Hello to all Winter 2021 Off-Campus Associates!

I hope this memo finds you well and anticipating the upcoming term as an associate. You may have heard that the associate program is a little different this year due to COVID-19. It’s true; but what’s not different!

Even with some restrictions, we think the program still worked and students enjoyed connecting with Grebel as an associate. The same should be true for winter term. The attached handbook should explain things in detail – let us know if you have any questions.

The following information is important…make sure you read it!

GREBEL OPENS
Grebel will open on Saturday, January 9. If you have requested keys or a parking pass you will need to go to the main reception desk during business hours.

FEES
Winter 2021 fees are due December 4, 2020. Fees have changed to reflect COVID limitations. Check out the temporary fee structure online. Use this form to let us know what you are paying for.

FROST WEEK
Evening activities are planned during the first week. These are planned to give you the opportunity to become acquainted with Grebel’s newest members and re-acquainted with Grebelites you haven’t seen in a while. We anticipate a mix of online and in-person events. We will post the schedule on Starting a new term once it is determined.

CHAPEL AND WEEKLY WAVE
Each Wednesday of the term, beginning during the first week of the term, all students are invited to participate in an in-person and online 45 minute chapel. If you are interested in being part of the team that plans these Wednesday chapels, please email Ed Janzen. In lieu of a weekly Community Supper, we have been holding an online Weekly Wave. This 4:00 – 4:30 College-wide gathering serves the purpose of keeping the community informed through announcements, checking in with both on and off-campus students and learning a little too! We hope you will join us weekly for both of these events!

REZ AND APT STAFF
Andrew Cullar, Oliver Lingertat, Megan Gallagher, Anya Fieguth and Hayden Epp are the Winter dons. Faith and Colin Friesen are the Campus Hosts and their daughter Ronen is the campus toddler. There will be a Winter 2021 Apartment Superintendent appointed – stay tuned.

COVID GUIDELINES
The handbook sent with this letter is a COVID-19 specific community living booklet outlining protocols and procedures for mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in the College. It is based on the most current information we have, but it is subject to change. At any point, the guidelines may be loosened or tightened based on recommendations from Public Health. Fall term residents and associates adopted these new practices really well and in so doing, the whole community has benefited.
STUDENT PRESIDENT AND RECRUITS

Andre Wiederkehr is Student Council president for 2020/2021. Your Student Council is excited to welcome you back to Grebel after your break! They are looking for a number of you to fill Winter 2021 leadership positions on both the Executive Council and the Larger Leadership Team. Elections for Student Council Executive positions (Associate rep, Co-op rep, First-Year rep, Social Convenor and Treasurer) will be held shortly after the start of term.

Appointments for LLT (Athletics, FLOW, Food rep, Gents, Grebelspeaks Editor, Peace Society, QuAQ, Special Projects and Webmaster) will be made in January. Details to follow in the new year.

DON APPLICATIONS

Don applications are due shortly after you move in (January 12), so you might already want to begin thinking about your interest in this position. A copy of the job description can be found at https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/current-students/general-information/dons-and-campus-hosts/apply-be-don. If you have questions about the role, speak to Mary.

To apply, prepare a letter (no longer than one page) that speaks to the following questions:
1. Why are you interested in becoming a Don?
2. What experiences do you have that are relevant to the role?
3. What strengths do you bring to the position?
4. What will be challenging for you, if you serve in this role?
Also, one reference is required. See the website for details.

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD APPLICATIONS for the 2021/22 academic year

Resident and associate scholarship and award applications will be due January 12. If you’d like to get a jump start on your application over the Christmas break, check out the scholarship and award information at https://uwaterloo.ca/grebel/financial-aid-and-awards/upper-year-awards.

FACEBOOK

View the faces of the Grebel community on grebelife.

I wish you a fun and relaxing Christmas holiday.

Mary Brubaker-Zehr
Director of Student Services

Happy holidays from the Student Services team!