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## The Home Away From Home Newsletter

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This edition of *The Home Away From Home Newsletter* includes housing activities, COVID-19 updates, and an introduction of the housing staff. Many things have changed this year at USU Eastern due to COVID-19, but we are happy that we can still hold events that are safely distanced. We are still able to stay connected as a campus and community, despite the challenges.

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# Meet The Staff



## Hall Directors

### Burtenshaw and Tucker



Emma  
Campbell

Emma is a senior Human Development and Family Studies student. She has been involved in many things on campus including the Eagles newspaper, SUN Center, Students United for Reproductive Freedoms, and of course Res Life. She is originally from Fresno, California but moved often and even lived in the Philippines for three years.

### Aaron Jones



Kevin  
Vanderspek

Kevin grew up in West Jordan, Utah, and moved to Price in 2016. He has been dedicated to Res Life ever since. Kevin's favorite aspect of Residential Life is the community that it builds each year. He is the head coach for E-sports and hopes that will help build a strong connection with the community.

### Sessions



Jeridi Haney

Jeridi grew up in Clawson, UT and attended USU Eastern from 2013-2018. She completed an Associate of Science. She was married in 2016 to the head baseball coach, Kirk. In late 2018 they had a beautiful daughter named Swayd. She is currently working on her bachelor's degree at USU Eastern and enjoys being a Hall Director.

### Senior RA



Luke Haney

Luke was born and raised in Payson, Utah and attended Salem Hills High School. He loves sports, fishing, being outdoors, and camping. Luke played baseball here at USUE and is now continuing his education. He is also an assistant coach for the baseball team.

# Resident Assistant

## AJ 1<sup>st</sup> Floor



Marissa  
Cribbs

Marissa is a sophomore here at USUE. She is from Las Vegas, NV and loves the outdoors. She is on the USU Eastern women's soccer team and she is also the 2020-2021 Miss USU Eastern. Her passions include piano, art, traveling, and the TV show Friends. She is studying nursing and loves being an RA.

## AJ 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor



Emma  
Ricks

Emma was born in California and raised in Alpine, UT where she went to Lone Peak HS. She grew up being the youngest of four kids. Emma has played volleyball since she was little and is playing her second year here at USUE. She loves art, the outdoors, camping, and hiking. She is excited to be an RA for her second year.

## AJ 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor



Mary  
Littlefield

Mary is from Layton, UT and is a freshman at USUE. She has loved being an RA and a part of the women's soccer team. She enjoys hiking, river rafting, practically any sport, and hammocking. She also enjoys art, reading, watching TV and napping.

## Bshaw 1<sup>st</sup> Floor



Zoey Howa

Zoey is a sophomore here at USU Eastern. She is striving to get her bachelor's degree in Nursing with the long-term goal of working in pediatrics or becoming a nurse anesthetist. She is from Austin, TX. She enjoys hanging with friends, hiking, and exploring. She also has family here in Price and loves being an RA.

## Bshaw 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor



Emma  
Wilson

Emma grew up in Springville, Utah. After completing her freshman year at the Logan campus, she has transferred to USU Eastern to be closer to family and enjoy everything that Price has to offer. She is now a sophomore studying Nursing. She enjoys shopping and spending time with friends and family.

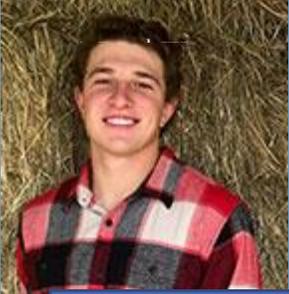
## Session 1<sup>st</sup> Floor



Josh  
Maughan

Josh is a freshman here at USU Eastern. Josh is working on his generals and majoring in Engineering. Josh is also a member of the men's soccer team here at USU Eastern. In his free time, he enjoys hanging with friends, cliff jumping, and going to the beach.

## Session 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor



Kaden  
Kunz

This is Kaden's second year here at USU Eastern. He is working on receiving a bachelor's degree in Business Management. He loves being outdoors, camping, fishing, hiking, and sports. He is on the baseball team here at USUE and is from Salem, UT.

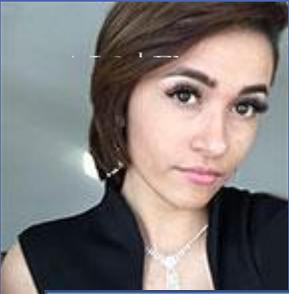
## Tucker



Olivia  
Sorensen

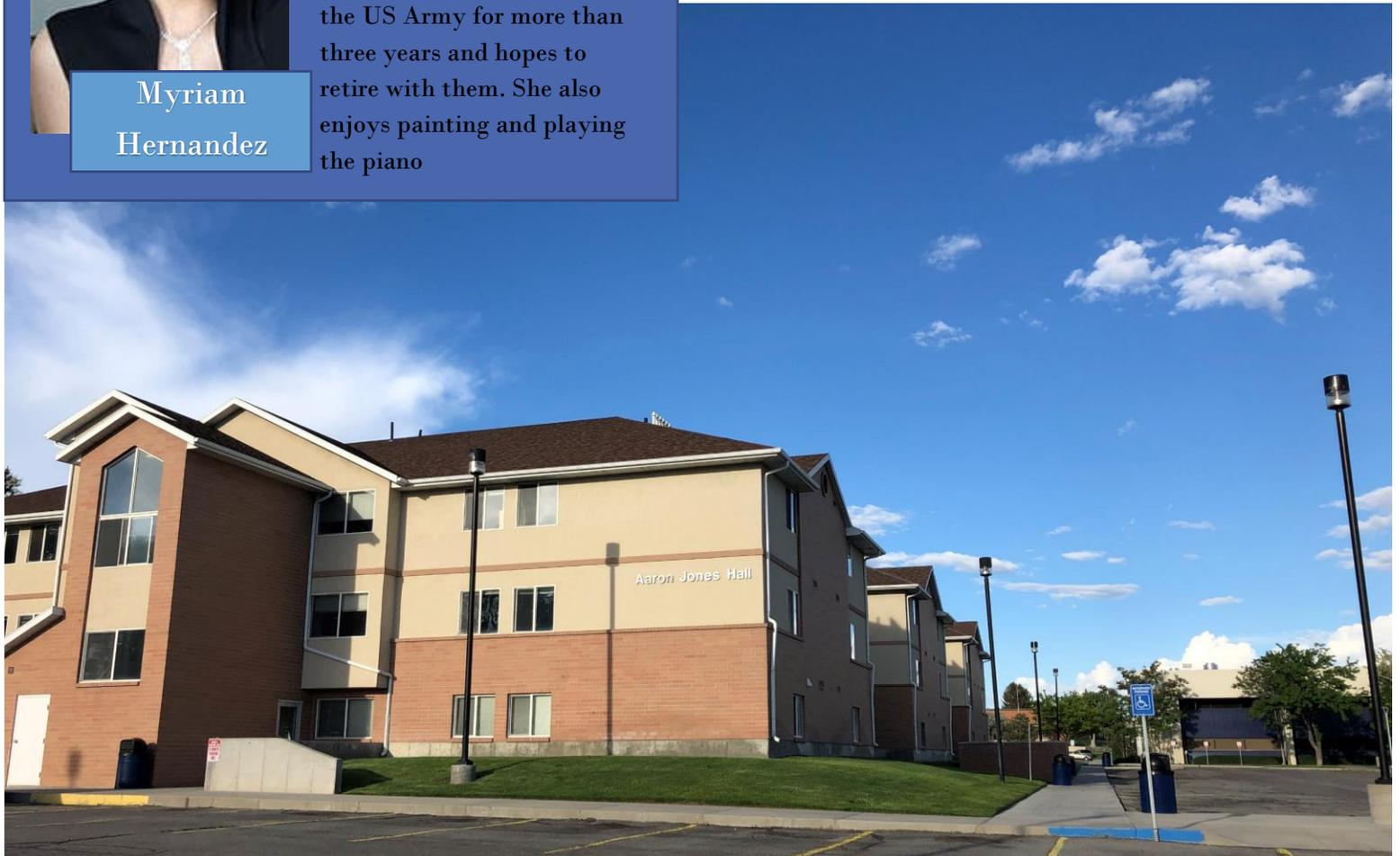
Olivia Sorensen is a sophomore here at USUE and is from Georgia. She enjoys wakeboarding, water skiing, and traveling. She is currently a captain on the USUE spirit squad and loves it. She enjoys being an RA and loves it here in Price.

## Tucker



Myriam  
Hernandez

Myriam is finishing up her sophomore year here at USUE. She is majoring in Social Work and hopes to be a social worker for the military. Myriam has been in the US Army for more than three years and hopes to retire with them. She also enjoys painting and playing the piano



# Housing Events

## September

### Scavenger Hunt Hall Brawl

During welcome week, our first Housing program and part of Hall Brawl was the photo scavenger hunt. We had participants take part in taking selfies and pictures at notable locations on campus. We had over 100 submissions in our scavenger hunt drawing. We had students take photos with Gibby, in the Pit, the Eagle by Reeves, the sculpture by the WIB, the welcome sign on campus and the USU-E sign on the hill and post them to snapchat! All submissions were creative and entertaining! Winners were selected by determining which hall posted the most photos, then a randomized drawing was held to determine the winners! It was a great program to kick off the school year and a great Hall Brawl activity!



## October

### AJ Pumpkin Carving

Each room in AJ was given a carving kit and a large pumpkin. The kit included stencils, tools, and ideas for their pumpkins. The residents were very creative and had their very own decoration for the spooky season after. The pumpkin carvings were judged by Sharon Jones and Eric Curwen. The winning room got their very own spooky gift basket including treats, movies, and decorations. It was a great way for AJ to stay connected during a pandemic.



### *Tucker Window Decorating Competition*

Tucker residents were given assorted colors of sticky notes and asked to create any image on their living room window. We encouraged people to think outside the box and really create something different. We gave them a week to decorate and then we judged on Friday. We had some amazing participants and some included Pac-man, Super Mario, Tetris. However, the winners ended up being 3<sup>rd</sup> place –Super Mario/ Baby Yoda, 2<sup>nd</sup> place –Abstract Cat, 1<sup>st</sup> place –Haunted house.



### *Burtenshaw and Sessions Scary Movie Night*

On October 19, Burtenshaw and Sessions held a scary movie event. In the Geary here on campus, they played the movie “Lights Out”. The Housing Staff decorated the entrance to the Geary. It was a great way to get into the spooky spirits for Halloween.





## Housing Bingo

Bingo, the game of complete chance and you're never too young to have bingo night! We hosted a virtual bingo night where students were able to log into a zoom meeting and check off their bingo boards as we called them out! There were four prizes to be won: (1, 2, 3, 4.) A lot of people were really close to a bingo but at the end of the night our four winners were given USUE swag bags. Overall, we had great participants and it was a lot of safe fun!

## All Hall Costume Contest

Halloween! The best time of the year. It's full of great scares and especially great costumes. We had a competition to see who could get the most creative and scary for the holiday. We had three categories to win, scariest, most creative, and funniest. We had so many great entries and the decision was super hard! We came to a decision and our winners were Kelsi Philips for most creative, Kenidy Garner for funniest, and Samuel Memmott for scariest.



# November

## Tucker Cake Decorating Contest

On November 5th Tucker hall held a cake decorating competition. Residents were given a pan, cake, eggs, and icing to decorate. Students were to submit their cakes to the RA snapchat and the most creative cake would win 72 oz. ninja blender, protein powder, reusable straws, and two shakers. With six submissions from our residents the most creative cake came from T33! Their cake had been expertly made with dripping frosting and chocolate pieces delicately placed on top of the cake. While all the other cakes had been designed very well, with one even resembling the USU Eastern Eagle, it came down to the cake of T33.



## Burtenshaw Door Decorating Contest

On November 18, residents of Buretenshaw participated in a door decorating contest. They were offered supplies from the housing department and competed for a prize. Many decorated winter theme and it was a great way to brighten up the hallways. This was a great way for residents to participate in a creative process from a safe social distance.

## *AJ Pie Eating Contest*

With the dangers of in person gatherings, most of the campus hosted activities have been online or video competitions. One such competition, hosted by the RAs, was in the Aaron Jones Hall. This contest was a pie eating contest in which each room in Aaron Jones was given a pie, some were pumpkin, some were apple. Each room was then supposed to choose one roommate to eat the pie as fast as possible. The other roommates were to video the person eating the pie and then submit it to the Housing Snapchat. Then, whichever person ate the pie fastest would win a prize. Malone Moss was the winner of the pie eating contest. While he was unable to finish his whole pie, he still ate the most in the fastest amount of time. Some contestants decided instead of eating the pie as fast as possible, they would make a TikTok of them pretending to eat the pie. Those TikToks were submitted as well and were not counted but were enjoyed.



## *All Hall Lip Syncing Competition*

In the month of November, we had a virtual lip sync contest! Students submitted lip sync performances over the RESLIFE Snapchat! We had some awesome and hilarious submissions including performances straight from Mariah Carey, Trace Adkins, The Greatest Showman, and many more! Students were able to win projectors, speakers, and beanbag chairs. Thank you to all who participated!

# Announcements

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GO EAGLES!



## *Covid-19 Testing Information*

As the battle against Covid-19 continues, Utah State and Utah State University Eastern have begun providing free Covid-19 tests to all students and staff on campus, by appointment. In order to schedule an appointment, one must go to [aggieshealth.usu.edu](http://aggieshealth.usu.edu) and log into the system. At USU Eastern, those running the tests are trained in the proper way to proceed. Many of them are in fact students of USU Eastern who are studying to go into the medical field. While these tests are not provided every day, there will be at least one day every week in which students that have made an appointment may go get tested for free. These tests are not mandatory, but it is highly suggested that those who can, get tested in order to keep our campus up and running. These tests help reduce the spread of Covid-19 on our campus and even across the state.

## *Why Would You Call the RA Phone?*

Contact the RA phone if you have any conflict issues, get locked out of your dorm, or to Check-in/out. If you have any questions about housing, noise complaints, or a vacuum, call the ra phone. You can also call if there is something in the dorms not working properly.

*(435) 650-8887*





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### *Reminder: Mask Mandate*

In order to ensure the safety of our students and staff, this is a reminder to wear face covering in all public areas on campus. This includes the resident halls, lounges, the student center, BDAC, and other buildings. We thank everyone for doing their part in limiting the spread of Covid-19. Wear your mask and stay safe.

### *Reminder: Stay Involved!*

Although in person social interaction is limited, there are many virtual activities offered for students from many different groups across campus. You can win prizes from a PS5 to a Nintendo switch. Keep an eye out for fliers and announcements about events you can participate in. Also, keep an eye out for sporting events and go out to support your Eagles!

# *Thank You!*