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The legend of Betsy in Hillside Hall is featured on many websites as a haunted area of interest in the Three Rivers area and among other Colleges and Universities.

Meet the New Assistant Director

Stephanie Reed joins the Westminster College Student Affairs Office

If you walk into the Student Affairs Office you may have the chance to be greeted with a new face—that of the Assistant Director, Stephanie Reed.

Stephanie joins Westminster College after working at the University of New Hampshire as a Residence Hall Director for 2 years. Stephanie is not new to the Pennsylvania and Ohio area. She attended Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio for her undergrad where she attained her Bachelor's degree in Speech Communication in 2002. After working at Ursuline College she found her calling to the Student Affairs field and attended Miami University of Ohio where



she attained her Master's degree in College Student Personnel in 2008.

Stephanie is excited to be at Westminster College. When she worked at Ursalin College she loved the experience of a smaller campus. "Larger campuses have a different feel, but I wouldn't say it is bad. I really love bigger schools for certain things and think

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Top: Stephanie reading on the coast of Lake Michigan in Chicago, Illinois.
Bottom: Stephanie and some of her Hall Director friends from her previous job at the University of New Hampshire.

Important Fall Semester Dates

November

23: Residence Halls close at 6pm for Thanksgiving Break

28: Residence Halls reopen at 2 pm
Classes resume Monday

December

15: Reading Day and Cram Jam

17: Residence Halls close at 6pm for Winter Break

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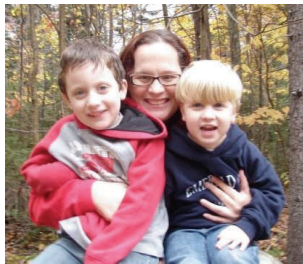
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smaller schools can have a more direct approach with students which I value." In fact, Stephanie was initially drawn to the size of Westminster College. She felt drawn to the connectedness and community of a smaller school.

Stephanie has another motivation for moving to the area. Her sister lives in Northeast Ohio with her sons (6 years old, 4 years old, and 11 months old). Stephanie is very close with them and is now able to visit them frequently along with the rest of her family.

This is the first year that the Assistant Director is housed in a house on Gateway. Stephanie has lived in residence halls for the past several years working as a Hall Director. She loves the experience of living on campus without living in a residence hall. She has enjoyed decorating her house and the privacy although



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Stephanie's sister Samantha and her two sons Nicholas (L) and Christopher (R) visiting Mt. Washington in NH.

misses having students down the hall to visit. For all you dog lovers, Stephanie hopes to purchase a dog soon and I'm sure she'll be looking for dog sitters throughout the year!

In the future, Stephanie would love to continue working in Student Affairs, however she has no idea what her future holds or what she plans for her future. However, she hopes she continues to have direct contact with student regardless of her role. Deep

Below: Stephanie holding her newest nephew, Alex, who is 11 months now!



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down she wishes she could be an interventionist instead she has conceded to watching the show *Intervention* on A&E, which is her favorite. Some of her other favorites things include the show *Glee*, Mexican food, and Garden of Eatin' Sun Chips. Stephanie also enjoys reading memoirs and watching movies such as *Love Actually*, *Top Gun* and, of course, *The Breakfast Club*.

Most importantly, Stephanie wants students to be aware that she is an amazing resource for them! She explains, "I am in this profession because I love working with and talking to students." She wants students to know that she is

approachable and laid back and that no matter what the problem is, if she doesn't know the answer, she will help you find it!

Residence Hall

Summer Improvements

This year many of you may have come back to campus to see some exciting new things in your residence halls. Others of you may be here for the first time and not be aware of some of the work that went on over the summer.

Russell and Shaw both have all new carpeting. Russell's new carpeting is in the hallways while Shaw had the same upgrade which extends into the lobby.

Galbreath also received new carpeting installed in the lobby where you will see an all new flat screen TV. Galbreath also had new windows and screens installed over the summer. If you walk past the building you can tell by their shiny new appearance.

Another lobby was totally redone but with even bigger upgrades. Browne had all of the furniture replaced as well as all new lighting fixtures installed. They also installed new carpeting and a flat screen TV. It gives the lobby a totally different feel and look, which makes it a

much nicer place for everyone to hang out or attend programs!

Eichenauer also had new windows installed and just like Galbreath and Browne they now have a new flat screen TV which is perfect for watching sporting events.

Ferguson Hall had some upgrades last year, however this summer the entire fire system was upgraded. All new detectors were installed and the box that controls the system was totally changed. In fact, one of the boxes was removed.

One of the biggest renovations over the summer was the opening of the ground floor of Hillside. This opened up twenty-five beds for women and it looks great. There will also be even more on campus housing opening soon with forty beds in Berlin Villiage townhouses. Some great things are happening to keep residence halls as up to date as possible from year to year.

Meet the 2010-2011 Residence Life Staff

Katie Pifer *Galbreath Hall* was SGA President.

Katherine (Katie) Pifer grew up in Meadville, PA



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with her parents and older sister Carol.

She attained her B.A. in History from the College of Wooster in 2009 where she was involved in Residence Life, a member of the softball team, the CowBelles and

She is now a graduate student at Kent State University where she is working toward her M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration.

This past summer, Katie worked at Brown University's Summer at Brown program as a Residence Director where she supervised four residence halls. Her kryptonite is chocolate but she also enjoys yoga, golf, and the color pink. You can often catch her running on the Bio trail. It is her second year at Westminster College and she is looking forward to her new position in Galbreath Hall!

Jonathan Coopersmith *Russell Hall*

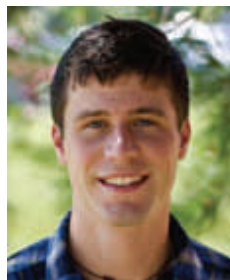
Jonathan Coopersmith attended Grove City College where he thoroughly enjoyed walking on the grass any time he wanted to!

While at Grove City, Jonathan was involved in Residence Life, Student Government, Project Okello, and served as the Student Body Chaplin.

Now that he is at Westminster College through the CCO program. He hopes to challenge students to live out their faith in every area

of life.

He is also currently volunteering assistant coach for the cross-country team. He loves all Philadelphia sports teams, running, literature, good coffee, engaging conversation, theology, great beer, and the performing arts.



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Jeannette Sinnott *Ferguson Hall* president of



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Jeannette is from Waynesburg, PA. She is the oldest of 7 siblings.

She graduated from Roanoke College in 2009 with a B.A. in English and a concentration in Communications. While at Roanoke, Jeannette was involved in Residence Life, served as the

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, their female A'Capella group and is a member of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority.

Jeannette is in her second year at Kent State University working toward an M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel.

Jeannette likes to keep up with celebrity pop culture and is addicted to Bravo reality shows, E!, and anything related to Kim Kardashian.

She is excited to be living in Ferguson again!

Rob Marra *Eichenauer Hall* working with his RAs and is

Rob Marra is a Junior Elementary and Special Education major with a minor in Music. Rob is an active participant in many musical ensembles at Westminster. And serves as the treasurer for Theta Chi fraternity.

He was previously an RA for first year men in Russell and is now the CA of Eichenauer hall. Rob enjoys

excited for the new theme communities in his building!

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Letters to the Editor

All letters will be published as space allows and must incorporate the authors name and phone number for verification. Letters containing offensive language or questionable material will not be published.

Email letters to the Editor, Jeannette Sinnott, at sinnotje@westminster.edu

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Maggie Westcott

Browne Hall

Maggie Westcott is a Senior Sociology major with a minor in Gender Studies. She is currently applying to graduate programs for a Masters in Social Work, and hopes to be a Coun-



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selor. For the last two years she has served as an RA of first-year women, and is now the CA for Browne Hall. With a cozy staff of four, she enjoys working with the RAs and also working with the women of Browne to build a fun community.

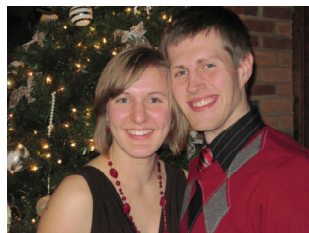
Other than being involved with Residence Life, she is the Sisterhood Chair for Sigma Kappa.

Rachel Engels Hillside Hall

Rachel Engels is a graduate of Calvin College, where she received her Bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in social work. At Calvin, she worked as an RA, and enjoyed walking with students through the questions and discoveries of their own college experience.

She loves the fact that being an RD at Westminster gives her the opportunity to do the same thing full-time! Rachel enjoys being outdoors,

baking cookies for her residents, and spending



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time with her husband, Steve, who began work at Westminster this year as the assistant men's soccer coach.

Eventually, Rachel hopes to pursue dual Masters degrees in theology and counseling.

Brittany Miller

Shaw Hall



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Brittany received her Bachelor's degree from Slippery Rock University in French. While an undergraduate student, she was an RA for two years before leaving SRU and America to study abroad

in the south of France for 4 months in her senior year.

Brittany is currently working toward her Master's Degree at SRU in Student Affairs in Higher Education.

She likes the color yellow, Dave Matthews Band (and other 90's music), and she is a vegetarian.

Brittany loves working in Shaw because she has an interest in working with first-year students. Brittany is very excited to be at Westminster - she loves it here already!

Interested in Being an RA?

Want to know what an RA does? Attend the following information sessions to learn about the job and find out about applying!

Tuesday, November 30 @ 9:00pm
Shaw Hall

Thursday, December 9 @ 9:00pm
Russell Hall

Our Mission

The mission of the Residence Life program at Westminster College is to contribute to the development and education of students by creating inclusive communities in which students can:

- Feel safe to explore new ideas
- Be challenged to relate to others with respect and compassion
- Be supported in self discovery
- Be supported to solve problems autonomously

Rooted in the Westminster College mission, the mission of the Residence Life program supports the academic endeavors of students. Further, the Residence Life program supports the quest for excellence that Westminster College espouses for all students.

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