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Thanksgiving Housing Sign-up

Beginning November 6, 2017, students are asked to review their room and board options for the upcoming semester and make any change requests they might have by November 29. After November 29, changes will not be accepted.

Winter Break Housing Sign-up

The following halls will remain open for daily rate of $25 (will not exceed $375).

- Tannen Hall
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- Yellow Creek Hall
- Yellowstone Hall

For more information, please visit www.montana.edu/reslife/break_housing.html.

Why did you apply for the RA position?

Mariah McClure

Freshman, Health Enhancement major and Coaching & Teachable Sociology minor

Yellowstone Hall

Mariah McClure couldn’t picture going to any other university than Montana State University. Montana has been home all her life, born in Bozeman, raised in Dillon, Montana. She also chose MSU because, for her, it felt like coming home to the land and people she loves as well as wanting a “big town” feel compared to the small towns she grew up in. Mariah is pursuing a degree in Health Enhancement with a minor in Coaching and Teachable Sociology or Family Consumer Science. Mariah spent time as a camp counselor and piano teacher which lead to a passion to work with people while not being tied to a desk. Once she graduates, Mariah would like to work with high school students to help shape and provide them with the tools to create a healthy lifestyle for their future.

Mariah’s favorite class at MSU is her Human Development class where she enjoys learning about all people from the young and small to the more mature. She also likes the class discussions and self-reflection this class provides for her and feels that anyone can benefit from taking this class. Mariah is also a desk clerk and involved in the Residence Hall Association (RHA) Hall Council in Yellowstone Hall. Her job as a desk clerk and participation in Yellowstone's Hall Council allowed Mariah to get involved in her community quickly, she feels a sense of ownership and community in Yellowstone Hall.

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