STUDENT DEAN JOB DESCRIPTION AND APPLICATION Andrews University Lamson Hall

If you are interested in applying for the position of Student Dean, you will need to:

- Carefully read the following partial job description.
- Fill out in detail the attached application and submit purple section only.
- Ensure that you have submitted your application no later than the deadline of **5 pm on** Wednesday, March **7**, 2018.
- Send out recommendation forms. Ensure that they have been received by the Lamson Hall office no later than **Monday, March 26, 2018.**
- See Natalie Johnson to make an appointment for your interview.
- Meet your interview appointment at Lamson's Tutoring Room.
- Attend the applicant activity on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 9:15 pm 10:30 pm in the Lamson Aerobics Room.

We suggest you keep this section to remind you of the various crucial appointments you will need to keep.

BACKGROUND

The Andrews University Student Dean program has two important goals: one is assisting in the maximum development of desirable characteristics in each resident, and the second is fostering and maintaining a climate which enables the residents to benefit most from their college experience. The Resident Advisor is primarily concerned with the residents' success in pursuing academic, spiritual, social, and physical excellence.

To gain some degree of success in reaching these goals, the Residence Hall must be conceived of as more than a well-organized, efficiently-run hotel; it must provide more than bed and shelter. It must not be an escape from the intellectual life of the campus, but an integral part of the mainstream of the campus. Towards that end, Lamson Hall constantly introduces programs geared to foster varied areas of growth, such as Professors in Residence, in-house tutoring, Lifestyle seminars, etc. The RA/SD team plays an integral role in these programs.

ROLES

The SD serves one of the most comprehensive roles in the entire Student Life division. No student situation escapes her involvement. It is beyond question one of the most difficult student positions to hold and to perform well. The SD's role is defined and directed by the Dean, and the SD is at her 24-hour disposal. To hold so many responsibilities and to be accountable for so many people during the time when she is shaping her own education and is herself under academic pressure, is perhaps one of the greatest challenges a student can face.

No matter what responsibilities she is specifically assigned as a SD, there are basic roles that she will assume. Perhaps the most influential is that of role model. Remember, the very fact that she was chosen for this position says to every student that she possesses certain characteristics that the University respects and considers important. To new college students, she is especially looked to as a model.

A SD models behavior that others will come to assume as appropriate behavior for students at Andrews University. If she models good study skills, there is an increased chance that new students in her living unit will also begin to emulate this pattern of study. If she conducts herself in accordance with Christian principles and A.U. standards for student behavior, there is an increased chance that her residents will also emulate this pattern of living. While *on or off campus*, the SD is expected to conduct herself as a highly respected employee of the University, and as a faithful witness to the Lord. She must pledge to always handle her responsibility carefully and with the honor it deserves.

The SD must be keenly sensitive to the needs of individuals and be willing to give of her time and self to recognize these needs when they arise and to meet them with the appropriate help. She can expect to encounter stress and disappointment, but she may also expect to experience remarkable personal growth as she acquires a large variety of skills in interpersonal relationships, self knowledge, programming and administration.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Student Dean's functions are broad, varied, demanding, and time consuming. Although no all-inclusive list of duties can be developed, by the time the SD arrives in the fall, she will have received a detailed job description. A general outline of major responsibilities is as follows:

1. Orientation and Training

The first function of a newly chosen SD will be to attend a 2-week Training & Orientation program held in the fall 2 weeks before school begins. Note that SDs arrive the Friday before the retreat to prepare for their retreat presentations. A major portion of this time will be spent in specific RA/SD orientation and training with the other women RAs, and another portion in joint training with the men's RAs. There will be no additional room rent charges during this time of orientation, and a major portion of the meals will be provided.

2. Advising Students

The SD must accept each resident as a unique individual. Her relationship with students should be such that they will not hesitate to ask her for advice or counsel.

3. Programming

The SDs plan (among other things): one worship each week, a residence hall wide Community Service project in the Fall (with the assistance of the RAs), wing parties, special features at Tuesday's Team meetings, song service and special music for evening worships, assistance with Womanhood Week programs, and other special residence hall programming. Constructive suggestions pertaining to residence hall programs, projects, worship speakers, and other activities are welcomed and expected.

4. Reports

The SDs check weekly to see that the RA/SD team appointments and responsibilities are being faithfully met, including bulletin boards, prayer times, desk shifts, weekly reports turned in, etc. They document these appointments, adding them to a cumulative report submitted weekly to Dean Burrill. The SDs are also to tour their areas routinely, checking for housekeeping and maintenance items that may need to be reported.

5. Room Inventories & Name Tags

When there are designated graduate hallways, the SD is responsible for supplying a name tag for each door (and for replacing them when necessary), filling out Room Inventory sheets and checking residents in and out during the pre-week and post-weeks of school. This process also takes place during the semester and at the end of Fall and Spring Semesters as students change rooms or leave the Residence Hall. Some of these duties will begin at the END OF THIS YEAR as newly selected SDs assist in the checkout process.

6. Worship Programming

Besides arranging special music and song service for evening worships, each SD coordinates or presents an average of one worship bi-weekly. She is also part of other rotating programming, such as Lifestyles of the Christian Woman. She will also carry the card reader for her worships, see that song service begins promptly on time, and endeavor to appropriately deal with behavioral situations arising during the services.

7. Bulletin Boards

The SD is expected to make creative bulletin boards for her wing every 4 weeks and make sure announcements are posted and updated.

8. Meetings

The SD is expected to attend Prayer Times the nights she is on duty, Sunday through Thursday, from 10:45-11:00 pm, and weekly team meetings scheduled each Tuesday from 9:30-11:00 (once a month beginning at 9:00), during which time the deans and RA/SDs evaluate the past week's activities, make plans for the week ahead, and participate in in-service seminars. The SDs should also meet once a week with the Head SD and their Dean supervisor to discuss issues specific to the SDs and their program. The SD meeting time is determined by the SD team and supervisor each semester as their schedules allow.

9. Wellness Room Check

The SD takes room check on her assigned graduate halls. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit and encourage her residents. She carefully notes missing residents, takes the opportunity to chat with those who are in, and will find ways to get to know those who seem to be always out or asleep when she visits.

10. Desk Receptionist

Although the SD is not required to work at desk as part of her weekly hours (except during the summer), she may choose to do so if her schedule permits. She is expected to attend each Desk Receptionist meeting called during the year. The SD is expected to provide assistance to the Desk Receptionist as needed, and may be called upon to assist her with such tasks as "exiting" men from the lobby at closing times, addressing inappropriate displays of affection in the lobbies, holding receptionists accountable to expectations, etc.

11. Public Relations

The SD represents the University at all times, in both a direct and indirect manner, promoting a fuller understanding of the University and its objectives. She is an extension of the Office of the Dean in administrating and interpreting the Student Life curriculum, agenda, and campus policies.

12. Control and Administration

The SD is expected to maintain a living environment conducive to spiritual development and academic success, as well as other goals of a college experience. She is responsible for the University's physical property and decorum, and is expected to interpret and enforce University rules, regulations, and policies such as noise disturbances, men in the Residence Hall, the sanctity of the Sabbath, etc.

The SD is expected to carry out all University and residence hall policies. Already challenging, this would be extremely difficult if the SD did not fully agree with a policy. Should an applicant find herself in disagreement with a policy to the degree that she cannot consistently and in good grace carry it out, then in all honesty she has a duty to decline appointment or to resign her post, as the case may be.

13. Providing Coverage

SDs provide coverage when a meeting, appointment, or crisis require a Dean's absence. The SD also may be called to assist in emergency situations regarding a resident's mental or physical health.

14. Assistance to the Deans

The SD assists the Deans in contacting residents regarding worship attendance and evening accountability and other tasks as determined by the Dean.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Academic

The SD must be a currently registered full-time student. The position of SD demands that the applicant meet the requirements of her academic program while fulfilling the responsibilities of her position. As it is never intended that a SD's grades will be sacrificed to her job, an above-average grade point record is a prime indicator of the applicant's ability to perform both functions well. For this reason, **A MINIMUM GRADE POINT AVERAGE OF 3.0 IS REQUIRED** *PRIOR* **TO APPLICATION AND MUST BE MAINTAINED FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE**. Preference in hiring will be given to those who carry no more than a full load of credits and will avoid evening labs. There are no restrictions as to academic field.

2. Personal Qualities

Since the position calls for guiding others, leadership qualities are essential. Some important qualities we are looking for are as follows:

- · High moral and Christian values
- Appearance and behavior in accord with conservative Christian lifestyle
- · Good personal adjustment to life
- Integrity and loyalty
- Ability to see the humorous or positive side of things
- Good physical and mental health, and ability to stay up late without compromising health or academic success
- · Flexibility and openness to change
- Organizational skills, including time management (prompt and dependable)
- Respect of her peers
- Loyalty to AU and Lamson Hall policies & expectations
- Ability to keep confidences
- · Promptness and dependability
- A "self starter" SDs work with little direct supervision
- Empathic understanding and respect for peoples of all ethnic, racial, etc. backgrounds

4. Personal Values

The person applying to be a SD should be comfortable living "on the conservative side." While a SD, she's expected, both on and off campus, to uphold AU and SSD standards by being sexually abstinent, honoring the hours of the Sabbath, not using offensive language, not going to "clubs," etc. We remind

applicants that this is also the behavior expected of all AU students: as acknowledged peer leaders, their role simply makes their lifestyle choices more readily observable, which affects their ability to run their hall programs effectively, and reflects on the entire residence hall program.

5. Housing

The SD must be willing to live in the residence hall. Occasional exceptions may be considered, but **such requests should be presented at the time of the interview, and before the selection process**, knowing that exceptions are **extremely rare**. The apartments are furnished as any other student room with study area, beds, dressers, etc., plus a small kitchen and bath. You are welcome to bring your own additional furnishings. As with any other Lamson resident, men are not allowed in your room/apartment.

TIME COMMITMENT

Because of the breadth of responsibilities, it is difficult to set a strict time requirement for the SD job, as she serves at the 24-hour discretion of the Dean: in dealings with people, something always seems to come up that was completely unforeseen. However, in general, the time demands are as follows:

1. Early Arrival and Late Departures

The SD should plan to assume her full responsibilities by arriving on campus (even if their family home is local) approximately 2 ½ weeks prior to the beginning of Fall Semester. During that time, the SD team should consider themselves "at the disposal" of the Deans, and make no outside plans without first checking with the Dean. The SD should plan to continue her responsibilities until Monday, 8:00 a.m. of the day following spring graduation.

2. Weekly Hours

It is estimated that the SD will invest between 15-17 hours weekly. The SDs usually work one week night, from 5:30pm – 11:30 pm, and rotate weekends, with slightly different hours. Any substitutions of time or changes of schedules with other SDs need to be cleared with the Dean, and left, <u>in writing</u>, with the dean on duty that evening/ weekend.

3. Weekend Hours

The SD is expected to remain on campus at least every third weekend to be "on duty."

4. Vacations

During the course of the year, the SD is <u>required</u> to work a minimum of 4-5 days of vacation as part of her regular hours. She may volunteer or be asked to work more than the required minimum.

5. Class Schedules

The SD must, to the best of her ability, arrange her classes and personal schedule to allow flexibility in SD work hours, since between the SDs, every week-night shift must be covered.

COMPENSATION

- 1. Each 1st-year SD will receive approximately \$9.70 per hour.
- 2. All SDs will be paid a biweekly stipend and will need to use a time card *only* for hours worked in addition to the required job description.
- 3. Single housing at no additional cost and, as space allows, SDs may be housed in apartments or miniapartments in Lamson Hall.

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Place of birth:	Current "home	e town":
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7. We want to know how comfortable you'd be actively supporting the University's stance in each of the following areas. You need to think carefully about what it would be like to defend and support these concerns to other students. For each one, evaluate your level of comfort/ability to support University expectations in that area, on a scale of 1-5 with 1 meaning you feel low support for University expectations in that area and 5 meaning you feel high support for University expectations in that area. For example, if you have strong objections to a required worship attendance system, you'd rate your support of that area as low.

How supportive are you of each area?

		Low-Average-High				
 Required co-curricular attendance 	1	2	3	4	5	
 Evening Accountability (ovs, lates, curfews, roomchecks, etc.) 	1	2	3	4	5	
 Community consideration and noise violation follow-through 	1	2	3	4	5	
Expectation that students not participate in pre/extra-marital sexual activity	1	2	3	4	5	
 Residence hall security and exit doors locked after certain hours 	1	2	3	4	5	
 Consequences when students found in living space of opposite sex 	1	2	3	4	5	
 Expectations of modesty in dress, including (but not limited to) jewelry 	1	2	3	4	5	
Observation of Sabbath hours	1	2	3	4	5	
 Support of SDA church in general 	1	2	3	4	5	

- 8. Since SDs need to actively support University expectations in *all* the above areas, how will you personally deal with those in which you rated your comfort/support as low?
- 9. What changes in Lamson Hall guidelines and/or programs do you recommend? Also describe what *you* would do to enhance residence hall programming should you be hired as a SD (i.e. wing worships, hall parties, educational seminars, interpersonal relationships, etc.)

- 10. Because we are committed to our students' mental, physical, and spiritual well being, and not just to their academic success, student staff sometimes needs to share violations of Andrews' guidelines with a Dean, as the training program will outline in more detail. At your interview, be ready to discuss how prepared you are to do this, and speculate as to what point you think those actions should be shared.
- 11. At your interview, be prepared to share both the most positive and the most challenging experience you've personally encountered at Andrews University.
- 12. After doing all research necessary in order to answer both questions completely (start with Lamson and AU handbooks), respond in writing to, and be prepared to discuss, either a or b:
- a) What do you understand to be the University's response to student *alcohol and/or drug use* when information is 1) **discovered** by a staff member and 2) **volunteered** by the student?
- b) What do you understand to be the University's response to student *suicidal gestures*? Share your comfort level/plan to implement it as the policy outlines.

- 13. The SD job description outlines lifestyle expectations for student leaders. Describe the power of influence as it pertains to Christian leadership. Think seriously about how you are willing to limit your freedom in order to not offend or be a confusing model to those you are serving. Share those thoughts here, giving examples of specific areas.
- 14. We each have different God-given strengths. Evaluate *your* ability in the following leadership areas, using a scale of 1-5, with 5 being superior.

1)not qualified in this area	2)below average	3)average	4)above avera	age	5)s	uper	ior	
a. Providing spiritual leadership				1	2	3	4	5
b. Achieving scholastic goals				1	2	3	4	5
c. Possessing counseling skills				1	2	3	4	5
d. Being involved in residence a	nd campus life and er	ncouraging oth	ners to be too	1	2	3	4	5
e. Modeling an SDA Christian lif		00		1	2	3	4	5
f. Maintaining good physical he	alth			1	2	3	4	5
g. Managing the details of a tasl	K			1	2	3	4	5
h. Conducting hall worship talks	and programming			1	2	3	4	5
i. Commanding floor order and	discipline			1	2	3	4	5
j. Composure under pressure				1	2	3	4	5
k. Being dependable and promp	t in meeting appointm	nents		1	2	3	4	5
I. Being loyal to AU policies and	administration			1	2	3	4	5
m. Having a personal spiritual co	ommitment			1	2	3	4	5
n. Ability to handle late night wo	rk hours			1	2	3	4	5
o. Ability to relate to persons of	other cultural and eth	nic backgroun	ds	1	2	3	4	5

- 15. At your interview, be prepared to describe your own personal, spiritual journey.
- 16. Do any necessary research with a current student staff member or Dean before answering the following:
 - i. Are you applying to be a Hall RA? _____
- 17. If applying for Hall RA, While I agree to serve on the hall assigned by the Deans, preference for type of hall are: (circle all that apply)

Freshmen hall	Non-Freshmen hall	Suite rooms	Community bath
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18. Describe your computer skills.

19. Do you have your driver's license? _____ If so, how long have you been a fully licensed driver? _____ (Note: AU Transportation requires a driver to have had a license for a minimum of 3 years in order to qualify to drive a university vehicle. Since part of the responsibilities include providing transportation in AU vehicles from time to time, you must have had your license for at least 3 years to be eligible for the Student Dean position.)

20. Using the attached forms, have 2 non-student recommendations completed by teacher, pastor, employer, or past Dean, mailed to the Dean of Women's office by March 26. These are essential to your application process, and it is your responsibility to see that these arrive on time, so you may want to check with Natalie Johnson to see that all are in. List names to whom you have sent recommendation forms:

 a)
 b)

Important Appointments to Meet:

(if you forget these appointments, we will wonder if you can handle the many responsibilities of the job which an RA must faithfully keep, so meeting them is important to you getting hired.)

- Should you be chosen as a SD, make plans now to return early for the fall staff training/retreat, which we expect to be held **August 12-26, 2018**.
- Applications will be accepted at Natalie Johnson's office only until 5 pm on Wednesday, March 7.
- See Natalie Johnson to make an interview appointment immediately. Failure to keep an interview appointment will be interpreted as your desire to terminate the application process. It's wise to call the day of your interview to confirm.
- All applicants must attend the applicant activity on Tuesday, March 13, from 9:15 pm 10:30 pm in the Lamson Aerobics Room.
- We hope to inform you of the final decision by letter by 1 pm on Friday, April 6, 2018.

Commitment Statement:

I signify by my signature that I thoroughly understand the job description requirements & qualification requirements described in this application, and should I be accepted in the position for 2018-2019, I hereby make a full commitment to the mission and lifestyle expectations of an Andrews University student and leader (as outlined in the Student & Residence Hall Handbooks). Should I fail to live up to the terms of this commitment, I understand that my leadership position will be removed.

Date

Signature

Lamson Hall Recommendation Form

Please return in sealed envelope to: Dean of Women, Andrews University, Lamson Hall, 8585 University Blvd., Berrien Springs, MI 49104-1200

Name of Candidate:

_____ Date:____

Name of Recommender (printed): _____

Candidate applying for (check all that apply):

Desk Receptionist Assistant Secretary Resident Advisor Student Dean

Qualities of Applicant	Superior	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Evaluate
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Christian commitment					
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Integrity/trustworthy					
Leadership ability					
Ability to be a team player					
Loyalty to SDA values					
Loyalty to Andrews University					
Neatness: appearance/grooming					
Positive attitude					
Reliable/efficient					
Prompt in meeting appointments					
Creative/resourceful					
Respect for cultural diversity					
Respected by peers					
Stability/maturity					
Effective time management skills					
Honors confidentiality					
Ability to work independently					

Describe candidate's strongest and weakest points:

Type of recommendation (check one):	
□Highest Recommendation	
□Recommended	
□Recommended with Reservations	
□Not Recommended	
\Box Please call me regarding comments/concerns	
Evaluator's Position/Occupation	Phone:
How long have you known the candidate?	In what capacity?
Address:	

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