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Residence Life Philosophy

University Student Housing at Texas Tech University strives to create environments that support the intellectual and emotional growth of students. We collaborate with students, faculty and staff to foster a seamless learning experience that promotes Civility, Achievement, Engagement, Character and Independence to develop responsible, caring, and confident life-long learners and citizens. We have designated educational and developmental learning outcomes to define the types of learning opportunities and experiences we will create in order to enhance the educational experience. We encourage each student to become a partner in their education by becoming an active leader and learner within their community.

Educational & Developmental Desired Learning Outcomes

Civility

Civility is important for college students to develop in order to participate as a positive, active member of any community. Students of the Residence halls at Texas Tech University will gain experiences and skills that will further develop them as a civil minded person.

*Topics: Respect, Behavior Towards Others, Community, Humanitarianism, Awareness, Relationships*

Achievement

Academic achievement is central to the student experience in college. Students will develop a sense of pride, excellence, and aspiration in order to take charge of their own learning throughout college and life. We strive to create opportunities, experiences, and resources to assist students in their academic and personal achievement such as study skills, career development, goal setting, and time management.

*Topics: Academic Success, Study Skills, Career Development, Intellectual Development, Goal Setting, Time Management, Transformative Learning, Campus Resources*
Character

Developing strong character enables an individual to build the foundation to make decisions in alignment with their values and beliefs. The college experience offers the opportunity to define who they are and the type of person they want to become. It also offers the opportunity to identify the principles that will guide them and their future decisions.

Topics: Ethics, Integrity, Values, Beliefs, Morals, Spirituality

Engagement

The college experience is a partnership between the student and the university. The learning and personal development that takes place within the college experience must be fostered through active programming and intrinsic motivation to learn. Participating as an engaged student will enhance the experience and connection to transition as an active member of the community.

Topics: Service, Tradition, Leadership, Sustainability, Campus Resources

Independence

Through the college experience an individual should gain the skills to make responsible decisions regarding one’s health, safety, and personal well-being.

Topics: Responsibility, Wellness, Communication, Safety
Graduate Assistantship Job Descriptions

There are six different Graduate Assistantships in Residence Life at Texas Tech:

- **Graduate Hall Coordinator**
- **Graduate Assistant for Recruitment**
- **Graduate Assistants for Residential Education and Academic Programming (2)**

**GRADUATE HALL COORDINATOR**

As an educator, the Graduate Hall Coordinator (GHC), works to provide direction for student learning and academic success. The GHC also assists with the coordination of the administrative, supervisory, and programmatic needs of an educational area of one to three buildings housing 500 – 1100 students. As a live-in staff member of University Student Housing, the GHC is responsible for the development of comfortable living and learning communities that foster academic success. This is achieved by assisting individuals with their personal needs and concerns, supervising staff, and advising student leadership groups.

The GHC is responsible for assisting with the selection, training, mentoring, and evaluation of 5 – 22 Community Advisors, and indirect/direct supervision of 2-15 Student Assistants. Additional duties may include advising the complex council, supervising the front desk, and/or the supervision of Senior Community Advisors(s). GHC may assist in the development and management of living and learning communities that motivate and inspire students to devote more time in educationally purposeful activities. By emphasizing the development of strong communities and student involvement, the GHC assists in the creation of environments that promote and enhance the opportunities for student learning.
GRADUATE ASSISTANT FOR RECRUITMENT

University Student Housing at Texas Tech University promotes each student’s learning experience by creating safe, supportive learning environments for academic and personal success. University Student Housing is committed to the total development of the resident within an inclusive community through student government, programming, residence hall standards, and supportive learning environments in the residence halls.

The Graduate Assistant for Recruitment & Staff Orientation, as an educator, works directly with the Manager of Recruitment and Staff Orientation and the Assistant Director of Training and Development to provide direction and support for the recruitment of all student staff positions in Residence Life and University Student Housing at Texas Tech University.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS FOR RESIDENTIAL EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMMING (2)

University Student Housing at Texas Tech University promotes each student’s learning experience by creating safe, supportive learning environments for academic and personal success. University Student Housing is committed to the total development of the resident within an inclusive community through student leadership, programming, residence hall standards, and supportive learning environments in the residence halls.

The Graduate Assistants for Residence Education and Academic Programming (REAP), as educators, work with the Manager for Academic Initiatives to provide direction for student learning and academic success for residents, student staff, and professional staff living on campus at Texas Tech University.
GRADUATE ASSISTANT FOR CONFERENCE SERVICES

University Student Housing at Texas Tech University promotes each student’s learning experience by creating safe, supportive learning environments for academic and personal success. University Student Housing is committed to the total development of the resident within an inclusive community through student government, programming, residence hall standards, and supportive learning environments in the residence halls.

The Graduate Assistant for Conference Services, as an educator, serves to provide quality conferences and customer service to internal and external clients. The responsibilities for the Graduate Assistant for Conference Services are to assist in the coordination, negotiations, logistics, and contracting of conference clients; billing, budgeting, and database management; and assisting conference clients in coordinating their conference. The Graduate Assistant for Conference Services assists in the recruitment, selection, and training of student staff, as well as the placement of professional staff and student staff for the conference season, and outreach contact concerning orientation and prospective student initiatives. The Graduate Assistant for Conference Service will work in collaboration with Residence Life Coordinators, Graduate Assistants, and ACUHO-I interns during the academic year and summer months.

GRADUATE ASSISTANT FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

University Student Housing at Texas Tech University promotes each student’s learning experience by creating safe, supportive learning environments for academic and personal success. University Student Housing is committed to the total development of the resident within an inclusive community through student government, programming, residence hall standards, and supportive learning environments in the residence halls.

The Graduate Assistant for Training and Development, as an educator, works directly with the Assistant Director of Training and Development to provide direction and support for the training and development of all staff positions in Residence Life and University Student Housing at Texas Tech University.
OUR GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- Complete a Master’s Degree while obtaining work experience at a large, thriving university
- Participate in departmental recruitment processes for professional staff, paraprofessional staff, and student leaders
- Participate in campus-wide and area training coordinated by Residence Life
- Promote student learning throughout the Residence Life program and provide outreach programming on appropriate topics
- Be knowledgeable in general education requirements and resources for specific college/department advising questions; advise students on an as-needed basis
- Promote and provide opportunities for growth
- Support and promote student leadership and student groups within the residence halls
- Provide assistance and support with student discipline as needed
- Hold students accountable for their decisions and actions
- Understand and support the educational curriculum of University Student Housing

- Work closely with Hospitality Services, Center for Campus Life, Career Center, Student Counseling Center, Recreational Sports, Raider Assistance Program, faculty members and other departments on campus to develop educational experiences and opportunities
- Oversee the facilitation and implementation of campus-wide programming efforts
- Speak informally with residents about academic, personal, or community successes or concerns
- Promote student achievement and initiatives through nominations for departmental, campus, and national awards
- Support and administer approved departmental and divisional assessment programs/initiatives
- Develop and maintain print & digital marketing (including related websites)
- Facilitate ongoing assessment of programs and initiatives
- Work with the Texas Tech University Police Department, Student Counseling Center, and other agencies on immediate response to incidents in the residence halls
- Participate in on-call rotation with other professional staff members

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QUALIFICATIONS

A bachelor’s degree is required and candidates must have previous residence hall staff experience. This position is designed for the individual who is pursuing a master’s degree. At the time of employment, candidates must be accepted into a graduate degree program from Texas Tech University. Enrollment in the Higher Education Administration program is not necessary, but the position is best suited for building a foundation of experience for those enrolled in that program. Once hired, the Graduate Assistant is expected to complete 9 credit hours each semester and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The Graduate Assistant position is considered a security sensitive position. Applicants will be subject to a police records check and drug test. All candidates will be required to submit academic transcripts to verify education.

The Graduate Assistant must be committed to working within an innovative environment that is focused on the education of individuals and groups of college students within a residential setting through the development of cohesive living and learning communities. The Texas Tech University Residence Life program is built on a student learning philosophy supporting student involvement in government, community standards, programming, community development, and supportive learning environments.

There will be times throughout the year when each Graduate Assistant will be expected to work evenings and weekends.

REMUNERATION

The Graduate Assistant position is a part-time appointment with a stipend of $1,300 per month (the state of Texas has no state income tax) for full-time enrollment. If enrollment falls below nine graduate hours, the stipend will be $780 per month. The Graduate Assistant is expected to work 30 hours per week. Graduate Assistants also receive a competitive $2,500 scholarship each fall and spring to help pay student fees. Out of state tuition and fees are waived. Professional Development funds are available.

Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action (EEO/AA) Statement

It is the policy of Texas Tech University to strive to maintain an educational and work environment free from impermissible discrimination. In addition to Texas Tech University’s policy against discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, protected veteran status, genetic information, or refusal to submit to a genetic test, it is the policy of Texas Tech University that no person shall be subject to discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity with regard to admission, employment, or use of the programs, facilities, or services of Texas Tech University.

Affordable Care Act

University Student Housing at Texas Tech works diligently to adhere to the Affordable Care Act stipulations. We have augmented our student staff schedules to better accommodate our Human Resources mandated 20 hour work week for students, and have changed our Graduate Assistants’ work week to 30 hours with optional paid health benefits. We follow University Operating Policies and Procedures, and work within these policies and procedures to support our undergraduate and graduate students and full-time staff in the work they do to encourage our Red Raider students’ success.
APARTMENTS

All of our staff apartments are fully furnished and ready for you to call home! (Decorations are not provided) It is provided at no expense. Utilities, a small kitchen unit, local telephone service, internet access, Caller I.D., Call Waiting and basic cable television are included. A meal plan is provided to Graduate Assistants and Residence Life Coordinators while the dining halls are in service. Reserved parking is available upon the individual purchase of a campus parking permit. Professional development funds are also available.
The USH Professional Staff Pet Policy is intended for live-in professionals that are Residence Life Coordinators (RLC), Graduate Hall Coordinators (GHC) and Graduate Assistants (GA) working for University Student Housing (USH) at Texas Tech University, as well as future employees in these positions with USH.

The type of pet that will be allowed would include what is reasonably consider a "typical" household pet. Staff may have one (1) pet of the following nature:

- One Indoor Cat or
- One Indoor Dog or (No more than 40 pounds-Must be considered a “friendly breed”)
- Fish Tank (up to 25 gallons)

The RLC/GHC/GA will be expected to pay a partially refundable pet deposit in the amount of $500 before acquiring said pet. Staff members are expected to maintain the health and hygiene of the pet on a daily basis. Pet owners must ensure their pet has been vaccinated for Rabies. Rabies vaccination must be completed within 30 days of acquiring the pet. The Rabies vaccinations for dogs and cats is administered every three years. It is also the responsibility of the RLC/GHC/GA to treat their pet for common issues such as fleas/ticks and heartworms. The pet must also continue to remain vaccinated and proof of vaccinations will be submitted to the RLC/GHC/GA’s Assistant Director and kept in the pet owner’s pet documentation file. The City of Lubbock ordinance #9485 requires that all cats and dogs over the age of 4 months that are kept within the city limits of Lubbock must be issued a license from the City of Lubbock.

Additional expectations and policies apply and may be provided upon request.
The Higher Education program at Texas Tech University offers three degree programs (M.Ed., Ed.D. and Ph.D.) and a certificate. These offerings are designed to develop scholarly practitioners who understand the importance of equity and social justice. Graduates of our degree programs are equipped to apply theories and practical research as tools to name, frame, and solve problems of practice, using empirical evidence to evaluate impact and develop innovative solutions for colleges and universities.

The Higher Education program is committed to excellence in preparing and supporting leaders for higher education, generating and supporting research in the field of higher education, and delivering public service to the practice of higher education. The program delivers teaching, research, and professional services to students, institutions of higher education, and other academic disciplines.

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What are Learning Communities?

Our Learning Communities (LCs) are unique and transformative communities where students seeking similar academic goals can live, learn and play together. At Texas Tech, we currently have 18 LCs where over 2,300 Red Raiders (about 1/3 of our in-hall population) reside. Our LCs have designated Residence hall floors led by Community Advisors (CAs) who offer tailored programming for the residents’ specific academic and personal needs. Our CAs are usually members of the same academic program too!

Our LCs share many of the same characteristics and offer numerous possibilities:

• Develop a supportive network composed of peers, faculty and staff
• Connect with professors in and outside the classroom
• Develop lasting friendships
• Experience events designed specifically for the residents’ personal and academic needs
• Make a big campus feel smaller
• Learn about Texas Tech by becoming better connected with helpful resources on our campus
• Attend out-of-class programs and go on exciting trips
• Get involved in Lubbock through community service efforts

Why join a Learning Community?

Living in our LCs boosts the residents’ chances for academic success and offer the opportunity to share an intellectual experience with your peers. You will also have increased access to faculty and academic support staff.

National research shows that involvement in learning communities contributes to:

• Development of personal relationships with other students in the classroom
• Increased GPA
• Greater involvement on campus and in professional organizations
• Higher likelihood of graduating in four years
• Easier transition from high school to college
• Increased class attendance
Walter Abrego
Graduate Hall Coordinator
Coleman

Education: B.A in Communication Studies and Spanish University of Northern Iowa

Master’s Program: Public Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
My favorite part about Texas Tech are all the unique and abstract art pieces that can be found all over campus. Some buildings also have beautiful art displayed in the walls. I also love all the school spirit and all the pride people in the community take in being part of Texas Tech. The staff and students show a great deal of pride in been Red Raiders.

Bailey Adams
Graduate Assistant
Recruitment and Staff Orientation

Education: B.S. Human Resource Development Oakland University

Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I love the beauty in the campus art, buildings, and the 99% of the time sunny skies. The smiling faces of staff members in every office/building and students across campus make campus so welcoming. Mostly, I love that I have the opportunity to work with such an amazingly dedicated and motivated campus and staff like University Student Housing.
Anne Bavousett
Graduate Assistant
Sustainability Promotion and Education

Education: B.S. Construction Engineering
           Texas Tech University

Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I love the public art displays. Just by walking around campus I am treated to all kinds of art and history. It is neat to see the mixture of the new and old art installments.

Jacqueline Butler
Graduate Assistant
Residence Education and Academic Programs

Education: B.S. Public Management and Policy
           University of Arizona

Master’s Program: Public Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
Texas Tech is truly a part of the Lubbock community. The community is supportive of the institution and students and you can truly feel that spirit wherever you go whether it be on campus or off.
Jenna Crayton
Graduate Assistant
Residence Education and Academic Programs

Education: B.A. in Communication-Interpersonal Organizations, B.S. in Communication Public Relations University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Master’s Program: Agricultural Communications

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I love the connection I feel with Tech through the school spirit and camaraderie that everyone has not only at Texas Tech, but also throughout the Lubbock community.

Jessica Corder
Graduate Assistant
Training and Development

Education: B.S. Agricultural Communications Texas Tech University

Master’s Program: Agricultural Communications

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
No matter where you are in life and on campus, there is always a member of the Texas Tech family to support you. Red Raiders are loyal to the institution and loyal to every fellow Red Raider around them. I love being a part of such a massive family and support group. It is inspiring to hear the support at Texas Tech football games when the whole stadium erupts in cheers of Raider Power and when the victory bells ring to commemorate every win, including gradation.
Jennifer ‘Jeni’ Gruber
Graduate Hall Coordinator
West Village
Education: B.S. Communication,
University of Wisconsin Whitewater
Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration
What do you like most about Texas Tech?
What I love most about Texas Tech is the people I have been able to interact with. From the students to the professionals, everyone has been so friendly and nice. I love that there is so much pride in Texas Tech and you can see that in the people that go to school and work here.

Drew Leininger
Graduate Hall Coordinator
Stangel/Murdough
Education: B.A. Middle Childhood Education,
Ohio State University
Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration
What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I really like the passion everyone has for their jobs and their school.
Bradley Lewellen
Graduate Hall Coordinator
Hulen/Clement

Education: B.A. Psychology
Arkansas Tech University

Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I love the pride that the students and staff take in their University. I am always amazed to hear people talk about how thrilled they are to be a member of this community. I also really appreciate some of the traditions that are observed on campus that show that Red Raider pride!

Kaylee McAllister
Graduate Hall Coordinator
Stangel/Murdough

Education: B.A. Sociology & Women’s Studies
Western Illinois University

Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I love how welcoming it was from the moment I stepped on campus. I appreciate all of the support and the family like atmosphere. I could not ask for a better experience.
Graduate Assistants

Kelsey Moffitt
Graduate Hall Coordinator
Chitwood/Weymouth

Education: B.A. Psychology
Pittsburg State University

Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I absolutely love the charisma and spirit. The students, faculty and staff smiles are contagious and warming. I also enjoy being surrounded by numerous cultures and diversity.

Andrew Palladino
Graduate Assistant
Social Justice

Education: B.A. Communication, Certificate in Peace Studies and Mediation
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

Master’s Program: Higher Education Program

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
One thing I really love about Texas Tech is the public art throughout the campus. I really enjoy the uniqueness of each art piece on campus. It is nice to be part of a university that supports a diverse art presence on campus. Walking around campus is fun, and I continue to find new art pieces throughout campus.
Rachel Probst  
Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Horn/Knapp  
Education:  
B.S. Communication,  
University of Wisconsin Whitewater  
Master’s Program:  Higher Education Administration  
What do you like most about Texas Tech?  
I love the rich culture of Texas Tech. The aesthetic of the campus, the pride of the students and staff, and the history and traditions all contribute to an amazing experience.

Heather Sitkie  
Graduate Hall Coordinator  
Talkington  
Education:  
B.A. History  
Eastern Illinois University  
Master’s Program:  Higher Education Administration  
What do you like most about Texas Tech?  
I love the school spirit and the energy on campus. It is easy to tell that everyone is proud to be a Red Raider and it creates such an awesome and supportive environment. I love being a part of the Red Raider family!
Martell Summers
Graduate Hall Coordinator
Chitwood/Weymouth

Education: B.S. Communication
Saginaw Valley State University

Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
Everything. I love the welcoming spirit of the people who make up Lubbock, Texas. You can feel the positive vibe of the Red Raider Nation throughout Lubbock!

Ryan Talamantes
Graduate Hall Coordinator
Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed

Education: B.A. Political Science; B.A. History
Arizona State University

Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I love the pride and affinity that the students have for their school. Where else can you find a song, like Victory Bells by Josh Abbott, about what it means to be a Raider? When you walk onto the Texas Tech campus you feel the love that the students have for their school. I may be new to Texas Tech but I already feel that I bleed Scarlet and Black!
Tim Topper
Graduate Assistant for Conference Services

Education: B.S Geology
Fort Lewis College

Master's Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I love how both students and locals from the Lubbock community demonstrate great pride in Texas Tech everyday. The same spirit and sense of community is found on a regular basis here in University Student Housing.

Maegen Wallaker
Graduate Hall Coordinator
Wall/Gates

Education: B.S. Business Administration, Hospitality Services Administration
Central Michigan University

Master's Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I absolutely love the campus! The buildings at Texas Tech are so beautiful, as are all of the art pieces. I love going on walks around campus, because I always seem to find another beautiful thing.
Graduate Assistants

Katelyn Wilson
Graduate Hall Coordinator
Murray and Carpenter/Wells

Education: B.A. Public Relations
University of Wisconsin Whitewater

Master’s Program: Higher Education Administration

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
My favorite thing about Texas Tech is the school spirit. I also love
the beautiful pieces of art that are all over campus. In addition, I
love the architecture of the buildings.
Residence Life Coordinators

Jaclyn Austin
Residence Life Coordinator, Prevention and Wellness

Education:  
B.S. Addiction Studies  
University of Central Arkansas

M. S. College Student Personnel Services and Administration  
University of Central Arkansas

Years at TTU:  Second year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?
The department really is a big family. We spend so much time together. You learn so many things about everyone you work with. I don’t worry about whether or not I have support from my coworkers, I know that I do.

Christine Cain
Residence Life Coordinator, Coleman

Education:  
B.A. English  
Teachers College, Columbia University

M.A. Higher and Postsecondary Education  
Creighton University

Years at TTU:  First year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?
Some would call it school pride, but it’s really more about presence. Texas Tech just has something that pulls people in and brings them together, and you can see that whether you are on campus or out exploring Lubbock. This university doesn’t function in its own little bubble, but is truly a part of the community that surrounds it.
Alyson Cole
Residence Life Coordinator
Student Development

Education:  
B.S. English  
Central Michigan University

M.S. Ed. Adult & Higher Education  
Northern Illinois University

Years at TTU:  First year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?  
The thing I love most is the amount of school spirit and pride. Everywhere you go on campus or within the Lubbock community, you can spot Double T’s, see others giving the ‘Guns Up’ signal, or see someone wearing Tech attire. It brings us all together as Red Raiders every day.

Scott Cooke
Residence Life Coordinator, Stangel/Murdough

Education:  
B.S. in Physical Education  
Central Michigan University

M.S. in Student Affairs and Higher Education  
Indiana State University

Years at TTU:  Second year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?  
University Student Housing is a large department that wants to support you. Its hard to go a day without talking to other people in USH, and its also very hard to go a day without laughing with other people in this department..
Residence Life Coordinators

Tamera Dunn
Residence Life Coordinator, Horn/Knapp

Education: B.S. History and Coaching, 
Northwest Missouri State University

M.Ed. Higher Education Leadership, 
Valdosta State University

Years at TTU: Third year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?
University Student Housing is unlike the ‘typical’. While we may do the typical things you’d expect in housing, we always have our unique Tech spin to ensure we are not only getting the job done, but we are making positive memories for ourselves and others. There is always someone to chat with who can open your eyes to new potential or experiences available.

Jacob Hilton
Residence Life Coordinator, Talkington

Education: B.A. Sociology 
Louisiana Tech University

M.A. Guidance and Counseling 
Louisiana Tech University

Years at TTU: First year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?
I love the school pride found here at Texas Tech. Students are invested in the university along with the staff. You can quickly feel like you are part of a family.
Amanda Knutson
Residence Life Coordinator, Hulen/Clement and Wall/Gates

Education:  
B.S. Education and Human Science for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, South Dakota State University  
M.S. College Student Personnel, Arkansas Tech University

Years at TTU: Fifth year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?  
Family: We are a large department and we are all constantly busy but everyone is so supportive of each other and willing to help each other out.

Anthony Holmes
Residence Life Coordinator, Bledsoe/Gordon/Sneed

Education:  
B.A. Psychology  
Berea College  
M.S. Marriage and Family Therapy  
Valdosta State University  
M. Divinity  
Emory University

Years at TTU: First year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?  
I am particularly fond of the school spirit at Texas Tech. Here we use the ‘guns up’ symbol to say hello, and it’s nearly impossible to find anyone on campus that bleeds something other than scarlet and black. The school spirit extends to the city. Whether you’re in the airport, grocery store, or coffee shop, it’s all about Texas Tech and I am thoroughly excited to call this place my home.
Residence Life Coordinators

Elizabeth McDonald
Residence Life Coordinator, Murray and Carpenter/Wells

Education:
- B.A. History and French, University of South Alabama
- M.A. Higher Education Administration, University of Alabama

Years at TTU: Second year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?
I love how our department is so proactive and forward thinking. They are very anticipatory and mindful of the future and the wellbeing of our students.

Paige Muehlenkamp
Residence Life Coordinator, West Village

Education:
- B.S. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
- M.S. Public Administration, Texas Tech University

Years at TTU: Second year

What do you like most about Texas Tech?
I love the big school feel and the school spirit that can be felt throughout the Lubbock community.
Justin Smith
Residence Life Coordinator, Chitwood/Weymouth

Education:  
B.A. Public Administration  
University of Central Florida

M.S. Higher Education Administration  
Florida International University

Years at TTU:  
First year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?  
There is a lot to love about Texas Tech! My favorite thing has to be school spirit. It’s neat to watch how much pride students, staff, and the community alike have in Tech. There is also many fun things to see and do around campus! Watching the football team is also a big plus, and I really love the lazy river at the rec center.
Sean Duggan
Managing Director

Education:  
B.A. History,  
University of Dallas  
M.Ed. Higher Education Administration  
and Student Personnel Services,  
Kent State University  

Years at TTU:  Twenty-fifth year  

What do you like most about working at Texas Tech?  
The people, the hospitality, and kindness of West Texas.

D’aun Green, Ph.D.
Senior Associate Managing Director

Education:  
B.S. Home Economics,  
Oklahoma State University  
M.S. Housing, Interior Design and  
Consumer Studies,  
Oklahoma State University  
M.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies –  
Higher Education, Educational Psychology, and  
Environmental Design,  
Texas Tech University  
Ph.D. Higher Education, Texas Tech University  

Years at TTU:  Twenty-fifth year  

How would you describe the University Student Housing  
Department to a potential candidate?  
A family. Very relational and fun place to work. We work hard and  
we are rewarded for it.
Erika Bowles  
Assistant Director Residence Education and Academic Programs  

**Education:**  
B. A. Sociology,  
Western Washington University  
M.Ed. Counselor Education,  
North Carolina State University  

**Years at TTU:**  
Fifth year  

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?  
We are a large department that focuses on creating a great experience for our students.

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John McAvoy  
Assistant Director Training and Development  

**Education:**  
B.S. Psychology,  
University of Central Florida  
M.Ed. Student Personnel in Higher Education,  
University of Florida  
M.S. Corporate and Organizational Communication, Northeastern University  

**Years at TTU:**  
Fourth year  

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?  
I would say its established with a lot of opportunities for growth. It is very student centered, especially in terms of student follow-up which is a top focus. I believe we are dedicated to the future of our new professionals and that’s part of my job to make sure individuals are leaving Tech prepared for their next step on their journey.
S. Leigh Prouty
Assistant Director for Operations

Education: B.S.B.A. Business Administration & Law, Western Carolina University

M.Ed. College Student Personnel, Western Carolina University

Years at TTU: Third year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?

Our department knows how to make you feel welcome and keeps the students at the center of our work. It takes every side of University Student Housing to make sure that our students have the best possible experience at Texas Tech!

Annette Sawadogo
Assistant Director for Operations

Education: B.S. Chemistry & B.S. Biology, Missouri Western State University

M.A. Adult and Higher Education Administration, University of South Dakota

Years at TTU: Second year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?

I would describe Tech as a place where you will meet and work with people from all across the US. It is also a place where you will develop the skills you need to the next level.
Craig Kuehnert
Assistant Director, Student Leadership Development

Education:        B.A. Journalism, Secondary Education, 
                  Ball State University 
                  M.S. College Student Personnel, 
                  Kansas State University 

Years at TTU: Ninth year

How would you describe the University Student Housing 
Department to a potential candidate?
Working for USH can often be like hanging out with a bunch of 
friends. I love walking down the hallways in the main office and 
chatting with people about their puppies, their weekend plans, 
and the kids.
Audrey Batista
Manager, Recruitment and Staff Orientation

Education: B.A. Public Relations, Texas Tech University
M.Ed. Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel, Kent State University

Years at TTU: Fourth Year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?
I would describe University Student Housing as a family oriented department that strives to provide optimal customer service through a unique educational curriculum and friendly staff while creating an environment that not only fosters learning but becomes a true home-away-from-home for our residents and family environment for staff.

Tamara McClain
Manager, Academic Initiatives

Education: B.A. History and English, Texas A&M University
M.S. Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education, Texas A&M University

Years at TTU: Fourth year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?
Our department follows the philosophy “work hard, play hard” in most situations. Like every housing program there are times that are extremely busy but, I enjoy that we don’t always take ourselves too seriously. And we like to have fun!
Leigh Donaldson
Manager for Conference Services

Education: Texas Tech University

Years at TTU: Second year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?
A team that works hard and plays hard.

Christopher Medley
Manager, Student Intervention

Education: B.A. Psychology, Louisiana Tech University
M.A. Counseling & Guidance, Louisiana Tech University

Years at TTU: Third year

How would you describe the University Student Housing Department to a potential candidate?
In a word: opportunity. University Student Housing at Texas Tech is such a great place to grow as a professional. The experiences that we have here will involve you with every aspect of the university. The staff works well together and are extremely friendly and helpful. We are a customer service oriented department and being here to serve is what we do.
Lubbock, located in northwest Texas, is considered to be at the center of the South Plains. The area is located between the Permian Basin to the south and the Texas Panhandle to the north. Lubbock's official elevation is 3,256 feet.

The county of Lubbock was founded in 1876. The settlement that is the present-day city of Lubbock was formed in late 1890, combining two settlements within the county, Old Lubbock and Monterey. During the following year, the settlement of Lubbock was named the county seat for Lubbock County. The city was incorporated on March 16, 1909.

As agriculture continued to grow within the region and as the railroads continued to expand, Lubbock became the marketing center of the region and earned the name “Hub of the Plains.” In 1925, Texas Technological College (later Texas Tech University) opened its doors, providing Lubbock with a major boost to its economy.

As of 2014, the estimated population of Lubbock was 243,839. Lubbock continues to grow, relying on the vast agricultural industry of the area as well as on a variety of manufacturing facilities.
Lubbock, Texas

Lubbock provides a small-town atmosphere with all the conveniences of a large city.

The “Hub City” offers:

- Large number of restaurants
- Many stores and boutiques
- The South Plains Mall
- Nightclubs and live music venues in the Depot District
- Museums
- Art galleries
- Local live theater
- Golf
- Hunting
- Fishing

Travel
The Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport provides quick and easy travel to anywhere in the U.S. and abroad. Local Airlines include:

- American
- Delta
- Continental
- Southwest
- United

Climate
Lubbock enjoys a semi-arid climate that is especially nice in the summertime. Instead of sweating the nights away somewhere else, you can enjoy nighttime highs in the 70s and lows in the 60s making any summer night, and most of the spring and fall, a wonderful time to sit outside with friends. Lubbock averages 263 days of sunshine a year, during July an average temperature of 80.1o F and 39.40 F in January.

For more information:

housing.ttu.edu/lubbock

www.visitletubock.org
Texas Tech University is in the midst of the most exciting time in the school’s history. As the university embarks on becoming the state’s next national research university, the opportunities for students could not be greater.

Established in 1923, Texas Tech University sits on a 1,840-acre campus that features expansive lawns, impressive landscaping and Spanish Renaissance–style architecture. Texas Tech has the distinction of being the largest comprehensive higher education institution in the western two-thirds of the state and serves a region larger than 46 of the nation’s 50 states.

A major research university with the feel of a smaller liberal arts institution, Texas Tech’s enrollment of more than 30,000 allows students to have one-on-one interactions with top faculty in a safe, traditional campus atmosphere.

The university offers more than 150 bachelor’s degrees, 100 master’s degrees and 50 doctoral degree choices. Plus, as part of the Texas Tech University System, Texas Tech shares the same campus with its sister university, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. The close proximity makes Texas Tech the only institution in the state with undergraduate school, graduate school, law school, and medical school all in close proximity to each other, which facilitates the transition to professional studies.

A strong art and music program is balanced with growing research in a number of sustainable energy areas. New areas of research in solar and nuclear energies as well...
The “Spirit of Raiderland” comes in many forms. The 400 member award winning Goin’ Band From Raiderland, the Tech Cheerleaders, the Tech Pom Squad, the Saddle Tramps, the High Riders, Raider Red, and of course the Masked Rider. All of these groups help make the Texas Tech athletic experience a thrilling one. The true “Spirit of Raiderland” comes only from the hearts of Red Raider fans who bleed Red and Black.

Texas Tech University sports some of the very best athletic facilities in the nation and after the completion of several million dollars worth of renovations, there will be no doubt that Red Raider student-athletes and fans will be able to enjoy world-class facilities. Over the past few years, Texas Tech has invested more than $200 million in facilities which includes the construction of the United Supermarkets Arena 15,050-seat basketball arena, a new softball stadium and tennis complex plus major renovations to Jones AT&T Stadium and Dan Law Field. Texas Tech also opened the new football training complex in 2004. A new academic services building, The Marsha Sharp Center for Student-Athletes, opened in January 2004 to further enhance Tech’s commitment to the academic well being of student-athletes.

Tradition abounds at Texas Tech and the Spirit of Raiderland is best exhibited during football season. Whether it is through singing FIGHT RAIDERS FIGHT or the Matador Song with your Guns Up or wrapping Will Rogers the night before the game, the Red Raider spirit is alive and well.
The Masked Rider is the oldest and most popular mascot of Texas Tech University that still exists today. Originally the Masked Rider began as a dare in 1936 and was called the ghost rider, because no one knew the rider’s identity. These ghost riders circled the field at home football games and then disappeared.

The Masked Rider did not become the official mascot until 1954, when Joe Kirk Fulton led the football team out onto the field at the Gator Bowl. Fulton, wearing jeans, red shirt, black cape and who was mounted on a black horse, awed the crowd as the team made one of the most sensational entrances ever.

Today the Masked Rider, with his or her guns up, leads the football team out onto the field for all of the home games. The Masked Rider is one of the most visible figures at Tech and was recently named by the Associated Press as the ninth best mascot in college football.

Get your Guns Up! The hand sign of the Red Raiders can be traced back to L. Glenn Dippel, a 1961 alumnus of Texas Tech, and his wife, Roxie. The sign is made by extending the index finger outward while extending the thumb upward and tucking in the middle, little and fourth fingers to form a gun. The idea is that the Red Raiders will shoot down their opponents. The Guns Up sign is the widely recognized greeting of one Red Raider to another. It is also the sign of victory displayed by the crowd at every athletic event.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Modeled after La Universidad de Alcala de Hernales in Spain, the Administration Building was one of the original campus buildings. The most recognized building on campus, it has three floors and a basement, twin bell towers, salle port, double wings and a courtyard. Among the offices in the “Ad Building” are the Chancellor’s Office, President’s Office and Board of Regents Office.

ARBOR DAY

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BLARNEY STONE

On St. Patrick's Day in 1939 Texas Tech University unveiled that they had discovered a piece of the Blarney Stone. According to the legend the stone was discovered by a group of petroleum engineers while they were on a field trip. After doing tests it was discovered that the stone was a piece of the original Blarney Stone. The stone now lies on a stand in front of the old Electrical Engineering Building. It is said that seniors that kiss the Blarney Stone upon graduation will receive the gift of eloquent speech.

CAROL OF LIGHTS

To celebrate the holiday season Texas Tech holds an annual event called the Carol of Lights. The event starts off with the Texas Tech University Combined Choirs performing selections of classic holiday songs at the Science Quadrangle. This tradition started in 1959 when Harold Hinn came up with the idea and provided the funds to cover the Science Quadrangle and the Administration Building with lights. Unfortunately students were away on Christmas break and did not see the display. The next year the Residence Hall Association created the Christmas Sing, which is now known as the Carol of Lights. Today, the Carol of Lights is one of Texas Tech’s favorite traditions.
DOUBLE T

An image study in 1989 brought out loud and clear that to Texas Techsans the Double T represents tradition, pride and school identity. Historical evidence suggests that Tech’s first football coaches, E.Y. Freeland and Grady Higginbotham, are the originators of this campus trademark, first using it on letter sweaters. No campus symbol is so readily identified with Texas Tech as the Double T.

DOUBLE T BENCH

Located in the courtyard behind the Administration Building, this special bench was given by the seniors of the class of 1931. It was an announced tradition that no freshmen were allowed to sit on it.

DOUBLE T SADDLE MONUMENT

Before the football team goes out onto the field they touch the sculpture of a saddle. The saddle was dedicated by the Saddle Tramps to Double T, one of the many Masked Rider Horses that served proudly over the years.

HOMECOMING

Held each fall Homecoming brings back Tech-exes and fans to join with students for a bonfire and pep rally, parade, open houses, award programs, and float competitions. Homecoming dates back to 1930 when Texas Tech lost 20-6 to Hardin-Simmons. A highlight of Homecoming is election of a queen, the first being Suzanne Matteson in 1954.
NICKNAMES

Interestingly, Texas Tech was almost nicknamed the Dogies, as suggested by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. But the first athletic teams became known as the Matadors, instead, thanks to the head coach’s wife. Mrs. Ewing Young Freeland preferred Matadors because of the Spanish architectural influence on campus. The college colors of scarlet and black and team name of Matadors were adopted by students on March 15, 1926, during a convocation. The teams remained as Matadors until 1936 when Red Raiders was adopted. The name-change from Matadors to Red Raiders came from Lubbock Avalanche-Journal sports writer Collier Parris, reflecting on their red uniforms and a strong season. Covering a football game in 1932, he wrote: “The Red Raiders from Texas Tech, terror of the Southwest this year, swooped in the New Mexico University camp today.” The name caught on and by 1936, the Matadors had faded into history, replaced by the Red Raiders.

RAIDER ALLEY

One of the most popular events associated with Texas Tech football is Raider Alley. Raider Alley is Texas Tech’s answer to tailgating. Food, beverages, games, live entertainment and merchandise are available in a festive pregame atmosphere. Raider Alley is shoulder-to-shoulder football fans gearing-up for the upcoming game. It usually begins three hours prior to kickoff.
Prior to the 1971 season, the Southwest Conference passed a rule that prevented members of the conference from taking live animals to non-home games unless the host team had no objections. So Jim Gaspard, a member of Saddle Tramps, created Raider Red from a drawing by the late Lubbock cartoonist Dirk West as an alternative to the Masked Rider when the horse couldn’t travel with the football team. Raider Red’s student persona is kept a secret from the Tech community. Red is a public relations mascot who shakes hands with the crowds at athletic events and poses for pictures. Raider Red fires his two 12-gauge shotguns using powder-filled shells after every Tech touchdown and field goal.
SADDLE TRAMPS

Formed by Tech student Arch Lamb in 1936, this all-male booster organization supports men’s athletics at Texas Tech. The name Saddle Tramp came from the stories of traveling men who would come to a farm for a brief time, fix up some things and move on. Lamb said he decided that he could fix up some things himself before moving on, and the Saddle Tramps were born. Since that time the Saddle Tramps believe if something was for the betterment of Texas Tech then they would work at it. These Midnight Raiders “paint the campus red” with crepe paper before big home games, form the legendary “Bell Circle” moments before kickoff, ring Bangin’ Bertha, participate in parades and other campus events (including the Carol of Lights), and ring the Victory Bells after Red Raider victories.

SEAL OF TEXAS TECH

Designed by the campus’ master planner, William Ward Watkin, in 1924, the Tech Seal’s symbols are the lamp, which represents “school,” the key for “home,” the book for “church,” and the star for “state.” Cotton bolls represent the area’s strong cotton industry and the eagle is suggestive of our country. The seal first appeared on Tech diplomas in 1948, but it wasn’t officially approved as “The” Seal of Texas Tech University until 1953. On April 27, 1972, the seal was placed at the Broadway and University entrance to the campus in what became known as the Amon G. Carter Plaza. It is made of red granite and stands 12 feet high. It has been referred to by students through the years as “the Oreo.”
Welcome to Tech!

VICTORY BELLS

In 1936 victory bells were given to Texas Tech as a class gift. The bells rang for the first time at the 1936 class’s graduation. It is said that after the win over TCU, the following year, the bells rang through out the night. The bells kept Lubbock residents up all night. Thereafter, the bell ringing was limited to 30 minutes. Saddle Tramps ring the bells after Texas Tech victories and during special occasions. The Victory Bells - one large and one small, which combine to weigh 1,200 pounds - hang in the east tower of the Administration Building.

WEST, DIRK

The late Lubbock cartoonist designed Raider Red, an additional mascot that could travel with Texas Tech’s athletic teams. West became familiar to thousands of Red Raider fans by poking fun at Tech’s SWC rivals in his weekly newspaper sketches and on the cover of Tech’s football programs.
WILL ROGERS AND SOAPSUDS

One of the most well known landmarks on campus is the statue of Will Rogers and his horse Soapsuds. This memorial was dedicated on February 16, 1950 by longtime friend of Rogers, Amon G. Carter. Carter believed Texas Tech was the perfect setting for the statue and that it would fit into the traditions and scenery of West Texas. The statue stands at 9’11” tall and weighs 3,200 pounds; its estimated cost was $25,000. On the base of the statue, the inscription reads “Lovable Old Will Rogers on his favorite horse, ‘Soapsuds,’ riding into the Western sunset.” Today Texas Tech tradition and legends surrounds the statue. According to one legend, the plan to face Will Rogers so that he could be riding off into the sunset did not work out as it would cause Soapsuds’ rear to be facing downtown. To solve this problem, the horse and Will was turned 23 degrees to the east so the horse’s posterior was facing in the direction of Texas A&M, one of the school’s rivals. Before every home football game the Saddle Tramps wrap Old Will with red crepe paper. Will Rogers and Soapsuds have also been wrapped up in black crepe paper to mourn national tragedies.
Carol of Lights

Courtyard between English/Philosophy, Education
THIS IS TEXAS TECH

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Water Fountain at the Texas Tech University Seal
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