

Hello Lovely Ladies!

Welcome to EIU and welcome to Carman Hall! I hope you are having a wonderful summer break, please enjoy it while you can! My name is Tania Stanford and I hope you are excited as I am about starting this new school year! I am going to be your Resident Assistant (RA) for this upcoming school year! Yay! I am a junior at EIU majoring in Nursing. I am from the south side of Chicago and I attended Queen of Peace High School. One thing that I think you should know about me is that I love to dance and I can be silly at times. I enjoy hanging out with my friends and I love talking to people. I also love to send out motivating and encouraging text messages as well. Some activities that I am involved in at Eastern are the Panther Ambassadors club, NAACP, and Trio. My past involvements were being an Emerging leaders Coordinator, Desk Assistant, Treasurer of hall council, Conference service worker, as well as working in Thomas dining Hall. I hope that you will get as involved as I did!

As your Resident Assistant I will be there to help you as you transition into this new school year. I will be serving as a source of information for you when you need it. Also I will be here for you if need any encouragement for anything as well as providing any help you may need when preparing for an exam. Just to let you know, my door will always be open for you if you need anything ranging from school work to personal issues or if you just want to talk. I want you to be able grow academically and socially. I want everyone on in our community to get along and to try to build a type of community with one another.

I know this is going to be a new experience for some of you, especially if you are freshmen, but that's okay. If you are not freshmen, you can help those that are, so they can feel at home. Trust me; it will be a great opportunity for you to step out of your comfort zone. Getting involved on campus is one of the ways in which I stepped out of my comfort zone. It really helped me to grow as a person and I encourage you to do the same. There are a number of organizations for you to get involved in on campus. During the first week there will be a lot of fun and exciting activities for you to get to know other people. I will be here to help you, also if you have any creative ideas feel free to let me know so I can try to make them happen.

I bet you are very eager to meet your new roommate(s) right??!! I think that it would be a great idea if you contacted your roommate(s) as soon as possible. I encourage you to get to know them now while it is still summer time. Maybe you can plan a day to hang out or perhaps chat over Facebook. You can discuss things such as; who's bringing what or better yet chat about your likes and dislikes. This will make things so much smoother during move in day!

Like I said before, I can't wait to meet you!! As your RA, I will be here to help you if you need any assistance. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns or if you want just want to add me on Facebook! My email address is [tstanford2@eiu.edu](mailto:tstanford2@eiu.edu). REMEMBER move in day is August 18, 2011 starting at 9am! ENJOY the rest of your summer & I look forward to meeting you in August! This is going to be a Great year!

Sincerely you're RA,

Tania Stanford