

RSAA Architecture Learning Community Program Details

LOCATION:	CYPRESS HALL 4 th FLOOR
RESIDENCE LIFE COORDINATOR:	Mark Bullock mbullock@njit.edu 973-596-6082
DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR:	Elly Matzko eloise.s.matzko@njit.edu 973-596-3075

GOAL:

The purpose of the RSAA learning community is to provide support both personally and academically for our RSAA resident students in their first year at NJIT. Residents will be able to take advantage of a wide variety of resources for academic and social success. In addition the staff will develop an environment in which the residents are supported and which allows the students create connections with the department, and their peers on the floor.

STRUCTURE:

- The RSAA resident assistants that are selected to live on the floor are upper class students that is an undergraduate student of the department.
- The residence coordinator is responsible for the direct supervision of the RSAA Resident Assistants.
- The department coordinator works closely with the Residence Life staff to promote a seamless connection between what the students are learning both in and out of the classroom.
- In order to live on the RSAA/Architecture floor of Cypress Hall, at least one resident in the room must be a registered undergraduate majoring in Architecture.
- The Residents on the floor are able to take advantage of special programs that are related to their field of study and of interest to Architecture students. Additionally the residents have the opportunity to be a part of a number of other community service, diversity, leadership, educational and social programs that are offered to all of our resident students.

RSAA Architecture Learning Community Programming Initiatives

Program	Date Range	Program Details
Archi Facebook Group	August	A RSAA facebook page is maintained by the Resident Assistants to notify the first-year architecture students of campus activities, and department updates.
Getting to know the Architecture Building	Early September	The RSAA/Architecture Resident Assistants will provide a tour of the architecture building to their residents. The tour will show the first year students the rooms they will have classes in, and also where they will spend a great deal of time.
Open Doors get brownies!	Early September	Residents with open doors are rewarded with home-made brownies! This program is a great way for the RAs and residents to get to know each other.
Big/Little pair-ups	End of September	First year architecture students are paired up with an upper-class architecture buddy. The buddy can act as a resource for the first-year student and help with homework and projects throughout the first semester.
NYC Architecture Tour	Mid October	The RSAA/Architecture residents will take advantage of NJTransit's 'Students Ride Free' transit week and go on a tour of famous NYC architecture.
Floor Picture	Early December	Residents on the RSAA floor will take a group photo to share with friends and family around the holidays.
Architecture Alumni	Early March	A former NJIT architecture alum will come to speak with the residents about possible career paths and opportunities after NJIT.
Party Pot	Various	Using some of the funds available to the RSAA/Architecture learning community, the RSAA RA's will sponsor a celebration at the end of a project and discuss the feedback they received from the crits.
Archie Bowling, Volleyball, Soccer and More	Various	A social program for the stressed-out archi's to unwind and have some fun while bonding with their floor-mates!
Desk Crit Help	Various	The RSAA/Architecture RA's will walk around the floor and studio and help each resident with their projects. Samples of previous design projects will be available in the floor lounge.
Speakers/Lectures	Various	Students will attend various RSAA/Architecture related lectures and seminars throughout the academic year.