

## RA Selection

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### Six Things to Know When Applying to be an RA

1. **RAs love hall spirit and traditions.** RAs are a vital part of making the residence hall communities vibrant and full of hospitality, by helping to make our halls homes for our residents and welcoming for all who visit. RAs also help keep traditions alive and create new opportunities for hall spirit.
2. **RAs live the UP mission.** RAs are students who hold the values of teaching and learning, faith and formation, service and leadership in their lives and how they interact with others. Part of being an RA is mentoring students and helping them grow in these areas.
3. **RAs are active in the spiritual life of the hall.** RAs participate in the spiritual life of the hall by attending Hall Mass (and the After-Mass Social) on a regular basis. RAs also invite residents and community members to attend Hall Mass and participate in the religious activities sponsored by their hall and across campus.
4. **RAs are diverse.** Residence halls are composed of all types of residents. We like that to be reflected in our RA staff as well. There are no set standards for what an RA is required to look like, whether that means ethnicity, religion, major, hometown, etc. All are welcome.
5. **Being an RA is fun.** This position is a great way to make lasting relationships, build hall pride, and share your passions and interests with fellow students.
6. **Being an RA can help you be a better \_\_\_\_\_.** Nurse, Engineer, Social Worker, Priest, Teacher, Entrepreneur — fill in the blank with your desired life goal. RAs receive extensive and continuous training. Skills such as event planning, time management, conflict resolution, human development, and crisis management are all useful and sought after by employers. These skills and the experience gained in the RA position will help you in being more well-rounded and more prepared for the future.