

The W.E.L.L.

Brock Residence Hall in Thomas Branch 2008-2009

Wellness Environment for Living & Learning

Applications Available: Friday, February 12, 2008

Applications Due: Friday, February 29, 2008 by 4pm

Recommendations Due: Thursday, March 6, 2008

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

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- Attending specialized 'W.E.L.L.' programs offered through the Office and Residence Life and Housing in conjunction with other College offices.
- 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 2008-2009 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.

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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 2008-2009 academic year must have at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the time of application.

Student ID#	Name: (Please Print)	GPA
_____	_____	_____

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 the Code of Student Conduct for the semester of application**, 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. Please use the provided recommendation sheet for this requirement. Your selected faculty/staff member should submit their completed recommendation directly to Katie Thorne, Coordinator 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 the program as is stated by the Office of Residence Life and Housing. The W.E.L.L. helps provide an inviting 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.

Agreement

By signing below, each applicant stipulates his agreement to a check of GPA, judicial and housing violations, and business office records. The application will be rejected 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.

Student Signature

Date

Print Name

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Personal Statement

Student ID #: _____

Box #: _____

Name: _____

Hall/Room: _____

Extension: _____

Each applicant must submit a typed, double-spaced statement explaining how living in and participating in the W.E.L.L. for the 2008-2009 academic year will impact their lives 5-10 years from now. Some points to consider when writing your Personal Statement are: How will the program help you to reach your goals? What programs would you offer for the W.E.L.L. that will help you reach your goals in the years following college? Please attach this sheet to your Personal Statement. On your Personal Statement, please include the above information. The information to include is your, Student ID #, Box #, Name, Hall/Room, and Extension.

Agreement

Please read, sign, and date attached agreement.

Roommate Preference (optional)

Roommate(s) preference: _____

*The Brock Residence Hall has double and triple occupancy rooms.

** Roommate(s) must also apply for the W.E.L.L. and meet all requirements.

***Selection to live in the W.E.L.L. is on an individual basis. Roommate requests will only be honored if each individual has been selected to live in the W.E.L.L.

A completed application will have a signed/dated Requirements page, Personal Statement sheet (filled out), Personal Statement, and a signed/dated agreement to be turned into Katie Thorne, Coordinator of Residence Life and Housing. These materials should be turned in together. Your application will not be complete until the Office of Residence Life & Housing receives these materials and your faculty/staff recommendation.

Applications are due to the Office of Residence Life and Housing no later than 4:00pm on February 29, 2008.

Please direct any questions to Katie Thorne at katiethorne@rmc.edu.

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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 in the 2008-2009 academic year! 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 2008-2009 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.
- 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 be 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 2008-2009 academic year.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Please return with your Personal Statement as part of your application.

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Faculty/Staff Recommendation Form

To be filled out by the applicant:

Applicants Name: _____ ID #: _____
Box #: _____ Hall/Room: _____ Extension: _____
Name of Recommender: _____ Department: _____

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments guarantee students access to their educational records. Students, however, are entitled to waive their rights of access concerning recommendations. The following indicates the wish of the applicant regarding this recommendation.

I waive my rights I do not waive my rights to inspect 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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If you have any questions please call Katie Thorne at 752-4722 or email at katiethorne@rmc.edu

To be filled out by the Recommender

I know the applicant: ___very well ___moderately well ___slightly

1) Please assess the applicant in the following areas. The information provided will help the selection committee determine how this student may fit into the W.E.L.L. program.

	Superior	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Working with others	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Originality	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Accountability	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Motivation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-Discipline	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

2) Please provide characteristics of the applicant that would complement the W.E.L.L. program?

3) Would you give a (please pick one) recommendation for this student:

_____ very strong _____ strong _____ average _____ no recommendation or
_____ recommendation with reservations (as specified): _____

4) Please add any additional comments or information below that you wish to include.

Thank You-Please return to Katie Thorne, Coordinator of Residence Life and Housing by March 6th, 2008.

Signature of Recommender _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____ Department _____