

# WHY I BECAME AN RA



## JEN FISHER

*I applied to be an RA because it's an amazing way to help others grow while growing yourself. You learn so much as an RA and make so many new connections.*

*I enjoy the position because connecting with people is something I love to do and I get to do that every day with my residents, while creating a positive atmosphere for everyone to live in!*

## JAMES ELY

*The reason I chose to apply to become an RA was to enhance my role as a leader. Also I wanted to be able to learn how to be more open and meet new people without feeling shy. I chose to put myself in this position because it set me up to have to speak to people and that helped a lot. The RA position is also beneficial to my financial status. This job helped me stay in school financially and helped me become a better person.*



## ERIC GILLOTTI

*I applied to the RA position to establish and build upon multiple skills including teamwork and leadership. The most rewarding part of the position has easily been helping residents through difficult situations, as well as watching one of my former residents become an exceptional RA.*

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## BRENDAN O'BRIEN

*I wanted to be an RA to build and establish my leadership skills. As a commuter, I wanted to be more involved in the residence halls and help freshmen with their transition. Being an RA helped fulfill these goals and opened up a whole new community to me.*

## JOHNNA FARNHAM

*I enjoy being an RA because I get to meet new people and build connections with peers, residents, and the residence life staff. As an RA, I have learned how to work within a team and with many people with varying work ethics. I have also built upon my time management, organization, and social skills.*



## HALEIGH DELGAIZO

*Being an RA has been an extremely rewarding experience because I know I've made an impact on my residents' college careers. When they come to me at the end of the year and ask where I'm assigned to next year so I can be their RA again, I know I've done something great. I also love being an RA because I get to work with like-minded people who have similar values to my own. I've made amazing lifelong friends that I never would have met if I hadn't joined residence life.*



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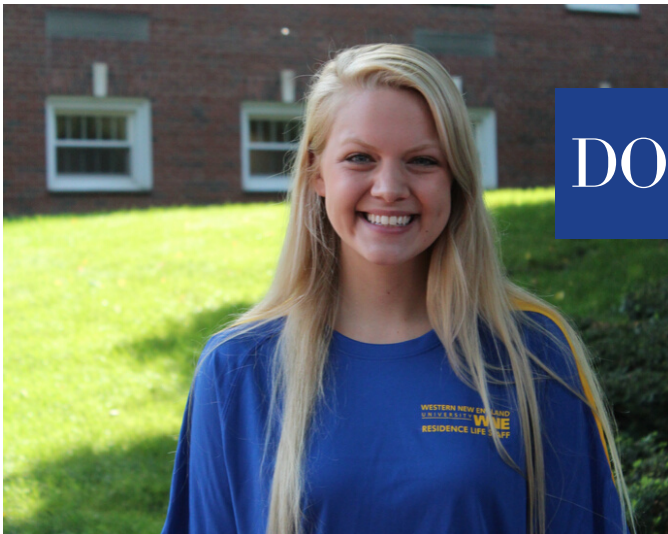


## BRANDON TARLOW

*Becoming a resident advisor has been one of the most rewarding experiences and opportunities. It has given me many leadership and interpersonal skills that have truly helped the start of my career. Being able to guide someone and watch them grow is truly amazing.*

## HAILEY MACDONALD

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## DONNA MONTGOMERY

*Being an RA allows for you to make new friends while learning new things about yourself. Being an RA has expanded my leadership skills and I'm forever grateful for that. As an RA you have the chance to work with students you may not interact with every day, and it's a great way to learn more about other cultures, ideas and beliefs. Being an RA has helped me develop my critical thinking and analytical skills.*

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## KYRA PALUMBO

*I enjoy being an RA because it has allowed me to improve my leadership role on campus. With this leadership role, I am able to be the support many first-year students need and guide them in a good direction to improve their college careers and allow for an easy transition. I have been able to meet so many new and kind people which vastly increases my networking pool. In addition to meeting supervising staff, the fellow RA staff remains close-knit and gives you an automatic friend group.*

## JACOB DINO

*I am an RA partially because my cousin was at his college and raved about how it was a great experience that taught him a lot, but also because of my RAs last year. I lived in Berkshire Hall and having Matt Koslowski as my floor RA definitely cemented me wanting to be an RA. He showed me what the job was all about and I realized that I wanted to help out freshman and other residents just like he did. He really pushed me to be an RA and I am thankful for that.*



## KELLY RAMOS

*I became an RA because it tied really well with social work, which is what I study. I think being an RA is the perfect way to practice my helping skills. I enjoy advocating and supporting people. This position has helped me grow leadership skills and confidence. I like being an RA so I can help people of color become more comfortable expressing their identity at a predominantly white institution.*

