

Hello Ladies!

My name is Julia Novotny and I will be your Resident Assistant on Taylor 3 North for the 2011-2012 school year! I am a senior physics major from Shabbona, Illinois (a very small town 2 hours west of Chicago). This will be my first year in Taylor Hall and my first year as an RA. Although this is my first year as a RA, I have been quite involved in residence life. I was a part of the Residence Hall Association and the National Residence Hall Honorary. My freshman and sophomore years, I lived in Andrews Hall and then this past year I lived in Weller Hall. I have loved living in the residence halls for the past three years and I hope this upcoming year will be just as great!

I hope you are having a great summer! As you are reading this letter, I will be on one of my summer adventures! I am spending the summer in New York, South Africa, and South Dakota! I am very excited to hear all about your summer adventures as you arrive at EIU in August.

Now a little bit more about me. Like I mentioned above, I will be doing a lot of traveling this summer: I love traveling! I will be spending a week with my sister in New York, a month in South Africa volunteering, and 2 months in South Dakota at an internship at South Dakota State University working with residence life. Throughout my first three years at EIU, I was very involved with the Residence Hall Association, National Residence Hall Honorary, Haiti Connection, and Astronomy Club, among other things. I hope to be a resource for you, if you are new to campus or returning, as you are getting involved on campus and hopefully making EIU your home just as I have!

I hope you are just as excited as I am for the upcoming year. Over the summer I encourage you to contact your roommate, whether they are a random placement or your friend from last year, to learn more about them and to plan what each of you will be bringing to the room (TV, fridge, etc.) as you move into the lovely 3 north community!

Please feel to contact me throughout the summer if you have any questions about living in Taylor or just life at EIU in general (janovotny@eiu.edu)!

See you in a few short weeks!

Julia Novotny