

1) Welcome (Kevin)

2) Poem about Leadership (Ebony)

3) History of NRHH (Patrina)

(from the NRHH National Office Website)

In 1954, the National Association of College and University Residence Halls of NACURH was founded. NACURH was formed as a result of a feeling that such an organization was needed to encourage the exchange of ideas and information among residential students nationwide.

In 1964, NACURH found itself with financial difficulties. Jim Tschechtelin, NACURH Chair, began investigating possibilities for potential revenue sources and grants. Grants were found, but there were two requirements: a central NACURH office had to be established, and the member schools needed more services rendered. Thus, the National Residence Hall Honorary was put forth as an answer to the second requirement.

During the preliminary organization, the National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) focused on the incorporation of old into new. Campuses with existing honorary organizations were contacted and coordinated into the NRHH structure. The preservation of chapter identity was primary, as it was incorporated into the NRHH structure, and as each campus is aware of its own individual needs. The primary focus of each chapter became the recognition of the residence hall leaders on its campus. This helped sustain a consistent membership in on-campus organizations as well as on the regional and national levels within NACURH.

Eventually, pins and certificates were produced to recognize the members of the Honorary, the tradition of regional and national receptions during conferences began and formal recruitment and affiliation packets were produced. Regional Recruiter (now called Associate Directors) positions on regional boards were also established as were many awards including Program, National Communications Coordinator, Advisor, Student, and Resident Assistant Of The Month Awards as well as Outstanding Chapter of the Year.

Today, over 170 chapters are affiliated with the National Residence Hall Honorary National Office. Activities of the chapters vary from campus to campus ranging from Honorary chapters, which simply induct new members at an annual recognition banquet to chapters which are extremely active on their campuses and in their communities, coordinating leadership retreats, conferences, socials, hall or campus wide programs, fund raisers, and a whole host of other events. Membership selection is conducted by each individual chapter which results in members who represent the top 1% of the student leaders on campus and who have contributed extraordinary amounts of personal time and energy in order to make the residence halls more than a "dorm."

4) History of the Chapter (Karen)

In the spring of 2003, the leadership within the halls and RHPC was showing tremendous growth. RHPC Advisor Barb Dyer and NCC Michael Davis felt that it was time to investigate the possibility of giving these leaders another organization in which to be recognized. NRHH seemed to be the perfect opportunity. It was added into the upcoming elections for the following year to elect an NRHH Representative to investigate the feasibility of having a chapter of NRHH on campus.

Kevin Hemphill was elected to the position and began his research right away. In October 2003 he formed a committee to help him in developing the investigation process. The committee consisting of Patrina Lawson, Travis English, Cathy Tran, Margie Weiss, Randa Khafagy, Stacey Erickson, Ebony Garcia, and Advisor Karen Boettler went to work on the feasibility investigation. After clearing several hurdles from budgeting to surveying the campus for interest, the feasibility was approved by RHPC in January of 2004.

It was then time to take the next step towards proving that the resources could be gathered to start an NRHH chapter here on campus. Working under very close deadlines and planning a new form of presentation, the NRHH Committee planned a budget, formed a constitution, chose a name, and selected its first potential members. This was presented to RHPC and on April 5, 2004, seven months after the process began, the Forming Leaders And Mentors Everywhere, or F.L.A.M.E. Chapter of NRHH was born. That is what brings us here today.

5) Ceremony (Karen)

****Ask each member to step forward with their candle as their name is called****

****Student lights their candle with the blue candle****

****Student is handed a certificate****

****Each member should remain standing in the front of the room with their candle lit****

6) Read Symbols and Colors of NRHH (Karen)

The NRHH colors are blue and white. The blue signifies loyalty to self, purpose, and ideals. The white signifies a blank page: a page on which a student writes the successes and experiences that fills their days of college and their lives living on campus.

The symbol of NRHH is a diamond surrounding the letters of the organization, and the three interconnected links are known as the chain of leadership. The diamond, the world's most precious gem, signifies the value and beauty one finds in their residence hall experiences.

The first chain of the link represents caring. Leaders are people who care and wish to make a difference. They are concerned about themselves and others, and are committed to making things better. The second link signifies dedication. Part of the leader's commitment is the dedication to the ideals and causes, which they display towards others. Dedication is an essential component to being a true campus leader. The third link represents participation. True leaders fully participate in their academic pursuits, friendships, activities, and lives. Leaders do not sit on the sidelines and watch life go by. Leaders jump right into the game of life. They are team players. Together this unbroken chain of dedication, caring, and participation symbolize the never-ending leadership of NACURH and membership into the NRHH. As leaders, we are inter-connected as daring, dedicated participants of our campus community.

Each inductee holds a candle. As the flame was shared for the lighting of the candles, so are the qualities of leadership. The NRHH seeks to embody this principal of sharing with each member bringing their own unique qualities to the organization with the purpose of servicing our residence halls.

As we pass the flame from the candle representing loyalty, purpose, and ideals, to the white candle representing the blank page at which these inductees will start to inscribe upon, it is with great pleasure that I welcome the first inductees to the F.L.A.M.E. Chapter of the National Residence Hall Honorary.

****clap for the inductees****

You may now blow out your candles and take your seats.

7) Induction of Honorary Members (Kevin)

No organization would be complete without someone to advise. And with that I would like to induct the advisor to the F.L.A.M.E. Chapter of NRHH, Ms. Karen Boettler.

****Karen's Bio****

****Karen lights her candle on the blue candle****

Today we will also induct two honorary members who, through their dedication to UWG and the students, are very deserving of this honor.

****Read Dr. Melanie McClellan's Bio****

****Have Dr. McClellan light her candle on the blue candle****

****Read Chris Geiger's Bio****

****Have Mr. Geiger light his candle on the blue candle****

So today, I would like to welcome Karen Boettler as our advisor, and Dr. Melanie McClellan and Chris Geiger as Honorary Members of the F.L.A.M.E. Chapter of NRHH.

8) Conclusion (Ebony)

Thank you for attending today's induction ceremony. We are grateful for the support of supportive friends like you. We invite you to congratulate our first members on your way out.

This concludes our ceremony. Thank you.