hall Gov programs and events to be advertised on the Hall Government Google Calendar, please fill out the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/LrwXyzJfyvX8SXby5>. Are there any open floors?

**Callie:** Mine is less of an event and more of a reminder. With Thanksgiving and everyone moving out, just a reminder to take care of yourselves, practice self care, take a minute everyday to take care of yourself, and drink some water. We're here if you want to chat and feel free to email us if you want to talk.

**Jess:** I wanted to share on behalf of a friend, she has a survey for one of her classes that she wants people to fill out. Here is the [link to the survey](#).

**Matt:** Are there any other open floors? 3. 2. 1. Seeing none.

PASSING OF MOLLY THE MOOSE | 9:48PM

**Matt:** Where's my moose?

**Bouton:** We put a shirt on her!

**Matt:** Who are you giving Molly to?

**Bouton:** We're going to give Molly to Shawangunk!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK | 9:50PM

**Cassandra:** "The noblest art is that of making others happy." - P.T. Barnum

ADJOURNMENT | 9:51PM

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting: Bliss

Second: Lenape

Next meeting will be on Zoom!



## Types of Self-Care

<b>Physical</b>  Sleep Stretching Walking Exercise Nutrition Yoga	<b>Emotional</b>  Stress Management Coping Skills Compassion Therapy Journaling	<b>Social</b>  Boundaries Support System Positive Social Media Communication Friends	<b>Spiritual</b>  Time Alone Meditation Prayer Nature Sacred Space
<b>Personal</b>  Hobbies Creativity Goals Identity Authenticity	<b>Space</b>  Safety Healthy Environment Stability Clean Space	<b>Financial</b>  Saving Budgeting Money Management Paying Bills Boundaries	<b>Work</b>  Time Management Work Boundaries Breaks

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