



**Brock University**  
**Department of Residences**  
**Living Learning Communities**

# Summer Newsletter

## Brock Residence Welcomes Students to Six LLCs



Concurrent Education LLC Students 2013-2014

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Starting a new chapter is always going to involve some jitters. By choosing to live in an LLC (Living Learning Community), ninety-one students have already self-selected themselves into a community with like-minded people and this will hopefully minimize some of that stress. With three academic and three interest communities, the Department of Residences supports the “Both Sides of the Brain” philosophy of Brock by providing supported learning opportunities for the students within residence and an upper year Peer Mentor to help guide them through their first year experience.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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- Invitation to the LLC Kick Off



# Your Peer Mentors—Academic Communities



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Hello Badgers, and welcome to Brock University!

My name is Shazeda, and I will be the Peer Mentor of the Accounting LLC for the 2015-2016 academic year! I have been involved with the Accounting Students' Association as an event coordinator and a co-chair for the Break the Case Junior Competition. I look forward to getting to know all of you, and I hope to use my resources and experiences to help each of you with your journey in university. There are many opportunities available, and my goal is to assist you with your academic success and to make your experience here a memorable one.

## Accounting

Hello future Badgers! Welcome to Brock University and the Goodman School of Business!

My name is Julia Wood and I recently completed my fourth year of the international dual degree program with Goodman and the European Business School in Germany! Brock University has truly become my home over the past four years and although I was scheduled to finish my program this spring, I wasn't ready for my Brock journey to come to an end. I am so excited to be returning home to St. Catharines this fall to pursue further studies and even more excited to share the upcoming year with the students of the Business LLC!

Over the past four years I have been heavily involved on- and off-campus both in Canada and in Germany. Due to my involvement I am knowledgeable of the various student services and opportunities that are available – especially for business students. I highly encourage you to fully engage yourselves in your Brock experience. The next four years will be some of the best of your lives! Can't wait to meet you in September!



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## Business



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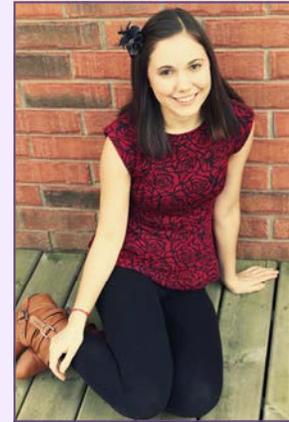
Hi Badgers! I'd like to welcome you all to the next most exciting time of your life, university! My name is Kari Haak and I will be the peer mentor of the Concurrent Education LLC for 2015/2016. As a second year student, I am also in the Concurrent Education program at Brock, majoring in Sports and Physical Education. I had the privilege of being in an LLC my first year and I am so excited to pass this experience on to all of you. I love getting involved, helping others, and teaching of course. I hope to make each and every one of your experiences in this LLC enjoyable and beneficial. My vision for our community is to provide you all with resources to help you both academically and socially. Whether it's engaging with faculty or students, participating in workshops, or helping one another. I will always be available to help you make a smooth transition into university life at Brock. I hope you are all just excited as me to start your new chapter of life at Brock!

Feel free to message me with questions or if you'd just like to chat. My email is [kh13bq@brocku.ca](mailto:kh13bq@brocku.ca) and my Facebook is simply my name. See you soon baby Badgers!

## Concurrent Education

## Your Peer Mentors—Interest Communities

Hello future badgers! My name is Michelle Csercsics and I am so excited to be the peer mentor for the Arts House this year. I am going into my fourth year of concurrent education, primary/junior division with a major in child and youth studies. In my first year I lived in the Concurrent Education LLC and last year I was a Don in Lowenberger Residence. I have always enjoyed the arts and can't wait for all of the new experiences we will have next year. My goal for the upcoming year is to participate in a variety of artistic activities together. Please make your interests known so I can make this year both fun and engaging for you. Feel free to add me on Facebook or email me at [mc11wv@brocku.ca](mailto:mc11wv@brocku.ca) if you have any questions or suggestions for the upcoming year. I can't wait to meet all of you and have a fantastic summer!



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### Arts House



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From our fabulous team of facilitators and mentors, welcome learners to Brock University. My name is Kyra Boyce, and I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year Sociology collaborative student. I graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School located in Brampton, Ontario, and during my high school experience I devoted myself to being involved with extra-curricular activities, such as; volleyball, soccer; the photography club, PALS, Student Council, and the STAMP leadership program. From participating in these activities I developed a passion for doing what I can by contributing to making a difference for others. In sharing one of my passions photography, it has opened my eyes to view the world with a new lens which has allowed me to appreciate the simplicity and detail in all that surrounds us.

During my youth I found myself being truly dedicated to engaging the community and assisting with initiatives that have led to my career goals of working within the criminal justice field, specializing in community mobilization to bridge the gaps in police and community relations. I visualize communities where youth, and other stakeholders become active community leaders throughout the GTA, helping vulnerable communities such as our First Nations peoples so everyone can participate and have opportunities for social mobility in Canada.

### Fitness Fans and Healthy Plans

Hey baby badgers ! My name is Caitlyn Hillman and I'm your new Volunteerism and Leadership LLC Peer Mentor for the upcoming year ! I am entering in my second year of the Concurrent Education Program for the Junior- Intermediate level with a teachable in History. I was born and raised in Windsor Ontario and my biggest interests include baseball, history, photography, volunteering and Netflix. Last year I was apart of the Volunteerism and Leadership LLC and it gave me a chance to be apart of a great community as well as make a close group of friends. This year as your peer mentor I am excited to plan with you volunteering events that fit your interests so we can enjoy a fulfilling year together. This LLC is a great way to get active and involved in our community from Shinerama during O-Week to events such as blood drives and countless other opportunities that will make us active members in our LLC and in our community. I am looking forward to meet all of you and to make this year one for the books !



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### Volunteerism and Leadership



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*We would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone as members of the various LLCs!*

*As members of the Department of Residence, a significant portion of our responsibilities lie in ensuring the success of your communities.*

*Amanda studied in the Concurrent Education program at Brock and, if you include her time as a student staff member, this is her 12th year working in the Department of Residences.*

*Lesley studied Sociology at Wilfrid Laurier University, while working as a Residence Life Don, and continued working within Residence at Brock University.*

*We both pursued our passion within Residence, and are excited to welcome you to the Living Learning Communities at Brock University!*

*Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns or to pop by our offices.*



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## Brock to the Future

Brock University Students' Union (BUSU) and Brock University's Orientation Committee have released the theme for this year's Orientation Week.

While the schedule is yet to be announced, watch for annual events such as the Tower Party, Condom Poker and Shinerama.

Make sure that you keep watching [www.busu.net/oweeek](http://www.busu.net/oweeek) for the full schedule of events and make sure you track your attendance by swiping at events! You'll also be able to find all the events on ExperienceBU! Don't forget to tweet!

#BUSU

#OWeek2015

#BrockRes



## SAVE THE DATE

Living Learning Community Kick Off

Monday, September 7th

5:30pm

Want to read more about living in Residence?

Our website has tons of information.

Bookmark these pages!

Residence Life Publications

[www.brocku.ca/residence/residence\\_life/publications](http://www.brocku.ca/residence/residence_life/publications)

What to Bring to Residence and Move In Information

[www.brocku.ca/residence/residence-admissions/information](http://www.brocku.ca/residence/residence-admissions/information)

Campus Events

[www.brocku.ca/experiencebu](http://www.brocku.ca/experiencebu)

Residence FAQs

[www.brocku.ca/residence/residence-admissions/faqs](http://www.brocku.ca/residence/residence-admissions/faqs)