

It Takes A Village Residential Fellow Program 2014-2015

End of the Year Survey Insights

“Collaborative Connections”

87% of residents believe living with a faculty member would have some to significant impact on their ability to have mature relationships with each other, compared to 57% of Trembley & Brodhead

“There is definitely a different feel here as opposed to in my past dorming situations. Everyone seems to have a level of respect for everyone and I get a much friendlier feel here. Everyone also seems very responsible. Since I feel that level of respect and responsibility I wanted to encompass it too.”

The Office of Residence Life sought to understand the impact that live-in, tenured professor Heather Johnson and her family of five had on the residential community of Sayre Park. Residents from Sayre Park were asked to participate in an end of the year survey and individual interviews, while conduct trends were also examined for the living area. Professor Johnson also tracked interactions with Sayre residents. The insights gathered are presented in the following report.

“Identity Development”

70% of residents in Sayre Park

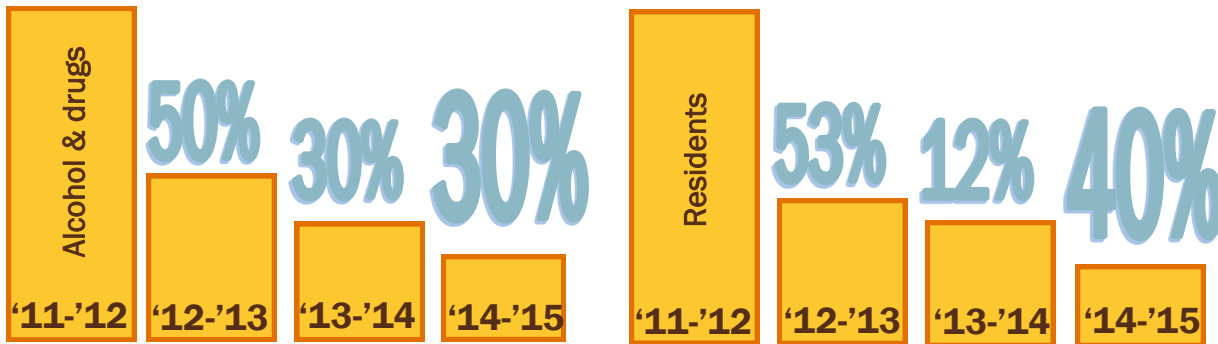
compared to

54% of residents in Trembley & Brodhead

Indicated that living with a faculty member would have some to significant impact on their understanding of their own personal views

“I’m definitely all about family. That is something I like to see. I see them out there and it is refreshing and it reminds of my own family. I love seeing the kids grow up. Having a professor living next to me really builds the Lehigh family. Sayre has it’s own family up here, but having them just reinforces the Lehigh overall family. It doesn’t matter where you’re living or where you are raising your family if you are happy doing it.”

Conduct trends continue to DECREASE dramatically



Approximately 18% of the Sayre Park residents completed the end of the year survey questions.

10 Students were selected randomly by Residence Life to participate in interviews.

Average GPA comparisons were compiled by Institutional Research. There was very little difference in the average GPAs between Sayre Park and TP/BH.

The Office of Student Conduct retrieved the number of incidents and the number of residents documented from the Maxient database.

This year the overall Residence Life EOY Survey saw the highest number of total respondents, 895, since 2013.

Student Affairs

“Creative Curiosity”

When asked about **living in the residence hall** Sayre Park residents **agreed or strongly agreed...**

25% were exposed to new knowledge that they were previously unaware of



15% have a curiosity, ignited by this new knowledge, that they would like to explore further

“I think about what it would be like to be living in a residence hall as an adult and a parent. I also want to know more about the adoption process and how it works.”

“Inclusive Leadership”

81%

Of Sayre residents believe that **living with a faculty member** has **some** to a **significant impact** on their ...

Compared to

48%

Of Trembley & Brodhead residents

“Ability to articulate advantages and disadvantages gained from living in a diverse community.”

“It’s like an inspirational family. We may tend to think of families as all this way or all another way, but it’s great to see how they interact with each other. It’s really just a pleasure to see the amount of love each person has there even though it’s not necessarily the typical family unit or setting.”

3 Emergent Themes from Interviews ...

Quotes throughout colored boxes were taken directly from individual student interviews with Sayre Park residents

- 100%** → Discussed the kids directly in their responses in conjunction to their or others respectful behavior and/or responsibility
- 80%** → Were able to meet students they would not have without the fellow programs or interactions bringing them out of their suite
- 60%** → Had perspectives on professors lives beyond the classroom and their teaching/research interests that they would not have

“On a hot and steamy Friday, the hill was hopping and something in the range of 80 students chose to go to a professor’s house for an Open House. I think this is really striking. They just love being around a family, and they are so enamored with the idea that I am a professor here.” -HJ

“[the sense of community at Lehigh tends to be revolved around a few core things-being a freshman, being in a Greek house, and going out at night]. The sense of community up in Sayre is one that has a caring feel and more of a “real world” community based on respect, responsibility, and family. To me, it feels like we all are part of shaping the way the kids up in Sayre are growing up. Whether it’s true or not, I believe that the sense of impacting these very impressionable young people is one that sticks with the residents up in Sayre, affecting the way we all act and carry ourselves.”

“The author of the FY summer reading book came to our apartment for dinner with 16 Eckardt scholars and OFYE staff. We had a lovely dinner together and a book signing. After, I went door to door in Sayre B to invite residents to bring Tupperware to take leftovers. They were thrilled to load up on some really good food.” -HJ

Individual Interview Insights