### The W.E.L.L.

## Brock Residence Hall in Thomas Branch 2014-2015 <u>Wellness Environment for Living & Learning</u>

Applications Available: February 10, 2014

Applications and Recommendations Due: February 26, 2014 by 4pm

Please return applications and recommendations to the Office of Residence Life and Housing in Mary Branch Middle

In conjunction with the vision of Student Affairs and the College's Strategic Plans goal of fostering positive living and learning environments which will heighten student engagement at Randolph-Macon College, the Office of Residence Life and Housing presents the Brock Residence Hall in Thomas Branch Hall Wellness Environment for Living and Learning (The W.E.L.L.). The W.E.L.L. was created in Jones Hall (2003-2004) and has since grown.

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- Participating in a unique hall government that empowers students to create their own community, hold peers accountable to agreed upon community standards/expectations, and plan, publicize and implement community social/education programs for the 'W.E.L.L.' community.
- Living in the Brock Residence Hall and taking advantage of its Peaks of Excellence Neighbors in Thomas Branch. The Peaks of Excellence Neighbors include Center of Career and Counseling Services, Bassett Internship Program, Higgins Academic Center and the Office of International Education.

Students who wish to apply to live in The W.E.L.L. for the upcoming academic year, will need to meet the specified requirements, agree to actively participate in the program as outlined by the Office of Residence Life and Housing, and submit a typed application that will be reviewed by a selection committee.

### Requirements

#### **Scholarship**

Students applying to participate in the W.E.L.L. and to live in the Brock Residence Hall located in Thomas Branch for the upcoming academic year must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the time of application.

#### Citizenship

All student applicants must be in "good standing" on campus. A student in good standing will not have been brought through the judicial system and found in violation of a major Code of Student Conduct violation for the year of application or will not have been found responsible for a violation of the Code of Academic Integrity, nor is the applicant on housing probation during the semester of application process. Also, students who have been found responsible for substantial damage to their own residence hall room, and/or damage to College property over the previous years will not be considered in "good standing".

#### Recommendations

Each applicant must obtain one recommendation from a faculty or staff member. Use the provided recommendation sheet for this requirement. Your faculty/staff member should submit their completed recommendation to the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

#### **Participation**

All applicants must agree that they will **actively** participate in required programming as stated by the Office of Residence Life & Housing. Programming may include but is not limited to attending programs offered and approved as W.E.L.L. programs, completing evaluations for all attended programs, and working with the Birdsong Peaks of Excellence Center located in Thomas Branch. If selected to live in the W.E.L.L. students must sign an agreement that they will participate in two programs per semester, and any other program that is stated by the Office of Residence Life and Housing as a requirement to attend. The W.E.L.L. helps provide an inviting learning and learning community, and a quiet atmosphere must be implemented following the quiet hours policy as stated in *Fishtales*. Failure to participate in the program as set by the Office of Residence Life and Housing may result in being removed from the W.E.L.L. in Thomas Branch anytime throughout the year or monetary fines.

## The W.E.L.L. – Application - <u>Wellness Environment for Living & Learning</u>

Name: (Please Print):	Student ID#:
R-MC Box #:	Current Hall/Room:
Gender (please circle one): M	Current Class Standing:
GPA (cumulative GPA at end of Jterm 201	4):
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<ul> <li>eceives these materials and your faculty/staff</li> <li>Application (this page)</li> <li>Personal Statement (information is b</li> <li>Letter of Recommendation (Each ap)</li> <li>Signed Agreement (if applicable, rer</li> <li>Signed Academic Affairs and Judicia</li> </ul>	our application will not be complete until the Office of Residence Life & Housing Frecommendation. Students interested in the WELL must submit the following:  elow) (remember that roommates must also attach their personal statement) plicant only needs one. If you are applying with a roommate, you each need one) member that your roommate should sign off on this too) al Affairs Concerns Release Form (you need to fill out the top portion and return it with re of signatures from the College) (If you are applying with a roommate, you each need
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<ul> <li>Roommate(s) must also apply for the</li> <li>Selection to live in the W.E.L.L. is o been selected to live in the W.E.L.L.</li> <li>If you are coming into Thomas Bran</li> </ul>	e, triple and quadruple occupancy rooms.  e W.E.L.L. and meet all requirements.  n an individual basis. Roommate requests will only be honored if each individual has  ch without a roommate, you will be paired up with another student. This could mean  ner students if you are in the triple or quad.
Roommate Name: (Please Print):	Student ID#:
R-MC Box #:	Current Hall/Room:
Gender (please circle one): M	Current Class Standing:
GPA (cumulative GPA at end of Jterm	2014):
Quad Rooms: If you are interested in ap	plying for one of the quad rooms, please write the names of the other two applicants their applications. These other two applicants must also complete an application and l

(if you are selected to go into one of the quad rooms as part of your selection into the WELL, you will be notified)

your names. Students will be approved for the quad rooms when they are selected.

Name of potential Quad Roommates: \_\_

# The W.E.L.L. - Agreement

## <u>W</u>ellness <u>E</u>nvironment for <u>L</u>iving & <u>L</u>earning

#### **Agreement**

The Office of Residence Life and Housing is very excited to be able to offer the opportunity of living in the W.E.L.L. to students! We believe that many students are searching for a college experience that includes healthy living and learning habits, and we hope to provide that type of environment in the W.E.L.L. community located in the Brock Residence Hall located in Thomas Branch!

Each W.E.L.L. applicant must agree to the following in order to be considered in the application/selection process and ultimately if selected to live in the W.E.L.L. for the upcoming academic year.

\*Signing does not guarantee an applicant a space in the W.E.L.L. living and learning environment.

- Each community member must agree to live by the community standards set forth in the living and learning environment (i.e. substance free environment, quiet study atmosphere). Each community member must also respect the community in Brock Residence Hall in Thomas Branch and abide by community standards when visiting other residents in the Brock Residence Hall in Thomas Branch and/or when utilizing common area space.
- Each community member must participate in two programs per semester, and any other program that is stated by the Office of Residence Life and Housing as a requirement to attend.
- In the event that a community member is found in violation of the W.E.L.L. living and learning standards, the Office of Residence Life and Housing (in conjunction with the hall RA) will work with the student in violation regarding sanctions through the Code of Student Conduct, Residence Hall policies and W.E.L.L. community agreements. Students who are found in violation could are at risk for being removed from the W.E.L.L. community and be relocated to another residence hall on campus.

The W.E.L.L. Community in the Brock Residence Hall in Thomas Branch Hall is an exciting 'living' and 'learning' venture...but also a work in progress for Randolph-Macon. We appreciate your ideas, energy, dedication, understanding and support as we enter into this community together!

I have read and understand the W.E.L.L. living and learning community principals and information and will abide by it, if I am selected to participate in the W.E.L.L. living and learning experience for the upcoming academic year.

By signing below, each applicant stipulates his/her agreement to a check of GPA, judicial and housing violations, and Business Office records. The application will be denied if the applicant does not clear the screening process. By signing, the applicant also agrees to actively participate and complete requirements in programming that is set forth by the Office of Residence Life and Housing. Signing this form further certifies that the applicant has provided information (i.e. GPA, recommendations etc.) which is true to the best of each applicant's knowledge.

Signature	Date
Print Name	
Signature of Roommate (if applicable)	 Date
Print Name	

Applications are due to the Office of Residence Life and Housing no later than 4:00pm on February 26, 2014. Please direct any questions to Christina Brown Cozart at christinacozart@rmc.edu.

# Randolph-Macon College – W.E.L.L. Academic Affairs and Judicial Affairs Concern(s) Release Form

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Faculty/Staff Recommendation	on Form	
Applicants Name:	ID #:	_
Name of Reference:	Department:	
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<ul><li>☐ I waive my rights</li><li>☐ I do not waive my rights to inspect</li></ul>	the contents of the following recommendation	
Signature of Applicant:	Date:	_

To the Recommender: Please give us your opinion of this applicant in regards to the W.E.L.L. living and learning environment.

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